

County of Chester  
**Recovery Plan**

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2024 Report

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Executive Summary

During its open application period for SLFRF funds, the County of Chester, Pennsylvania (County) reviewed 309 projects, totaling over \$300 million in requests, submitted by County departments, municipalities, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other entities. These applications resulted in the awarding of over 100 projects totaling more than \$67 million. Additional County projects have also been approved, increasing the total to about \$90 million currently obligated.

To best respond to the effects of the pandemic and promote equitable economic recovery, the County has obligated approximate funding to the following areas:

- Government Services: \$47.9 million
- Mental Health Services: \$15 million
- Public Health and Safety Services: \$9.5 million
- Housing Services/Affordable Housing: \$7.5 million
- Infrastructure: \$2.8 million
- Community Services: \$2.2 million
- Skills Training: \$2 million
- Food Programs: \$1.8 million
- Library Services: \$441,000
- Childcare: \$250,000

The County's intent with these obligations is to provide support to the community to address challenges that were either exacerbated or uncovered by the effects of COVID-19.

### Uses of Funds

The use of ARPA funds may potentially relate to the following areas:

- a. Public Health (EC 1)
- b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)
- c. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)
- d. Premium Pay (EC 4)
- e. Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)
- f. Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

It is important to the County to allocate and distribute its nearly \$102 million in funds in a way that best serves the community and adheres to the spirit of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) and Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) are unique and innovative approaches being used by local governments to match available resources with community priorities. They also serve to provide valuable decision-making information to elected officials, engage citizens in the budgeting process, and escape the traditional routine of basing "new" budgets on revisions to the "old" budget. These approaches help ensure that the community can identify and preserve those programs and services that are most highly valued. Processes like PBB and BFO are used to determine the intended and actual uses of SLFRF funding to best serve the communities within the County of Chester.

Susquehanna Accounting and Consulting Services, Inc. is assisting the County with compliance. A summary of all proposals received— regardless of whether they are funded or not – is posted on the County’s ARPA webpage.

The County’s two overarching goals for this program are to (1) ensure geographic equity in the disbursement of funds and (2) engage the community in the evaluation process to ensure that SLFRF funds are used for programs and services that are most highly valued.

#### Promoting equitable outcomes

In Executive Order 13985, President Biden defined “equity” as, “the consistent and systemic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment.” With this definition in mind, the County recognizes that any action taken that does not address inequity will perpetuate it.

The County intends to address inequity as follows:

- a. Goals: The County has four main goals for addressing historically underserved, marginalized, and otherwise negatively affected groups.
  1. In addition to making efforts to ensure geographic diversity in the use of SLFRF funds, the County recognizes two distinct geographical areas – the City of Coatesville (a Qualified Census Tract) and Southern Chester County – as communities where deliberate action to address inequity must be taken. The County’s goal is to use SLFRF funds to support local initiatives within these communities.
  2. The County recognizes individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity as historically underserved and marginalized communities. For this reason, the County has obligated a portion of SLFRF funds towards the construction of affordable housing, housing counseling programs, eviction prevention services, emergency shelters, and other housing-specific services.
  3. For historically underserved or marginalized communities, access to healthcare is often a challenge. In Chester County specifically, the recent closures of two hospitals have created a healthcare desert. Long ambulance rides and overcrowding of the County’s three remaining hospitals have further increased the barriers to quality healthcare, particularly for the most marginalized communities. The County aims to address this local public health crisis with SLFRF funds to increase access to care, improve EMS service capabilities, and support the introduction of emerging methods for community care.
  4. Many negatively affected groups rely on community-based nonprofit organizations for services including specialized counseling, job skills training, emergency resource access, and more. In support of the County’s robust nonprofit community, a portion of SLFRF funds have been obligated to these initiatives.
- b. Awareness: The County announced and promoted the open application period through press releases and postings on the County’s website, as well as social media

accounts. Representatives of the County also attended meetings within the community to promote and discuss the application process. When finalized, awards were announced through press releases to ensure that the community is aware of the services available as a result of SLFRF funds. The County has also encouraged all recipients to actively promote the services they provide which were made possible with SLFRF funds.

- c. Access and Distribution: The County ensured equal access to the application period through the program manager, who was available via email, phone, and video conferencing to address individual questions and assist applicants with their proposals. With respect to services provided by recipients, the County has included a nondiscrimination clause into the grant funding agreement all recipients are required to sign.
- d. Outcomes: The most prominent way the County is using SLFRF funds to close gaps in service is through supporting, rebuilding, and stabilizing human service programs provided by independent organizations and the County. Human service programs historically provide support to those individuals, families, and households that need the most assistance. By supporting Chester County's human services industry, SLFRF funds are supporting those historically disinvested in communities. Where relevant, the County is monitoring project outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, and other relevant factors.

In response to its goals for addressing inequity, the County has obligated the following:

1. Approximately \$6.8 million towards initiatives in West Nottingham Township, East Nottingham Township, Elk Township, New London Township, Franklin Township, London Britain Township, and Oxford Borough – which make up Southern Chester County – and the City of Coatesville.
2. Approximately \$7.5 million towards services for individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, including over \$2 million for the development of affordable housing units.
3. Approximately \$24.6 million towards public and mental health services. This includes improvements to EMS facilities and equipment, construction of an emergency services center in Southern Chester County, and investment in new and alternative initiatives to provide healthcare, as well as support for organizations providing mental health support to underserved communities.
4. Over 65% of the 100+ projects that have been awarded Chester County SLFRF funds thus far support local, community-based nonprofit organizations – many of which are providing services directly to historically underserved, marginalized, and otherwise negatively affected groups.

#### Community Engagement

To ensure community engagement, the County assembled an Evaluation Committee, made up of members of the community and County personnel, to review proposed projects for suitability and make recommendations for the best use of funds. The Committee was split into six teams, in accordance with Treasury's six expenditure categories. Each team evaluated applications

pertaining to their respective category. The County engaged the public volunteers in this way to ensure that funds are directed towards the communities most impacted by the pandemic.

Evaluation Committee members represented the County’s racial, economic, and geographic diversity. All team members were trained on the criteria as set forth in the Department of Treasury guidance to ensure appropriate use of funds and the promotion of equitable outcomes.

#### Labor Practices

The County supports and encourages strong employment opportunities for workers, including both living wages and prevailing wages.

#### Use of Evidence

Where applicable, the County supports the use of evidence-based interventions in SLFRF-funded projects. See details for use of evidence-based criteria in the Project Inventory section below.

#### Performance Report

The County’s SLFRF fund has a dedicated program manager who is tasked with managing expenditures, reviewing individual project performance reports, and submitting reports required by Treasury.

During the open application period, the County required applicants to describe anticipated measurable outcomes for the project and how the agency planned to ensure that measurements are valid and reliable. Awarded projects are required to report their progress on these measurements to the County on a quarterly basis. Examples of key performance indicators can be found in **Table A**.

**Table A: Key Performance Indicators**

Project Category	Examples of Key Performance Indicators
Government Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals served</li> <li>• Number of court sessions recorded</li> <li>• Investigation turnaround times</li> </ul>
Human Services Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mental Health Services</li> <li>ii. Public Health and Safety Services</li> <li>iii. Community Services</li> <li>iv. Skills Training</li> <li>v. Food Programs</li> <li>vi. Child Care</li> <li>vii. Library Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals/households served</li> <li>• Immunizations distributed</li> <li>• Amount of food purchased/distributed</li> <li>• Number of books/materials purchased</li> <li>• Number of new materials circulated</li> <li>• Number of workers enrolled in/completing job training programs</li> </ul>
Housing Services/Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing units developed</li> <li>• Number of families receiving eviction prevention services</li> <li>• Number of homes repaired</li> <li>• Number of housing counseling sessions provided</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals receiving emergency shelter or transitional housing services</li> </ul>
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## PROJECT INVENTORY

1260 Housing Development Corporation

Project “92021068”: Support Services for Veterans at The Whitehall Apartments

Funding Amount: \$31,500.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

### Project Overview:

- The Whitehall Apartments is a 48-unit permanent supportive housing development providing homes for formerly homeless and at-risk veterans.
- An onsite Resident Services Coordinator oversees a robust services program, including one-on-one support for residents, onsite programming, social and community events, and community partnerships. Combined, these services help to support veterans in their work to live healthy, independent lives in the community.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support resident services programming on site at The Whitehall Apartments.

### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, between 18-22 residents have received services per month.
- Programming activities include:
  - Health screenings
  - Food pantry visits
  - Food demonstrations
  - Therapy dog visits
  - Social events including movie nights, book clubs, bingo, golf outings, yoga classes, picnics, and coffee and ice cream socials

A Haven

Project “92021111”: Sustainability for A Haven

Funding Amount: \$32,500.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

### Project Overview:

- A Haven supports grieving children with a family-centered approach. Services include grief support groups for teens and parents, grief consultation, and more.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire new clinical staff to support the rapid growth A Haven has experienced due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The first key approach built into A Haven’s grief groups is a Family Centered Approach, based on the knowledge that to support grieving children well, their significant adults must also be well supported. This knowledge has been affirmed in research showing that when adults are empowered in supporting their grieving child(ren), family bonds are improved, and children and adults work together instead of in isolation to process the loss.<sup>1</sup>
- Additionally, a Family Centered Approach normalizes the experience of each individual family member having a unique grief experience. Research has shown that when families are able to make space for the reality that each member will have a different grief experience, despite being members of the same family, there is decreased pain and increased ability to reorganize the family unit and reinvest in each other following the death.<sup>2</sup>
- The second key approach built into A Haven’s grief groups is Peer to Peer connection. Onsite groups are structured so that each individual has designated time with their direct peers in age based sub-groups (including adults). School groups are structured so that students are close in age and developmental ability. The benefits of these peer and social supports are also affirmed in research. A 2014 systematic literature review found consistently that individuals who had access to peer support following a death reported less isolation and increased feelings of personal growth and positive life meaning.<sup>3</sup>

Performance Report:

- To date, A Haven has provided services to 23 school groups for a total of 130 kids.
- In addition, 105 new grief support calls have been made to families and A Haven has received 200 inquiries from families for services. 60 households are registered for onsite services for families, teens, and young adults.
- Demographic distribution includes:
  - Race: 55% Caucasian; 6% Asian; 4% Black; 2% Hispanic/Latino; 1% Other; 3% Multiracial; 29% Undefined
  - Gender: 79% Female; 16% Male; 5% Undefined
  - Age: 67% 1-25; 13% 26-40; 18% 40-60; 2% 60+
  - Income: 8% 1-25,000; 17% 25,000-50,000; 29% 50,000-75,000; 46% 75,000+

Aavidum

Project “92021101”: Aavidum: A Student-Driven Youth Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Initiative

Funding Amount: \$132,750.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

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<sup>1</sup> Glazer, H.R., Clark, M.D. A Family-Centered Intervention for Grieving Preschool Children. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Group Therapy* 9, 161–168 (1999). <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1022962623917>

<sup>2</sup> Kathleen R. Gilbert (1996) “We've had the same loss, why don't we have the same grief?” loss and differential grief in families, *Death Studies*, 20:3, 269-283, DOI: 10.1080/07481189608252781

<sup>3</sup> Bartone, P. T., Bartone, J. V., Violanti, J. M., & Gileno, Z. M. (2019). Peer Support Services for Bereaved Survivors: A Systematic Review. *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying*, 80(1), 137–166

### Project Overview:

- Aavidum is working closely with Downingtown Area School District to plan a mental health and suicide prevention training for Chester County School Districts.
- Chester County SLFRF funds are being used to provide free, student-driven solutions to help combat the mental health challenges faced by students.

### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- Material Kits have been provided to 15 Chester County schools.
- Aavidum held its annual conferences in November of 2023.
- Two Chester County school districts have held Strides Against Stigma 5K events, and another large event is in planning for Fall 2024 for Chester County schools.

Alianzas de Phoenixville

Project "92021093": Clinical Trauma Counseling Program

Funding Amount: \$50,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

### Project Overview:

- Alianzas de Phoenixville provides free services to under-resourced immigrants experiencing the before, during, and aftereffects of forced migration due to extreme poverty, violence, government corruption, sex trafficking, rape, and gross violation of human rights.
- Clients are uninsured and below poverty income levels. Therapy is provided at no cost to the client by culturally competent clinicians and support staff. Services are available in the day hours as well as evenings, both in-person and remote.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for contracted therapists for one-on-one, group, and therapy sessions.

### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Alianzas de Phoenixville uses three evidence-based interventions: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Psychodynamics, and Motivational Interviewing.
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy: Studies that do indicate CBT is effective for ethnoracial minorities have used culturally adapted approaches, such as conducting the intervention using the client's ethnic language, integrating cultural elements into treatment, or using same-race groups.
- Psychodynamics: Psychotherapy, such as the importance of mourning, separation, loss, and trauma, are explored from a culturally informed psychoanalytic perspective where sociocultural factors are at the forefront in therapy.
- Motivational Interviewing: Motivational interviewing is particularly effective in treating Latino individuals by adopting the values of respeto (respect and mutual deference), confianza (trust and intimacy in a relationship), and personalismo (a style of

communication that indicates a preference for developing relationships with individuals rather than with institutions) when taking a motivational interviewing approach to promote a better outcome.

Performance Report:

- Alianzas de Phoenixville is currently providing services for 42 individuals.
- 100% of Alianzas de Phoenixville's clients are experiencing an increase in self-confidence and decreases in anxiety and depression due to participation in programming.
- 100% of clients have shown drastically reduced scores on standard trauma tests (PHQ9, GAD7, and PTSD scale).

Atglen Public Library

Project "92021055": Programming Expansion Project

Funding Amount: \$8,750.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County's libraries, Atglen Public Library experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for supplies for outdoor programming, purchase of Spanish-language picture books, STEM kits, museum passes, and a new sign for the building.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- Impact data is not yet available. However, anecdotal evidence shows high appreciation among adult caregivers and pre-school children for the addition of child-height tables and chairs for the crafting portion of programs. Adults also expressed appreciation of folding game tables for a new weekly Mah Jongg program.
- Circulation is increasing for museum passes, Spanish-language picture books, and children's nonfiction books.

Avondale Fire Company

Project "92021120-1": EMS Operations

Funding Amount: \$45,200.75

Project Expenditure Category: 1.9 (COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits)

Project Overview:

- Like many fire companies that rely on a volunteer base to provide services, Avondale Fire Company has experienced challenges in maintaining staffing due to the COVID-19

public health crisis. This has forced Avondale Fire Company to rely more on its paid staff.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with payroll expenses to maintain daytime staffing for fire response and 2 ambulances.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$90,401.50.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- Provision of services to Avondale Fire Company's service area has been able to continue without interruption thanks to Chester County SLFRF Funds.
- Avondale Fire Company serves:
  - 278 businesses
  - 3 schools
  - 5,200 residents
  - 259 apartments
  - 127 non-resident owners

Avondale Fire Company

Project "92021120-2": EMS Operations

Funding Amount: \$45,200.75

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 (Other Public Health Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many fire companies that rely on a volunteer base to provide services, Avondale Fire Company has experienced challenges in maintaining staffing due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. This has forced Avondale Fire Company to rely more on its paid staff.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with payroll expenses to maintain daytime staffing for fire response and 2 ambulances.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$90,401.50.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- Provision of services to Avondale Fire Company's service area has been able to continue without interruption thanks to Chester County SLFRF Funds.
- Avondale Fire Company serves:
  - 278 businesses
  - 3 schools

- 5,200 residents
- 259 apartments
- 127 non-resident owners

Barnstone Art for Kids

Project “92021097”: On the Go, Emerging Voices, Power of Art Programs

Funding Amount: \$15,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- The primary work of Barnstone Art for Kids centers on providing children who have experienced trauma a meaningful and supportive connection using the power of art and art making, as well as connection to trained, nurturing volunteer Mentor.
- Barnstone Art has three primary programs: On the Go, Emerging Voices (EV), and Power of Art (POA).
- This work has resonated with the public since the onset of the pandemic, and Barnstone Art has seen an enrollment increase. COVID-19 and the subsequent disruptions represent a world-wide trauma event, and Barnstone Art for Kids has been a leader in addressing the needs of impacted children and advocating for the mental health issues resultant from the pandemic.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for staffing and supplies.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The therapeutic elements to these programs are supported in psychological research and are an effective intervention for mitigating the symptoms of trauma.
- The use of art therapy and mentors in the treatment of childhood trauma are established, evidence supported interventions. Art therapy has long been held as effective for children as they are a population that benefits from strategies that do not rely on traditional "talk" therapies. Art therapy is linked to improved self-esteem and self-awareness, improved cognition and sensory-motor functioning, reduction of distress, improved social skill development, and emotional resilience.
- Specific to the treatment of trauma, art therapy has been found to produce positive outcomes as well, especially if the sessions are delivered for over 8 weeks.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- With this funding, Barnstone Art for Kids served:
  - Nearly 30 children in the EV and POA signature groups
  - Over 200 children at On the Go sessions

Borough of Kennett Square

Project “92021121”: Borough Pump Station Improvement

Funding Amount: \$500,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1 (Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment)

Project Overview:

- One of the Borough of Kennett Square’s primary well-water treatment facilities is antiquated and has a high likelihood of failing. The facility and equipment does not offer the desired safety, redundancy, and treatment features that are standard with newer facilities. The Borough is constructing a new facility near the well and decommissioning the existing facility.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist in the engineering and construction of the new facility.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun.
- The design phase for the water treatment plant is complete. The Borough anticipates construction will begin in fall 2024, with operations initiating in fall 2025.

Borough of Kennett Square

Project “92021123”: Kennett Library Revitalization

Funding Amount: \$350,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The Kennett Library is a newly constructed state-of-the-art facility. The mission of this project is to build upon this by creating safe and aesthetically welcoming motor and pedestrian travel.
- Chester County SLFRF funds are being used to assist the Borough with improvements including – Installation of seven (7) ADA compliant ramps; Redesign of all crosswalks; Creation of a speed table for the midblock ADA crossing; Milling and paving of the adjacent roadway; Addition of sidewalks in areas void or in poor condition.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.

Borough of West Chester

Project “92021105”: Goose Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Substation and Electrical Control System Rehabilitation

Funding Amount: \$600,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1 (Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment)

Project Overview:

- This mission of this project is to replace and modernize the electrical infrastructure powering the Borough of West Chester’s Goose Creek wastewater treatment plant. This is the Borough’s largest wastewater plant and serves most of the Borough, including the

West Chester University campus, off-campus student housing, 1,227 households, and 47 commercial and industrial customers.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist in the necessary upgrades to this facility.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Preliminary engineering is underway, with bid publishing anticipated in fall 2024.

Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center

Project “92021069-1”: 2Fish Holistic Wellness Project

Funding Amount: \$517,480.31

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- This project involves the creation of a holistic wellness hub to house an array of services targeted specifically to underserved and marginalized populations.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to expand current services and introduce new services, including:
  - Low-cost or no cost childcare (new)
  - Academic remediation to address K-12 Learning Loss (expansion)
  - Health and wellness activities and education including a health check clinic (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for youth (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for adults, including returning citizens (new)
  - Mental health counseling by licensed providers for returning citizens (new)
  - Faith based life development workshops (new)
  - Financial literacy classes (new)
  - Advocacy and resource linking (expansion)
  - Addiction recovery meetings (continued)
  - Charitable meals for low-income families (expansion)
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,069,921.25.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Over 5,300 meals have been served via 11 programs.
- Demographic Data:
  - 49.5% Female, 50.5% Male
  - 59.1% Black, 15.7% White, 9.3% Latino, 7.4% Unknown, 6.1% Mixed Race, 2.5% Asian/Alaskan/Pacific Islander

- 409 residing in a Qualified Census Tract
- 153 homeless

Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center

Project “92021069-2”: 2Fish Holistic Wellness Project

Funding Amount: \$517,480.31

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 (Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers)

Project Overview:

- This project involves the creation of a holistic wellness hub to house an array of services targeted specifically to underserved and marginalized populations.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to expand current services and introduce new services, including:
  - Low-cost or no cost childcare (new)
  - Academic remediation to address K-12 Learning Loss (expansion)
  - Health and wellness activities and education including a health check clinic (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for youth (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for adults, including returning citizens (new)
  - Mental health counseling by licensed providers for returning citizens (new)
  - Faith based life development workshops (new)
  - Financial literacy classes (new)
  - Advocacy and resource linking (expansion)
  - Addiction recovery meetings (continued)
  - Charitable meals for low-income families (expansion)
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,069,921.25.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The program has served 48 participants in this reporting period.
- Demographic Distribution:
  - 18 Female; 30 Male
  - 25 Black; 12 Caucasian; 1 Asian; 5 Latinx; 5 Mixed Race
  - 46 residing in a Qualified Census Tract
  - 14 homeless

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Project “92021069-3”: 2Fish Holistic Wellness Project

Funding Amount: \$517,480.31

Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 (Health Childhood Environments: Child Care)

Project Overview:

- This project involves the creation of a holistic wellness hub to house an array of services targeted specifically to underserved and marginalized populations.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to expand current services and introduce new services, including:
  - Low-cost or no cost childcare (new)
  - Academic remediation to address K-12 Learning Loss (expansion)
  - Health and wellness activities and education including a health check clinic (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for youth (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for adults, including returning citizens (new)
  - Mental health counseling by licensed providers for returning citizens (new)
  - Faith based life development workshops (new)
  - Financial literacy classes (new)
  - Advocacy and resource linking (expansion)
  - Addiction recovery meetings (continued)
  - Charitable meals for low-income families (expansion)
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,069,921.25.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The Child Care Center is not yet open. However, in this reporting period 8 days of emergency private childcare was provided to a participant.
- Demographic Distribution:
  - 1 Child aged 1 year, Mixed Race (Black/Latino), Resides in Qualified Census Tract

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Project “92021069-4”: 2Fish Holistic Wellness Project

Funding Amount: \$517,480.31

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services)

Project Overview:

- This project involves the creation of a holistic wellness hub to house an array of services targeted specifically to underserved and marginalized populations.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to expand current services and introduce new services, including:
  - Low-cost or no cost childcare (new)
  - Academic remediation to address K-12 Learning Loss (expansion)
  - Health and wellness activities and education including a health check clinic (expansion)
  - Culinary training, certification, and employment for youth (expansion)

- Culinary training, certification, and employment for adults, including returning citizens (new)
- Mental health counseling by licensed providers for returning citizens (new)
- Faith based life development workshops (new)
- Financial literacy classes (new)
- Advocacy and resource linking (expansion)
- Addiction recovery meetings (continued)
- Charitable meals for low-income families (expansion)
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,069,921.25.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 290 youth have been served.
- Demographic Distribution:
  - 54% Female, 46% Male
  - 60.7% Black, 13.3% Latino, 9.4% White, 6.3% Mixed Race, 6.9% Unknown, 3.3% Asian/Alaskan/Pacific Islander
  - 321 residing in Qualified Census Tracts

Chester County Compensation Study

Project “92021014”: Compensation Study

Funding Amount: \$8,443,457.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Beginning in 2021, the Chester County Human Resources Department undertook a year-long comprehensive compensation study and analysis comparing Chester County Government compensation rates with counterparts across the region and state.
- As a result of the study, the Chester County Government determined and implemented an increase in employee compensation in 2022.
- Intended outcomes of this project are increased employee retention and recruitment.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist the County with absorbing the increase in compensation costs over the course of three years.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The entirety of this allocation has been expended for Chester County employee compensation in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Chester County Conservation District

Project “92021016”: Ovarions at Elkview Stormwater Basin Retrofit

Funding Amount: \$85,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to retrofit and restore higher functionality to an outdated system to more effectively treat and filter runoff pollutants, reduce storm volumes entering headwaters, and reverse water quality degradation.
- The Chester County Conservation District is managing this award on behalf of Penn Township.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist in the necessary upgrades to this facility.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun. Therefore, there is no performance to report yet.

Chester County Conservation District

Project “92021017”: Bair Road/Trout Creek Infiltration, Water Quality, and Flood Mitigation

Funding Amount: \$247,674.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to capture, treat, control, and infiltrate stormwater runoff from over 19 acres of upstream residential drainage area via the construction of two subsurface infiltration beds.
- The Chester County Conservation District is managing this award on behalf of Tredyffrin Township.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist in the construction of the beds.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The design is complete for this project and contractor bidding is in progress.

Chester County Court Administration

Project “92021007”: Digital Court Reporting

Funding Amount: \$2,176,835.67

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The effects of the pandemic escalated a nationwide shortage of certified court reporters, which has resulted in a delay for cases being heard and postponement in proceedings. This, combined with a current workforce that includes several reporters eligible to retire in the next few years, has caused a concern that Chester County will not be able to meet the demand for reporting services.
- The mission of this project is to adequately staff all courtrooms and hearing rooms with the capability of recording court proceedings. Digital court reporting is the fastest-growing method of testimony capture and will be a great help in addressing the County's concern.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase the court scheduling and recording software for three years.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- One courtroom has everything installed and is going through live-courtroom testing. Two more courtrooms are going through the installation progress, and one more is scheduled to begin installation soon.
- The expected end date of this project is 12/31/25.

Chester County Court Administration

Project "92021009": Staff Interpreter Project

Funding Amount: \$507,534.18

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Spanish-speaking interpreters are the most widely requested interpreters in the court system and are in dire need due to a shrinking pool of qualified candidates. The lack of Spanish-speaking interpreters available to Chester County has caused delays in proceedings that affect access to justice for these court participants.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire one full-time Spanish interpreter.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- A candidate has been identified and is expected to be hired by the end of 2024.

Chester County Court Administration

Project "92021015": Virtual Kiosks

Funding Amount: \$694,844.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Chester County courts are in need of advanced technology, especially in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. The mission of this project is to place virtual kiosks in County courts to assist the public with commonly asked questions.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase the virtual kiosks.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Four (4) kiosks have been delivered that will be used for the district courts and Family Court.
- The vendor is developing the AI platform that will be used with the kiosks.

Chester County Department of Information Services (DCIS)

Project “92021025”: Prison Improvement

Funding Amount: \$618,512.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- In August of 2023, an inmate escaped from the Chester County prison resulting in a nearly two-week manhunt. In response to the escape, the County of Chester is investing in improvements to the Prison to remediate multiple security deficiencies discovered.
- This component of the project includes the installation of additional cameras inside and outside the complex, as well as an upgraded prisoner tracking record management system.
- This project is being overseen by the Department of Information Services (DCIS).

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Work is in progress but has not yet been complete.

Chester County Detectives and District Attorney

Project “92021008”: Rapid DNA Forensic Technology for Investigations

Funding Amount: \$826,640.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The goal of this project is to improve law enforcement efficiency and community outcomes by purchasing scientific technology that will enable law enforcement officers the ability to obtain DNA results in 90 minutes, rather than the current processing time of six months or longer.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase a Rapid DNA instrument, scientific technology support services, and supplies.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 120 officers have been trained to use the new technology.
- In this reporting period, samples submitted through the ThermoFisher device include:
  - 22 reference samples
  - 19 reference samples producing viable DNA profile
  - 13 evidence samples
- In this reporting period, samples submitted to Bode Lab include:
  - 85 reference samples
  - 391 evidence samples
  - 103 profiles developed from evidence
  - 360 hits developed

Chester County District Attorney

Project "92021020": Case Management System

Funding Amount: \$645,275.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The Chester County District Attorney and Public Defender offices need a replacement case management system. The current system is at the end of its useful life.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase a new software system to meet requirements and match workflow needs.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Public Defender: Work has been completed and they are in production status.
- District Attorney: Work is still being done to move filed from the old system.

Chester County District Court Administration

Project "92021006": MDJ Recording Equipment

Funding Amount: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- This project was developed out of a need to update the antiquated equipment and process used to record, upload, download, and disperse the recordings of preliminary hearings.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds were allocated to replace recording units with current technology to eliminate customer contact in District Justice Administration. The recordings would be sent electronically with a Zoom enhancement.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project was canceled due to inefficient communication from the vendor. No funds were expended.
- Chester County District Court Administration will be pursuing this project with alternate funding at a later date.

Chester County Economic Development Foundation

Project "92021085": Targeted Training for Minority- & Women-Owned Small Businesses

Funding Amount: \$393,750.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.30 (Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning)

Project Overview:

- The Chester County Economic Development Foundation's (CCEDF) Targeted Training for Minority- and Women-Owned Small Businesses program provides micro-grants to eligible small businesses for targeted skill development and business enhancement services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support this program and enhance workforce and economic recovery by ensuring newly-formed businesses in Chester County have the knowledge, resources, and training needs to be successful workers and business owners.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 74 businesses have been evaluated for services through targeted outreach and dedicated training funds.
- 47 businesses have qualified for assistance.
- Three low-income Census Tracts in Chester County (Oxford: 3080; Nottingham: 3092; Coatesville: 3056) were key target areas in this reporting period. 17 businesses were evaluated and all 17 qualified for assistance.
- Applicant demographic breakdown includes:
  - 38 minority-owned
  - 27 minority women-owned
  - 1 minority women-owned, veteran-owned
  - 44 women-owned
  - 4 veteran-owned
  - 32 led by an owner who did not go to college or was the first in their family to go to college
  - 9 started their company after a long period (>1 year) of unemployment

Chester County Facilities Department

Project “92021013”: Chester County Coroner Facility

Funding Amount: \$5,800,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The Chester County Coroner has never had a dedicated facility space, instead performing duties in the County’s hospitals. While this has always been a challenge, it especially became an issue during the COVID-19 public health crisis when hospital available space was scarce. This issue was further exacerbated by the closures of the Jennersville and Brandywine hospitals in 2021.
- The mission of this project is to identify, purchase, and renovate a property to provide outstanding, effective, and all-encompassing post-mortem services to County residents in a state-of-the-art, scientifically designed forensic facility recognized by the International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners (IACME) and National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME).
- Chester County has internally allocated a total of \$23.6 million in SLFRF funds to this project. To-date, \$5.8 million has been officially obligated for the purchase of property. Approximately \$17.3 million is expected to be obligated prior to the obligation deadline for the renovation of the property.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The Chester County Facilities Department identified a location that is easily accessible to West Chester, and to the major roadway network allowing easy access to all areas of Chester County (457 Creamery Way, Exton, PA).
- The 36,000-sf property has an agreed sale price of \$5.8 million.
- Estimated building purchase/settlement is fall 2024.

Chester County Facilities Department

Project “92021019”: Struble Trail 1.5-Mile Resurfacing

Funding Amount: \$400,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- This is a capital improvement project to resurface an approximate 1.5-mile section of the Struble Trail.
- The Struble Trail is the first and oldest County Regional Trail, having opened in 1979. It is heavily used by the public and the existing asphalt trail surface has reached the end of its useful lifespan.
- The new surface will provide for a better user experience and improved user safety.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun.

Chester County Facilities Department

Project “92021023”: Chester County Prison Recreation Enclosures

Funding Amount: \$3,200,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- In August of 2023, an inmate escaped from the Chester County prison resulting in a nearly two-week manhunt. In response to the escape, the County of Chester is investing in improvements to the Prison to remediate multiple security deficiencies discovered.
- This component of the project includes the design and construction of enclosing the Prison’s recreation yards.
- This project is being overseen by the Facilities Department

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun.

Chester County Facilities Department

Project “92021029”: EV Charging Stations

Funding Amount: \$146,106.30

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Per the Chester County Climate Action Plan, the Commissioners have committed to transitioning 10% of the County’s vehicle fleet to electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of 2025. In order to do so, the County needs to invest in EV charging stations.
- To date, four (4) EVs have been purchased. The mission of this project is to install EV charging stations in four (4) County locations: Pocopson Home, Chester County Prison, the Government Services Center (GSC) Building, and Hibernia Park Administrative offices.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun.

Chester County Facilities Department

Project "92021030": Facilities Improvements

Funding Amount: \$158,720.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- This funding is dedicated to hiring a contractor to manage necessary improvement projects, particularly at the County Prison.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- An individual has been contracted through Monarch Staffing and began work in quarter 2 of 2024.

Chester County Facilities Department

Project "92021031": History Center Fire Alarm

Funding Amount: \$119,895.69

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- This is a capital improvement project to urgently replace the fire alarm system at the Chester County History Center.
- This project includes replacement of the existing panel, annunciators, strobes, power supplies, and wiring.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun.

Chester County Food Bank

Project "92021056": Emergency Food Support for Chester County

Funding Amount: \$450,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- Chester County Food Bank works with over 150 agencies across the County to provide emergency, culturally appropriate, and fresh food.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for the purchase of food over three years.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- To date, SLFRF funds have been used to purchase nearly 100,000 pounds of nutritious and culturally sensitive food.
- Over 50% of the food provided are fresh fruits and vegetables, with a prioritization of locally grown produce.
- Demographics served include:

White: 43%	Under 18: 24%	Female: 76%
Black/African American: 15%	Seniors (65+): 14%	Male: 24%
Latino/Hispanic: 38%		
Asian/Pacific Islander: 3%	Households with Children: 54%	Veteran in the Household: 8%
Multiple Races/Other: 3%	Adults with Disability: 35%	

Chester County Food Bank

Project “92021057”: Chester County Food Security Alliance

Funding Amount: \$300,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- In 2017, Governor Wolfe established a Food Alliance blueprint that was adopted in Chester County. However, COVID-19 forced the project to be put on hold.
- The food alliance will work to engage WIC, SNAP, FMNP, and Free and Reduced lunch recipients or those who qualify to make the most of these benefits.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support the essential positions of Advocacy and Government Relations Manager and a part time associate to engage the key stakeholders in the County.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 18 organizations have officially committed to being part of the Alliance.
- 72 individuals have received assistance applying for SNAP.

Chester County Food Bank

Project “92021058”: Thorndale Food Delivery and Workforce Program Expansion

Funding Amount: \$450,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The Chester County Food Bank, in collaboration with Handi-crafters, is establishing a model food pantry in Thorndale.
- The goal of this project is to accomplish the following:
  - A choice, store-like pantry open to the public three days per week
  - Workforce development opportunities for the clients of Handi-crafters to increase their job readiness skills for gainful employment

- Supported employment for the Chester County Food Bank FreshSTART kitchen culinary students to perform the skills to operate the Handi-crafters kitchen with a café daily.
- Chester County SLFRF funds are being used to support this pilot project.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- As a partner of National Restaurant Association’s Restaurant Ready program, the Chester County Food Bank’s curriculum is designed to meet the six core competency areas defined by the industry. In addition to culinary arts instruction and training, the program focuses on self-empowerment (value systems, time management, attitude, communication) and job readiness (resume building, mock interviewing, computer literacy, professional goal setting, interpersonal relationships). The class is concluded with an internship and job placement opportunity where students put their newly developed skills into action in the workplace.

Performance Report:

- 12 individuals are currently enrolled in job training.
- From January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 there were 4 graduates. Of the graduates, 2 have become employed post-graduation.
- Demographics for HCOC Cohorts:
  - 30% Black/African American
  - 70% White
- Demographics for Culinary Workforce Cohorts:
  - 50% Black/African American
  - 15% Hispanic
  - 35% White

Chester County Intermediate Unit

Project “92021048”: The Project for Mental Health and Optimal Development (PMHOD)

Funding Amount: \$488,201.40

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- The Project for Mental Health and Optimal Development, based at Penn’s Graduate School of Education, explores the relationship between mental health and optimal development among children, youth, and the adults who support them. The project has an array of school-based programs and research projects that aim to support all stakeholders in K-12 communities, but the focus of this application is the Consortium for Mental Health and Optimal Development.
- The Consortium aids school district teams in developing and implementing strategic plans that comprehensively and proactively address mental health and optimal development goals and programming in, across, and beyond their district.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support the program throughout Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The approach used in the consortium is grounded in research and guided by experts in the field of mental health from the University of Pennsylvania.

Performance Report:

- Post-program survey data has shown:
  - 56% of participants believe their district is very effective in understanding the mental health needs of students, while all participants believe their district is at least somewhat effective.
  - 97% believe their district is at least somewhat effective in meeting students' mental health needs – 24% reported very effective.
  - Anxiety was cited by 91% of team members as being one of the top three mental health concerns for students.
    - Only 35% of participants believe their district is very able to address the issue of students' anxiety.
  - 82% of participants believe their district is at least somewhat effective in understanding the mental health needs of employees, though 32% believe their district is not very effective at meeting those needs.
  - 50% of participants specifically mentioned the Toolkit as one of the most helpful topics/resources covered in the Consortium this year.
  - 94% of participants believe they have both the knowledge and ability to address the mental health needs of students, however 24% believe the work they do has no impact.

Chester County Intermediate Unit

Project "92021049": E3 (Exit, Enter, Employ) Program

Funding Amount: \$318,232.50

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 (Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers)

Project Overview:

- The E3 (Exit, Enter, Employ) Program was created to help reduce recidivism in Chester County, support business growth, and develop a diverse and engaged workforce.
- The program consists of three components:
  - Manufacturing Training: 50 hours of foundational knowledge and skills for entry level work
  - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: 60 hours of training to create positive cognitive restructuring.
  - Job Readiness Skills: 75 hours of training to help participants learn skills related to conflict resolution, stress management, teamwork, computer programs, and other job retention strategies.
- Participants must have prior judicial system involvement and be aged 18 or older.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support this program.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.

- This project uses industry-standard mental health therapy approaches such as cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Studies show that stable employment is a key factor in reducing recidivism.

Performance Report:

- Since January 2023, there have been 10 cohorts with 41 graduates.
  - 4 cohorts were Post-Release, 6 were Pre-Release.
- Certifications received:
  - PennDOT Flagger – 27
  - OSHA – 39
  - Customer Service – 11
  - Financial Workshops – 59
- 15 graduates are employed (not all have been released yet)
- Program graduates exhibit a 2% recidivism rate.

Chester County Intermediate Unit

Project “92021050”: Rhithm Implementation in Chester County School Districts

Funding Amount: \$227,675.50

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- The Rhithm application program is designed to provide educators with a web-based tool to make more informed decisions to empower educators, administrators, and clinical staff in identifying risk and patterns of risk to promote and safeguard the well-being of students.
- Rhithm provides the opportunity for daily check-ins that assist in identifying ongoing issues students are facing, as opposed to segmented and isolated points in time.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase the Rhithm app for 86,000 students and 6,000 educators in Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- This project uses industry-standard mental health treatment techniques.

Performance Report:

- CCIU has not yet been able to secure a school district partnership.

Chester County Juvenile Probation

Project “92021018”: Family Intervention Unit Therapist

Funding Amount: \$118,241.40

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- During the pandemic, the Chester County Department of Juvenile Probation (JPO) has seen a significant increase in youth and family behavioral health crises and requests for counseling services.

- The additional demands have stressed community-based providers, causing extensive waiting lists and long delays before services can begin.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire a therapist to take on additional referrals and/or provide immediate intervention services until community-based services become available.

Use of Evidence:

- The full amount of this award is used to provide Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Performance Report:

- An individual was hired part-time and has received 22 referrals and held 20 sessions.
- Chester County Juvenile Probation is in the process of transitioning the position from part-time to full-time.

Chester County MHIDD

Project "92021010": Chester County 988-Mental Health Crisis Response System

Funding Amount: \$10,374,824.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The goals for this project are to:
  - Establish a mental health crisis call center
  - Establish mobile crisis teams to respond to crises
  - Create a business plan for a new mental health urgent care center
  - Build capacity and infrastructure for ongoing system improvement

Use of Evidence:

- Mobile Crisis Resolution Teams (MCRTs) services integrate evidence-based, equity-driven, culturally responsive services that respond to the unique cultural needs of bicultural/bilingual, racially/culturally distinct, and gender expressive/sexually diverse populations; including developmentally appropriate services that meet the specific needs of people with disabilities, veterans, seniors, children, and youth. The MCRT program also submits quarterly reports of evidence-based programs employed during service provisions.
- For the Behavioral Health Crisis Contact Center, which had its soft launch on March 27th, our Safety Assessment and Safety Plan - The Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) - is evidence-based and meets the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline requirements for Vibrant Emotional Health. The C-SSRS is also a recommended tool in the Zero Suicide Toolkit, a resource noted in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center.<sup>4</sup>
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<sup>4</sup> Citation: Labouliere, C. D., Vasan, P., Kramer, A., Brown, G., Green, K., Rahman, M., Kammer, J., Finnerty, M., & Stanley, B. (2018). "Zero Suicide" - A model for reducing suicide in United States behavioral healthcare. *Suicidologi*, 23(1), 22–30.

Performance Report:

- The Chester County Commissioners announced the launch of the Human Needs Network on 4/17/2024.
- Chester County MHIDD is working with multiple platforms to integrate and merge databases and applications for optimum data collection.
- County-wide, 24/7 mobile crisis services are connecting individuals to support while reducing exposure to trauma and its long-term impact.

Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center

Project “92021043”: Work Enclave

Funding Amount: \$833,070.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 (Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers)

Project Overview:

- The Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) work enclave provides individuals with 5 weeks of work readiness and soft skills training, and 5 weeks of paid work experience.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to serve 140 adults in the Work Enclave program.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, OIC provided the following services:
  - 180 individuals enrolled in Workforce Retention Program
  - 42 individuals enrolled in Forklift Operator’s Training (39 completed)
  - 21 individuals enrolled in Work Enclave (16 completed)
  - 25 individuals enrolled in National Retail Federation Training (15 completed)
  - 19 individuals enrolled in Driver and Motor Vehicle Support Services (2 completed, 17 in progress)
  - 12 individuals enrolled in Driver’s Education courses (all still in progress)
  - 10 individuals participated in a Financial Literacy workshop
  - 7 individuals participated in a Youth and Leadership Discover Program

Chester County Planning Commission

Project “92021022”: Chester County America250

Funding Amount: \$244,375.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The America250 Chester County Commission is a 29-member commission, appointed by County Commissioners, that is responsible for coordinating activities to help build the foundation for celebrating the nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the professional management of the America250 Chester County Commission.

### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- In the reporting period, program-related tasks undertaken include:
  - Facilitation of 4 full Commission planning meetings, and officer meetings in alternate months.
  - 2,747 1:1 outreach meetings
  - Fundraising efforts through government-related proposals and prospective corporate and foundation donors.

Chester County Prison

Project "Prison": Chester County Prison Vaccine Incentive

Funding Amount: \$40,650

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

### Project Overview:

- The Chester County Prison has completed a monetary incentive program for the inmate population to participate in COVID vaccinations. Incarcerated individuals received \$100 for each completed vaccine (\$100 for Johnson & Johnson and \$50 per vaccine for Moderna and Pfizer) plus \$50 for each booster.
- The vaccines were administered by the Prison's Medical Vendor, PrimeCare and were given to any inmate who requested it. PrimeCare completed a vaccine form and gave that to the Director of Inmate Services for all completed inmate vaccines. The Director of Inmate Services notified and gave approval to bookkeeping to add money to the inmate's commissary account.
- The program began on December 17, 2021 and was completed in the first quarter of 2023.

### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Nationwide, many of the largest single-site outbreaks of COVID-19, since the beginning of the public health crisis, have been in jails and prisons. People who live in correctional settings are at a high risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccinations are an evidence-based intervention proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and decrease the risk of serious illness and death.
- The goal of the Chester County Prison Vaccine Incentive Program is to protect this vulnerable population by mitigating the spread of COVID-19 through the administration of vaccines.
- In a report titled "Examples of Evidence-Based Solutions to Increase Vaccine Confidence and Uptake," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists monetary

incentives for vaccination as a solution to address low vaccination rates in targeted populations.<sup>5</sup>

Performance Report:

- Through the completion of the program, 768 vaccines were administered and \$40,650 was distributed.

Chester County Prison

Project “92021027”: Prison Improvement

Funding Amount: \$822,859.13

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- In August of 2023, an inmate escaped from the Chester County prison resulting in a nearly two-week manhunt. In response to the escape, the County of Chester is investing in improvements to the Prison to remediate multiple security deficiencies discovered.
- This project includes:
  - Mail Scanners – To help with detecting and preventing drugs and contraband from entering the facility
  - Body/X-Ray Inspection Systems – To help with security and detection and prevention of contraband by inspecting all persons coming into the Prison including employees and their belongings
  - Razor Wire – Installation of additional razor wire throughout vulnerable areas of the Prison
  - Lexipol Policy Manuals/Training – To provide best practices, policy manuals, online training courses, and wellness resources to equip the Prison with the knowledge and tools needed to perform the duties of an effective and safe correctional environment
  - Electronic Perimeter Security System – Installation of a perimeter intrusion detection system to be mounted on existing infrastructure

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Mail Scanners – Anticipated fall 2024 start date
- Body/X-Ray Inspection Systems – Delivery and installation are complete
- Razor Wire – Installation is complete
- Lexipol Policy Manuals/Training – Provision of software and ongoing services are complete
- Electronic Perimeter Security System – Design of the system is in progress

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<sup>5</sup>(n.d.). *Examples of Evidence-Based Solutions to Increase Vaccine Confidence and Uptake*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Chester County Public Defender's Office

Project "92021011": Communication and Investigation Enhancement

Funding Amount: \$260,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The purpose of this project is to enhance client communication and investigative/client interaction capabilities.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase 34 computer tablets, software, and wireless network access.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Projects that have been completed include:
  - Procurement of tablets
- Projects that are in progress include:
  - Procurement of keyboards and styluses
  - Procurement of equipment and training for client cell phone work

Chester County Suicide Prevention Task Force

Project "92021096": Chester County Suicide Prevention Task Force

Funding Amount: \$240,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- The need for full time leadership for the Chester County Suicide Prevention Task Force has become more critical as the pandemic has dramatically escalated mental health issues in the Chester County community.
- With full-time leadership, the Task Force will become a public health repository for suicide prevention, thereby leading the charge for education around warning signs, risk and protective factors, and best practices in suicide prevention.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire a new Executive Director for the Task Force.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The Chester County Suicide Prevention Task Force has a pool of trained and certified instructors to deliver the national evidence-based suicide prevention programs, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) from the QPR Institute and Mental Health First Aid.

Performance Report:

- 23 events have been attended/coordinated by CCSP
  - 827 community members were reached at events

- 17 QPR classes held
  - 226 community members trained
- 8 MHFA classes held
  - 131 community members trained
- 27,000+ community members reached through social media platforms
  - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)

Chester County Pandemic Carryover PTO Reset

Project “92021024”: Chester County Vacation Incentive

Funding Amount: \$681,270.06

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- County employee vacation hour usage was limited during the pandemic as a result of increased responsibilities.
- This project is an incentive program for tenured County employees to “sell back” excess accrued vacation hours.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project was completed between December 2023 and January 2024.
- 361 County employees participated in this program.

Chester County Voter’s Services

Project “92021026”: ScanTek Infomanagement Solutions

Funding Amount: \$241,250.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- SkanTek, Inc provided Voter Ballot Book processing and validation services for one election for Chester County Voter’s Services. This included the scanning and processing of images.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Services were used for the 2024 Pennsylvania Primary election

Chester County Voter’s Services

Project “92021028”: Voting Machines

Funding Amount: \$223,350.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

### Project Overview:

- This mission of this project was to increase the County's voting machine fleet in advance of the 2024 Primary election on April 23, 2024.
- County SLFRF funds were used to purchase thirty (30) DS200 voting machines and housing units with back-up battery, plastic ballot boxes with removable carrying cases, paper rolls, one (1) 4 GB memory device, and a five-year extended hardware warranty.
- The cost also includes tabulation equipment installation, one-year firmware and software warranty, and shipping and handling charges.

### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- Machines were purchased and delivered in time for the 2024 Pennsylvania Primary election

Chester County Water Resources Authority

Project "92021021": Brandywine Flood Study

Funding Amount: \$200,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

### Project Overview:

- The County of Chester, Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA), Brandywine Conservancy & Art Museum (Brandywine Conservancy), University of Delaware Water Resources Center (UDWRC), and Delaware County propose to perform a flood study of the mainstem Brandywine Creek, along with tributaries to be identified as part of the study, from Chester County to the Delaware state line.
- All partners understand the urgent need for the study, as recent record floods associated with Hurricane Ida caused millions of dollars of damage to public infrastructure in our region and real threats to emergency services and public safety.
- The work will give a clearer understanding of the Brandywine Creek flow regimes during intense storm events and subsequent flooding in our area and provide solid data to develop a plan with projects to help flood risk mitigation efforts.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to expand the area of the study further upstream.

### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- Activities to date include:
  - Brandywine Flood Study Press Conference for project kick-off
  - Launch of [project website](#)
  - Flood identification and mapping activities
  - Development of a hydrologic model for both the East and West Branch Brandywine Creek

- Near-completion of the hydraulic model
- 4 public engagement meetings held with approximately 290 attendees
- Stakeholder outreach meetings
- Municipality outreach meetings
- The flood study is on schedule to be completed fall 2024.

Christiana Care Health System

Project “92021012”: Hospital Assistance

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- ChristianaCare finalized the purchase of the Jennersville Hospital in June 2022 and began working to improve the campus before reopening for the public.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for projects relating to information technology, medical equipment, and facility renovation.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The funds have been expended in full and are being used for critical upgrades as listed.
- ChristianaCare anticipates opening the campus in late 2024.

Coatesville Center for Community Health

Project “92021067”: Grandfamilies Initiative

Funding Amount: \$356,833.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 (Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators)

Project Overview:

- The mission of the Grandfamilies Initiative is to provide practical assistance with basic needs, intensive case management, and mutual social support to low-income families led by grandparents.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for five objectives:
  - Increase staff time to expand impact
  - Increase legal assistance for Grandfamilies
  - Provide basic needs to Grandfamilies
  - Increase community outreach
  - Develop evaluation tools to measure impact

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.

- The GRANDfamily Initiative program was created in line with evidence-based practices as explained in the provided program report.<sup>6</sup>

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, support has been provided through approximately 300 direct contacts
- Additional support provided have included strollers, car seats, formula, diapers, wipes, baby food, gift cards for clothing, etc.
- Families have also received assistance with WIC, custody or guardianship matters, IEP meetings to establish educational plans, health insurance enrollment, connection with medical/dental care, trauma therapy, and childcare.

Community Volunteers in Medicine

Project “92021041-1”: CVIM Public Health and Immunization Initiative

Funding Amount: \$151,570.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 (COVID-19 Vaccination)

Project Overview:

- Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) provides healthcare to low-income, uninsured, and otherwise disadvantaged communities.
- The mission for this project is to increase COVID education, outreach, testing, and vaccination, and to extend immunization services beyond COVID and flu to include other vaccines such as pneumonia and HPV.
- Program goals for this project include:
  - Expand CVIM’s COVID-related services to include onsite testing
  - Maintain full COVID vaccination services, including updated education and booster offerings
  - Maintain COVID vaccination rate for CVIM patients above 75%
  - Add at least one new vaccine offering per year
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$352,452.00.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- CVIM provides health care as recommended by the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other similar relevant entities.
- CVIM follows all generally accepted standards of practice, which by definition are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer reviewed literature and approved by regulatory bodies. Immunizations are issued based on guidelines approved by the CDC and the FDA.

Performance Report:

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<sup>6</sup> <https://dl2.pushbulletusercontent.com/uhDY7UgdGYnOod6G7VFkdKnuzE3yALmr/17-InLovingArms-Grandfamilies.pdf>

- CVIM has distributed 482 COVID-19 vaccines/boosters in this reporting period.

Community Volunteers in Medicine

Project “92021041-2”: CVIM Public Health and Immunization Initiative

Funding Amount: \$60,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 (COVID-19 Testing)

Project Overview:

- Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) provides healthcare to low-income, uninsured, and otherwise disadvantaged communities.
- The mission for this project is to increase COVID education, outreach, testing, and vaccination, and to extend immunization services beyond COVID and flu to include other vaccines such as pneumonia and HPV.
- Program goals for this project include:
  - Expand CVIM's COVID-related services to include onsite testing
  - Maintain full COVID vaccination services, including updated education and booster offerings
  - Maintain COVID vaccination rate for CVIM patients above 75%
  - Add at least one new vaccine offering per year
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$352,452.00.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- CVIM provides health care as recommended by the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other similar relevant entities.
- CVIM follows all generally accepted standards of practice, which by definition are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer reviewed literature and approved by regulatory bodies. Immunizations are issued based on guidelines approved by the CDC and the FDA.

Performance Report:

- Most individuals are now performing COVID-19 tests at home, rather than in medical centers. CVIM and Chester County are currently discussing how to best use the allotted funds to support this method.
- In this reporting period, 21 PCR tests and 71 Antigen tests were performed.

Community Volunteers in Medicine

Project “92021041-3”: CVIM Public Health and Immunization Initiative

Funding Amount: \$140,882.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 (Medical Expenses)

Project Overview:

- Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) provides healthcare to low-income, uninsured, and otherwise disadvantaged communities.

- The mission for this project is to increase COVID education, outreach, testing, and vaccination, and to extend immunization services beyond COVID and flu to include other vaccines such as pneumonia and HPV.
- Program goals for this project include:
  - Expand CVIM's COVID-related services to include onsite testing
  - Maintain full COVID vaccination services, including updated education and booster offerings
  - Maintain COVID vaccination rate for CVIM patients above 75%
  - Add at least one new vaccine offering per year
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$352,452.00.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- CVIM provides health care as recommended by the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other similar relevant entities.
- CVIM follows all generally accepted standards of practice, which by definition are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer reviewed literature and approved by regulatory bodies. Immunizations are issued based on guidelines approved by the CDC and the FDA.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, CVIM has distributed 1,082 flu vaccines, 398 HPV vaccine series, and 198 other vaccines including shingles, pneumonia, and TDAP.

Community Volunteers in Medicine

Project "92021042": CVIM Expanding Access to Care Initiative

Funding Amount: \$1,220,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 (Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators)

Project Overview:

- CVIM is providing free, high-quality, comprehensive healthcare to low-income, uninsured, local residents.
- This initiative will help more people access services more conveniently by adding locations, hours, and high-demand services.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- CVIM provides health care as recommended by the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other similar relevant entities.
- CVIM follows all generally accepted standards of practice, which by definition are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer reviewed literature and approved by

regulatory bodies. Immunizations are issued based on guidelines approved by the CDC and the FDA.

Performance Report:

- Patient data includes:

<b>PATIENT ACCESS DATA</b>	<b>Annual Data July 1 2023 - June 30, 2024 (unduplicated patient #s)</b>
English calls from people seeking services	2,190
Spanish calls from people seeking services (includes Portuguese callers)	6,064
<b>Total calls from people seeking services</b>	<b>8,254</b>
wait time for screening in English	<1 week
wait time for screening in Spanish	6 weeks
Wait time for non-urgent new patient to get first appointment	4-5 weeks

<b>MEDICAL SERVICES DATA</b>	<b>Annual Data July 1 2023 - June 30, 2024 (unduplicated patient #s)</b>
medical patients	3,164
new medical patients	898
visits	13,775
encounters	3,647
<b>VISITS + ENCOUNTERS</b>	<b>17,422</b>
prescriptions	36,536
telehealth visits (subset)	4,209
<b>EXPANDED SERVICES DATA</b>	<b>Annual Data July 1 2023 - June 30, 2024 (unduplicated patient #s)</b>
behavioral health patients	326

behavioral health visits	2,072
psychiatry waiting list	4
counseling waiting list	58
Women's Health GYN patients	659
gynecology visits	886
gynecology waiting list	57
vision care patients	503
vision care visits	601
optometry waiting list	172
ophthalmology waiting list	105
Urology visits	194
Social Services patients	432
Social Services visits	871
Patients served at West Grove microsite	288
Visits at West Grove microsite	452
<b>EXPANDED SERVICES DATA</b>	<b>Annual Data July 1 2023 - June 30, 2024 (unduplicated patient #s)</b>
Patients served during expanded hours (Wednesday evenings and Saturdays) medical patients only	585
Visits during expanded hours	870
# of volunteer drivers	13
# of patients getting rides	56
# of rides provided	149
# of UberHealth rides (also free to patients)	36
<b>Total # of free rides</b>	<b>185</b>

- Patient demographics are as reported:

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		<b>Gender</b>		<b>AGE</b>	
Hispanic	88.5%	Male	43.2%	0-4 years	0.8%
Caucasian	3.3%	Female	56.6%	5-9 years	3.3%
African American	1.4%	Other	0.2%	10-18 years	5.8%
Asian	1.6%			19-29 years	12.6%
MENA	0.1%			30-39 years	24.7%
Native American	0.0%			40-60 years	44.6%
Unknown	5.1%			Over 60 years	8.2%

Community Warehouse Project of Chester County

Project “92021090”: Delivery Services to Clients

Funding Amount: \$100,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 (Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance)

Project Overview:

- Community Warehouse Project of Chester County (CWP) is the only furniture bank in Chester County. CWP collects gently used furniture and housewares for families, individuals, and veterans in need.
- Due to COVID-19, clients are no longer able to pick up furniture at the warehouse and, instead, CWP started delivering the items to the client’s home.
- Since 2021, CWP has seen the number of requests increase by 40% and has had to cover the cost of deliveries which cost at least \$350 each, sometime more depending on the size and location of the delivery.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist CWP with delivery costs.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Studies show that individuals and families that when a previously homeless individual or family finds housing, they must have furniture and household goods to create a safe home or they are 30% likely to become homeless again within one to two years. With this services of furniture, beds, and kitchen items, these households are less likely to become homeless again thereby preventing homelessness for this at-risk population.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- 209 households received furniture and household goods.
- All households are low-income families.

Cozen O’Conner

Project “92021005”: Hospital Counsel

Funding Amount: \$47,590.03

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Chester County recently had two hospitals close. These closures have resulted in a loss of crucial healthcare support to the residents of Chester County.
- Cozen O’Conner was contracted to provide legal counsel and advice related to entering into a Letter of Intent to consider a financial contribution towards the continued operation of the hospitals.
- This project is complete.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project resulted in an executable contract with a hospital operator for both the Jennersville and Brandywine hospitals.

Daemion Counseling Center Inc.

Project “92021074”: Mental Health Clinical Counseling

Funding Amount: \$50,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- Daemion Counseling Center (DCC) has been providing mental health counseling in Chester County for 52 years.
- DCC’s services are accessible to those who cannot afford typical fees for high quality, professional mental health counseling. 36% of DCC’s clients fall below the federal poverty income level.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for salary assistance and direct client services.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Daemion Counseling Center uses standard counseling and therapy techniques approved in the field of work, including DSM-5-TR, Beck’s Depression and Anxiety Inventories, STAXI-II, and MAST.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, Daemion Counseling served 17 clients under this grant.

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County  
Project “92021051”: DVCCC Housing Counseling

Funding Amount: \$116,020.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 (Community Violence Interventions)

Project Overview:

- The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) has been in operation since 1976 and is the only domestic violence provider in Chester County to provide services to survivors and their families.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide a full-time case manager and one laptop to serve eighty individuals and families in DVCCC’s emergence and transitional housing programs.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Healing Trauma Curriculum, Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy are evidenced based interventions that DVCCC uses to work with survivors of domestic violence.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, case management services were been provided to 20 families, including 39 children, and 19 individuals.
- 4 families and 2 individuals have moved into permanent housing; 7 families have left to live with family/friends; 1 individual has left for treatment.
- All of the families/individuals who moved into permanent housing have maintained housing.
- Client demographics include:
  - Individuals:
    - 7 African American/Black, 5 Caucasian, 4 Hispanic, 2 Asian, 3 Multiracial
    - 18 Female, 1 Trans Male
  - Families (head of household):
    - 4 Hispanic, 8 African American/Black, 7 Caucasian, 1 Multiracial
  - Children:
    - 10 Hispanic, 14 African American/Black, 11 Caucasian, 4 Multiracial
    - 10 male, 29 female
- 15 families/individuals moved to permanent housing
- 11 families/individuals left to live with family
- 10 families/individuals remain in shelter/transitional housing with DVCCC
- 3 individuals moved to other housing, shelter or care facilities

East Bradford Township  
Project “92021114”: Greene Countrie Basin Repairs

Funding Amount: \$129,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- Two stormwater basins in East Bradford Township are in need of extensive repairs. The basins, constructed in the 1970s, serve the Deerfield Greene development and manage an unnamed tributary to Broad Run.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist in the stormwater basin repairs.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Tasks completed in this reporting period include:
  - Wetland investigation
  - Survey and engineering work
  - Design of a new system
  - Permitting
  - Erosion control plan
- Tasks still in progress include:
  - Project management
  - Boundary survey and easement documentation
- Tasks that are planned, but not started in this reporting period:
  - Removal of 11 dead ash trees
  - Bidding and construction
- Construction is expected to begin in fall 2024

East Brandywine Fire Company

Project “92021052-1”: East Brandywine Fire Company Building Renovation

Funding Amount: \$140,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 (Prevention in Congregate Settings)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to rehabilitate the East Brandywine Fire Company’s aged building to provide a safe and collaborative environment for all volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, while also supporting and inviting the community back into the building.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds were used for the following:
  - Perimeter and engine bay decontamination drains improvements
  - New elevator for the emergency operations centers
  - Installation of a ventilation system
  - New sprinkler system for the emergency operations centers
  - New generator for the emergency operations centers
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$512,450.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project has been completed and all outstanding bills have been paid. The community is thriving in the new station.

East Brandywine Fire Company

Project “92021052-2”: East Brandywine Fire Company Building Renovation

Funding Amount: \$372,450.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 (Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to rehabilitate the East Brandywine Fire Company’s aged building to provide a safe and collaborative environment for all volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, while also supporting and inviting the community back into the building.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds were used for the following:
  - Perimeter and engine bay decontamination drains improvements
  - New elevator for the emergency operations centers
  - Installation of a ventilation system
  - New sprinkler system for the emergency operations centers
  - New generator for the emergency operations centers
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$512,450.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project has been completed and all outstanding bills have been paid. The community is thriving in the new station.

Family Service of Chester County

Project “92021064”: Counseling for Low-Income Clients

Funding Amount: \$21,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- Family Service of Chester County provides counseling services on a sliding fee scale, prioritizing those who are disadvantaged and unable to access services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to subsidize the cost of counseling for those who are unable to pay for themselves.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT): CBT is a type of therapy that focuses on changing negative thoughts and behaviors that contribute to mental health problems.
- Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT): DBT is a type of therapy that is often used to treat borderline personality disorder.

- Interpersonal therapy (IPT): IPT is a type of therapy that focuses on improving communication and relationship skills to help patients cope with emotional problems. It has been found to be effective in treating depression and other mood disorders.
- Mindfulness-based interventions: These interventions involve practicing mindfulness techniques, such as meditation and deep breathing exercises, to help patients manage stress, anxiety, and depression.

Performance Report:

- Family Service of Chester County has seen approximately 810 clients in the counseling program.
- 90% of clients who attended 4 or more sessions increased functioning level as recorded through a periodic self-assessment report, as well as a closing assessment. This exceeded the target of 80%.
- 86% of clients who attended 4 or more sessions met some or all goals identified on their personalized treatment plans. This exceeded the target of 75%.

Fighting Back Scholarship Program Inc.

Project "92021098": Fighting Forward (After COVID-19)

Funding Amount: \$86,060.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The Fighting Back Scholarship Program was started in 1989 to assist individuals who are recovering from a life changing injury, illness, or disability and are without the finances necessary to participate in a post rehabilitative exercise program.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to increase awareness of the program through outreach and increase scholarships to serve the needs of disabled Chester County residents.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Fighting Back uses the following evidence-based practices in their work:
  - Cardiac/aerobic exercises increases the physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being of individuals with disabilities
  - Regular participation in community-based activities increases the quality of life of people living with disabilities

Performance Report:

- 100% of scholarship slots have been filled and 107 hours of training were provided
- Demographics include:
  - 4 female, 6 male
  - 8 Caucasian, 1 Biracial
  - All have disabilities including brain injury, dementia, amputation, and other health-related conditions/disabilities
- All scholarship awardees were determined to have financial need for scholarship, with 5 receiving medical assistance

First United Methodist Church

Project “92021062”: The Kitchen Ministry

Funding Amount: \$10,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to address food insecurity in the Phoenixville Borough and surrounding areas.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase food for the Ministry’s meal program.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Metrics demonstrate that the programs are robust historically and experiencing growth. Recent SNAP income qualification reductions suggest that the program will continue to grow due to need and inflation.

Performance Report:

- Over 1,500 meals have been served through this program.
- This project is complete.

Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children

Project “92021086”: Eviction Prevention Court Program

Funding Amount: \$2,456,762.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 (Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance)

Project Overview:

- Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children’s Eviction Prevention Court Program (EPC) works within two Magisterial District Courts in Chester County (Downingtown and Coatesville) to offer legal, financial, and social support services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to aid in the expansion of this program to additional Courts in Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children anticipates serving 600 households in 2024. In this reporting period, 340 households have received assistance.
- Client demographics:
  - 83% self-report as people of color
  - 12% have been children under the age of 5
  - 3% have been senior citizen, aged 62 and above
- 91% of cases have resulted in a favorable tenant outcome with the participants maintaining housing. The remaining 9% had their eviction delayed.

- 100% of participants have received legal review/consultation, education on the eviction process, and referrals for financial and social services resources.

Good Samaritan Services

Project “92021060”: Good Samaritan Kennett Square Emergency Shelter

Funding Amount: \$75,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 (Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons)

Project Overview:

- In late 2021, Good Samaritan Services was invited to take over an existing emergency shelter program in Kennett Square, previously called “His Mission.” In June 2022, the board of His Mission officially signed over the program and property to Good Samaritan Services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to help Good Samaritan Services repair the property to bring it up to an acceptable living standard for Emergency Housing.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 53 participants have been served.
- 15% moved into permanent independent housing
- 19% moved on to Good Sam transitional housing
- 23% moved on to another shelter facility
- 43% moved out before 60 days

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County

Project “92021077”: City of Coatesville Critical Home Repairs

Funding Amount: \$500,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 (Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance)

Project Overview:

- Habitat for Humanity of Chester County’s Critical Home Repair program provides critical home repairs for low-income families.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to cover the cost of materials and labor for 100 homes in the City of Coatesville.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Nine critical home repairs have been completed, improving the health of residents by addressing nonfunctioning bathrooms, windows, doors, and dryers as well as leaks and fire hazards.

Hope Beyond Borders Inc.

Project “92021070”: Coatesville Kids to College

Funding Amount: \$30,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services)

Project Overview:

- Coatesville Kids to College (CKC) provides academic, emotional, and spiritual empowerment to low-income children and youth through full-day preschool, after-school programs for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6-week full-day summer camps.
- In response to the learning loss that has occurred due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, CKC’s services are needed now more than ever.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for staff salaries and resources for this program.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Evidence-based interventions that are proven to increase literacy and academic performance for this project include:
  - Daily reading time
  - Daily 1:1 academic tutoring in reading and math
  - Enrichment activities to improve academic and social/emotional principles

Performance Report:

- 100 students successfully participated in full-day summer camps to address educational disparity in impacted low-income households due to loss of education time to quarantining and virtual learning.

Housing Authority of Chester County

Project “92021054”: HACC Roof & Window Replacement

Funding Amount: \$881,00.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 (Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing)

Project Overview:

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to address deferred building maintenance so that HACC can continue providing much-needed community service to those disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Construction is 75% complete and running ahead of schedule.

Housing Partnership of Chester County

Project “92021088”: Bilingual Housing Counselor

Funding Amount: \$344,225.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 (Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to provide bilingual housing counseling to assist low- and moderate-income families affected by COVID-19.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire a full-time bilingual housing counselor.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- HPCC follows guidelines and practices as articulated by HUD and PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Financial Agency).

Performance Report:

- The bilingual housing counselor was hired on April 17, 2023.
- The counselor is providing housing assistance and budgeting and credit counseling to clients.

Juniper Advisory

Project “92021004”: Hospital Advisory

Funding Amount: \$76,477.02

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Chester County recently had two hospitals close. These closures have resulted in a loss of crucial healthcare support to the residents of Chester County.
- Juniper Advisory was contracted to provide consulting services to evaluate potential options for the provision of acute care, emergent, and behavioral health services in Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project resulted in securing an operator for both the Jennersville and Brandywine hospitals.

Kacie’s Cause

Project “92021053”: Spread Awareness, Education, Resources & Saving Lives

Funding Amount: \$45,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 (Substance Use Services)

Project Overview:

- Kacie’s Cause provide funding scholarships to assist individuals recovering from substance abuse with rent in the early weeks of recovery house residency.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide Recovery House scholarships and three local high school scholarships of \$1,000 each to a Senior who is active in substance use prevention activities.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 518 applications were received and reviewed, 316 were funded.

Kennett Area Community Service

Project “92021044”: Kennett Food Cupboard Rehab

Funding Amount: \$49,754.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The goal of this project is to make the Kennett Food Cupboard a safe, secure facility and rehabilitate the Food Cupboard that suffered physical damage from the drastic increase in visits due to the COVID pandemic.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Repairs have been completed for the Food Cupboard.

Kennett Area Community Service

Project “92021045”: KACS Resource Center Renovations

Funding Amount: \$166,732.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The current quarters for the Kennett Area Community Service’s Emergency Assistance Program is unsuitable for the confidential and private nature of the work.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to renovate a basement to provide reasonable and adequate office and private consulting space for the Emergency Assistance Program.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Renovations have been completed for the Resource Center.

Kennett Area Community Service

Project “92021046”: Kennett Square Food Cupboard

Funding Amount: \$167,792.50

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- The immediate- and after-effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis have caused many families to become food insecure, some for the first time. Kennett Area Community Service (KACS) provides these families with shelf-stable staples and health fresh produce options.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase food that will be distributed in the Kennett Square area.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, the Kennett Square Food Cupboard (KSFC) received almost 11,000 visits from over 2,000 families.
- Based on visitor self-reporting, demographics include:
  - 2,851 male, 2,914 female, 10 did not disclose gender
  - 88% Latinx, 8% Caucasian, 3% Black, 1% did not disclose race

Keystone Valley Fire Department

Project “92021117-1”: KVFD Fire and EMS Services Enhancement Project

Funding Amount: \$61,600.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.9 (COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits)

Project Overview:

- Like many emergency responders, Keystone Valley Fire Department (KVFD) saw an increase in EMS call volume between 2019 and 2021 that stressed available resources, resulting in staff turnover and a greater use of mutual aid resources.
- This project has three primary objectives:
  - Supplement the current funding base to identify, recruit, and retain qualified EMS practitioners.
  - Expand current services by providing additional funding to staff a second ambulance.
  - Replace KVFD cash flows lost due to the effects of COVID-19.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$184,800.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, KVFD responded to approximately 1,720 calls, an increase of 6% over last year's corresponding period.
- As a result of salary adjustments, KVFD has not seen any staff turnover in critical leadership positions.

Keystone Valley Fire Department

Project "92021117-2": KVFD Fire and EMS Services Enhancement Project

Funding Amount: \$61,600.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 (Other Public Health Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many emergency responders, Keystone Valley Fire Department (KVFD) saw an increase in EMS call volume between 2019 and 2021 that stressed available resources, resulting in staff turnover and a greater use of mutual aid resources.
- This project has three primary objectives:
  - Supplement the current funding base to identify, recruit, and retain qualified EMS practitioners.
  - Expand current services by providing additional funding to staff a second ambulance.
  - Replace KVFD cash flows lost due to the effects of COVID-19.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$184,800.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, KVFD responded to 1,720 calls, an increase of 6% over last year's corresponding period.
- As a result of salary adjustments, KVFD has not seen any staff turnover in critical leadership positions.

Keystone Valley Fire Department

Project "92021117-3": KVFD Fire and EMS Services Enhancement Project

Funding Amount: \$61,600.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- Like many emergency responders, Keystone Valley Fire Department (KVFD) saw an increase in EMS call volume between 2019 and 2021 that stressed available resources, resulting in staff turnover and a greater use of mutual aid resources.
- This project has three primary objectives:
  - Supplement the current funding base to identify, recruit, and retain qualified EMS practitioners.
  - Expand current services by providing additional funding to staff a second ambulance.

- Replace KVFD cash flows lost due to the effects of COVID-19.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$184,800.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, KVFD responded to 1,720 calls, an increase of 6% over last year's corresponding period.
- As a result of salary adjustments, KVFD has not seen any staff turnover in critical leadership positions.

Liberty Housing LLC

Project "92021080": Liberty House Preservation

Funding Amount: \$1,587,022.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to rehabilitate the Liberty House, a low-income, homeless, and mentally/physically disabled residence originally converted from a WWII hospital in 1995.
- The Chester County Department of Community Development is overseeing this project.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for construction hard costs of rehabilitation.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- All funding has been approved and expended for eligible rehab costs.

Malvern Borough

Project "92021119": Old Lincoln Highway Stormwater Improvement Project/North Warren Ave.

Streambank Stabilization Project

Funding Amount: \$725,100.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- This project includes two stormwater improvement projects in Malvern Borough.
- Old Lincoln Highway is used by approximately 10,000 vehicles per day. It was built in the early 1900s and needs drainage remediation.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the installation of new subsurface storm sewers and facilities to capture and convey the stormwater safely downstream.

- North Warren Avenue is parallel to an unnamed tributary to Little Valley Creek that is experiencing severe erosion due to excess rain events in the past decade.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with an approximately 700-foot-long streambank stabilization project to decrease erosion.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Old Lincoln Highway:
  - The Malvern engineer has completed preliminary designs and construction cost estimates.
- North Warren:
  - Malvern Borough is in the bidding process to solicit a qualified contractor for this project.

Mighty Writers

Project “92021083”: Mighty Writers Southern Chester County

Funding Amount: \$230,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services)

Project Overview:

- Mighty Writers is the only nonprofit in the region that provides free, high-quality, bilingual, and culturally oriented out-of-school time writing programs to kids aged 3-17 directly in the neighborhoods where they live and go to school.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support Mighty Writers programming in Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- MW’s curriculum is designed using evidence-based best practices for writing and after-school programs that align with Pennsylvania Core Standard Alignments for English Language Arts (ELA), Career Ready Skills Continuum, Grades K-12 with the inclusion of Social and Emotional Learning, and Arts and Humanities. MW approaches bilingual education from a strengths-based perspective.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, Mighty Writers served 450 kids and youth aged 3-17 including:
  - Over 600 hours of direct instruction
  - Over 30 workshops
  - 50 teens completed the Mighty Muchachos (teen scholar) program
- Annual report outcomes based on program evaluation include:
  - Academic outcomes:
    - 75% of the students said, “Because of MW, I enjoy writing more.”
    - 80% of the students said, “Because of MW, my writing has improved.”
    - 95% of the students said that they will be back for another MW program

- Teen outcomes:
  - 60% of teens updated their resume in the past year.
  - 60% of teens participated in a college or job fair.
- Bilingual Outcomes:
  - 90% of the bilingual participants said, “Being bilingual is important and special.”
  - 85% of the bilingual participants said, “MW supports my bilingual identity.”
  - 85% of the bilingual participants said, “Because of MW, I know more about my culture.”
  - 70% of the bilingual participants said, “Because of MW, my writing in Spanish has improved.”
- Mentorship outcomes:
  - 95% of the MW mentees said that their mentorship was valuable.
  - 91% of the MW mentees said that they felt supported.
- Social and emotional learning outcomes:
  - 80% of our students said, “Because of the Mighty Writers program, my confidence and self-esteem have improved.”
  - 80% of the students said, “Because of the Mighty Writers program, my ability to be kind to myself has improved.”

Mitzvah Circle Foundation

Project “92021087”: Critical Needs for Healthy Families

Funding Amount: \$75,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 (Economic Impact Assistance: Other)

Project Overview:

- Mitzvah Circle Foundation provides individualized material support to individuals and families dealing with crises, poverty, homelessness, and serious illness.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to acquire needed critical supplies for Mitzvah Circle Foundation’s clients.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Mitzvah Circle Foundation has served over 12,000 individuals, including over 3,100 families.
- Demographic distribution includes:
  - 4,772 African American/Black, 6,531 Caucasian, 376 Native American, 376 Asian, 4,646 Hispanic, 2,261 Other Race
  - 7,284 female, 5,275 male
  - 6,028 under the age of 18, 6,531 aged 19+

Movement Community Development Corporation

Project “92021071”: Credit Restoration

Funding Amount: \$164,960.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.7 (Household Assistance: Services for Un/Unbanked)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to assist community members with building and improving their credit profile through credit education and restoration services, as well as credit monitoring services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to subsidize services for 240 Chester County citizens.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- All 240 participants have completed the program.

Norco Fire Company

Project "92021112": Fundraising Support

Funding Amount: \$125,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- Like many nonprofit organizations, Norco Fire Company lost significant fundraising opportunities during the COVID-19 public health crisis. This loss in funding poses a threat to Norco Fire Company's continuation of safe and effective services.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to make repairs to the engine room floor, including upgrading the drainage system. If needed, these funds will also help cover any funding gap in replacing the Company's utility vehicle.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, funds have been used for the following projects:
  - Installation of a drainage system under the engine room floor
  - Purchase of computer workstations
  - Purchase of battery-operated hydraulic rescue tools

Octorara Area School District

Project "92021113": Octorara Homeland Security and Protective Services Academy Modular

Funding Amount: \$500,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to purchase and install a three-classroom modular structure and the appropriate required infrastructure to facilitate classroom education.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to cover construction, delivery, set-up, and infrastructure modifications to provide water, electric, sewer and internet capabilities.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Construction has begun and install is expected in August 2024.
- Stormwater management plans are in development (requested by the Borough of South Coatesville)

Once Upon a Premie Inc.

Project "92021094": Once Upon a Premie Academy Chester County: Leading Health and Racial Equality Training and Parent Empowerment Solutions for Black Premie Families

Funding Amount: \$100,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 (Other Public Health Services)

Project Overview:

- Once Upon a Premie (OUAP) provides virtual training focused on delivering health and racial equity educational programs for perinatal and neonatal healthcare professionals.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to subsidize 150 OUAP e-learning training courses to Chester County healthcare professionals.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- According to the 2019 March of Dimes Report Card, the United States premature birth rate is 10%, and this rate increased four years consecutively. In addition, the preterm birth rate in African American women is reported 49% higher than all other women.
- Research studies also suggest that African American women and babies in healthcare settings (including the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) experience higher rates of implicit bias from the clinical care team if they are not culturally congruent.
- Closing these health and racial gaps in healthcare and in the NICU requires implicit bias training as a first step to transform organizational culture and improve quality of care delivered to African American babies.

Performance Report:

- The program is complete.
- All 150 pre-paid codes for the program have been disseminated to healthcare professionals
- An estimated 2,800 families are served annually from the institutions that were enrolled in the training program, approximately 10% of which are Black NICU families.

Oxford Arts Alliance

Project “92021065”: Social Spacing Galleries Project

Funding Amount: \$9,400.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.9 (COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits)

Project Overview:

- Public apprehension around visiting confined spaces due to the pandemic has severely impacted the Oxford Arts Alliance’s programming and visitation capabilities.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to open the space separating the galleries from the academy to provide a larger, socially distanced, and unconfined space.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Since the creation of this space, Oxford Arts Alliance is already seeing more traffic to the area.
- The Alliance’s June 2023 “First Friday” event clocked 309 visitors, a significant increase from previous counts which averaged approximately 100-150 visitors.
- The creation of the space has also improved wheelchair accessibility to the Emerging Artis Gallery, which was previously inaccessible for this demographic.

Oxford Library Company

Project “92021047”: Enhancing and Restoring Library Service

Funding Amount: \$6,200.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County’s libraries, Oxford Library Company experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase picnic tables to increase the library’s outdoor programming space and to increase the library’s eAudiobooks, STEM kits, and Spanish language children’s books collections.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The picnic tables are well used, especially in good weather months. They are in excellent shape and have an expected useful lifetime of 10+ years.
- The library has purchased the following:
  - 16 eAudiobooks
  - 8 STEM Kits

- 30 Spanish language children’s books
- Since their purchase, the eAudiobooks have been checked out 1,000 times.
- The STEM Kits have seen a 47% increase in usage I the past 12 months. Families report enjoying using them and have requested them for more than one loan period. They continue to be in good shape and suitable for borrowing.
- The children Spanish language items had a 33% increase in this period compared to the previous period. The adult Spanish language items had a 38% increase in the same time comparison. Based on demand, the library intends to continue to invest in growing this collection.

Parkesburg POINT

Project “92021063”: The POINT’s Coming Out of COVID-19 Staff Expansion Project

Funding Amount: \$150,669.01

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- In response to the detrimental impact the pandemic has had on students’ physical, academic, social, and mental health, Parkesburg POINT (THE POINT) launched this project to provide increased academic, social, and recreational activities for over 500 students.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to hire the following positions:
  - Part-time Athletic Director
  - Part-time E-Sports Coordinator
  - Part-time Crisis Coordinator/Office Manager
  - Full-time Academic Coordinator

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The hiring of a PT Esports Coordinator was critical to help draw more students back to THE POINT, many of whom had been isolated at home for 1+ years. According to the PEW Research Center, 97% of teen boys and 83% of teen girls play video games.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, according to The National School Boards Association (NSBA), “Participating in esports can help students thrive academically and socially. While skills such as teamwork, cooperation, and dedication are common to all sports, competitive gaming also has some unique benefits... Esports can also increase engagement with peers and reach students that may have been left behind. In fact, 80% of students who play in high school esports have never participated in an extracurricular activity. Unlike other school-sponsored extracurricular activities, esports crosses gender, economic, and racial boundaries... The love of video games not only unites students from diverse backgrounds, but also teaches them to work together.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Anderson, M., & Jiang, J. (2018, May 31). Teens, Social Media & Technology 2018. Pew Research Center. Retrieved from <https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2018/05/31/teens-social-media-technology-2018/>

<sup>8</sup> National School Boards Association. (2020, February). Esports: The Next Frontier for High School Athletics. American School Board Journal. Retrieved from <https://www.nsba.org/ASBJ/2020/February/esports>

- The hiring of a FT Academic Coordinator was important to help students recover from learning loss because of the pandemic. THE CDC states that, “Reduced access to in-person learning is associated with poorer learning outcomes and adverse mental health and behavioral effects in children.”<sup>9</sup>

Performance Report:

- 698 youth from grades 2nd- 12th were served via core programs.
  - Gender: 47% of students were Female, 49% Male, 4% Unknown
  - Ethnicity: 3% of students were Latino, 26% Caucasian, 15% African American/Black, 10% Multi-Racial, 1% Other, 45% Unknown
- 275 youth participated in academic enrichment activities at THE POINT
- 29 youth received individualized academic support from THE POINT
  - Gender: 48% Female, 52% Male
- 4 youth received individual counseling
  - Gender: 75% Male, 25% Female
- 67 families received crisis support from THE POINT
- 698 youth engaged in social and recreational activities at THE POINT
  - Gender: 47% Female, 49% Male, 4% Unknown
- 162 youth participated in E-Sports at THE POINT
- 5,864 youth were impacted via community outreach via POINT presentations and outreach at Octorara and Coatesville Area School Districts, Concern, Service Trips and via Sports tournaments and clinics facilitated by THE POINT

Penn Township

Project “92021107”: Southern Chester County Emergency Services Center to House Medic 94  
Funding Amount: \$850,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 (Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses)

Project Overview:

- The closure of the Jennersville Hospital, located in Penn Township, left Medic 94 without a home. Penn Township is temporarily housing Medic 94 within the Township building, but a permanent housing solution must be purchased to ensure the health and safety of the public during advanced medical emergencies.
- Penn Township is undertaking the construction of a 3,500 sq. ft. pole barn type building with adequate space to permanently house Medic 94.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the construction of this new facility.

Use of Evidence:

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<sup>9</sup> Oster, E., Jack, R., Halloran, C., et al. (2021). Disparities in learning mode access among K–12 students during the COVID-19 pandemic, by race/ethnicity, geography, and grade level—United States, September 2020–April 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep, 70(26), 953–958.  
 doi:10.15585/mmwr.mm7026e2

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Indoor framing is complete.
- The following projects are in progress:
  - Parking lot and lighting
  - Electric conduit
  - Plumbing
  - Sprinkler system
  - Site grading

Phoenixville Area Community Services Inc.

Project “92021061”: PACS Infrastructure Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$428,743.48

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to make the Phoenixville Area Community Service (PACS) building more accessible and food distribution more efficient.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for general conditions, special construction, a generator, and construction management.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, PACS served an estimated 139,000 people.
- Demographics include: 57% Non-Hispanic, 30% Hispanic, 12% African American/Black, and 1% Asian.

Phoenixville Public Library

Project “92021102”: Phoenixville Public Library Access to eMaterials

Funding Amount: \$30,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County’s libraries, Phoenixville Public Library experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase eMaterials.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, 168 titles were purchased.
- New titles have been checked out almost 4,700 times.

Phoenixville Women’s Outreach

Project “92021091”: The House – Transitional Housing

Funding Amount: \$25,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 (Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons)

Project Overview:

- In 2015, Phoenixville Women’s Outreach established the first transitional housing program for women in the Phoenixville area, known as The House.
- The House provides a fully furnished living space and programming for six women at a time.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to fund five months of programming at The House covering the months of July through November in 2023.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In the reporting period, Phoenixville Women’s Outreach provided a safe home for 6 single women. All came from homelessness or housing insecurity.
- Demographics include:
  - Ages between 25-62
  - 16% Hispanic, 16% Black, 68% White
  - 2 low-income
  - 3 experiencing unemployment

Pocopson Nursing and Rehabilitation Home

Project “Pocopson”: Pocopson Nursing and Rehabilitation Home

Funding Amount: \$3,693,353.05

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- This allocation was provided to the Pocopson Nursing and Rehabilitation Home to make up for revenue shortfall in 2022.
- Pocopson Nursing Home opened in 1951 and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide services for up to 275 residents. Every resident receives high quality medical and nursing care in a dignified and pleasant environment.
- Pocopson Nursing Home is an enterprise business-type fund. The County charges fees directly, or through third party billing, to help cover the cost of the nursing home.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- This funding was transferred to Pocopson Home's fund in December 2022.
- Pocopson Nursing Home budgets for 200 residents, however the actual for 2022 was 165.6 residents.

### Quest Therapeutic Services

Project "92021099": Equine-Assisted Physical & Occupational Therapy Program for Children with Special Needs

Funding Amount: \$80,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services)

### Project Overview:

- Quest Therapeutic Services provides equine assisted physical and occupational therapy (hippotherapy) for children with special needs.
- Approximately two-thirds of Quest Therapeutic's clients rely on medical assistance. Unfortunately, insurance reimbursement is often low in comparison to the actual cost of service.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to help Quest Therapeutic Services fund the gap between insurance reimbursement and the actual cost of care.

### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Sensory Integration Therapy: Sensory integration therapy is an evidence-based approach that focuses on helping children with sensory processing difficulties. It involves structured activities that provide sensory input to help children regulate their responses to sensory stimuli and improve their sensory integration skills.<sup>10</sup>
- Neurodevelopmental Treatment (NDT): NDT is an evidence-based approach used in pediatric therapy to address motor control and movement difficulties. It focuses on improving posture, movement, and functional abilities through guided handling techniques and specific therapeutic exercises.<sup>11</sup>

### Performance Report:

- Quest Therapeutic Services has provided nearly 5,000 sessions in total using these funds.
- 98% of discharged clients met or exceeded their goals.
- 99% of parents surveyed indicated that they were fully satisfied with the programming their child received.

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<sup>10</sup> "Effectiveness of Sensory Integration Therapy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis" Baranek, Grace T.; Foster, Laura G.; Berkowitz, Elizabeth S.; Taha, Mohammad B., Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders

<sup>11</sup> "The Effects of Neurodevelopmental Treatment vs. Bobath Concept on Postural Control and Upper Extremity Function in Children with Cerebral Palsy" Park, Ji-Hyuk; Kim, Myoung-Kwon, Journal of Physical Therapy Science

- 100% of physical and occupational therapists completed 10+ hours of continuing education in 2023.

Ridge Fire Company No. 1

Project “92021115-1”: Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$11,998.33

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 (Prevention in Congregate Settings)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to improve the health and safety of volunteer emergency responders and community guests through building and facility improvements.
- Improvements include expansion of the main hall entrance area and installation of proper PPE cleaning equipment.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the cost of these building renovations.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$35,955.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project is complete.

Ridge Fire Company No. 1

Project “92021115 -2”: Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$11,998.33

Project Expenditure Category: 1.5 (Personal Protective Equipment)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to improve the health and safety of volunteer emergency responders and community guests through building and facility improvements.
- Improvements include expansion of the main hall entrance area and installation of proper PPE cleaning equipment.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the cost of these building renovations.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$35,955.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project is complete.

Ridge Fire Company No. 1

Project “92021115-3”: Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$11,998.33

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to improve the health and safety of volunteer emergency responders and community guests through building and facility improvements.
- Improvements include expansion of the main hall entrance area and installation of proper PPE cleaning equipment.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the cost of these building renovations.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$35,955.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project is complete.

RSVP Volunteers

Project “92021092”: RSVP’s Digital Technology Training for Vulnerable Populations Expansion across Chester County (Digital Skills, Equity and Inclusion)

Funding Amount: \$208,822.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.4 (Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this program is to provide digital skills to safely and knowledgably access needed services.
- The program serves vulnerable, disadvantaged, and at-risk populations across Chester County.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to help expand the program from Southern Chester County to serve all of Chester County.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Covid-19 revealed a largely unaddressed problem within disadvantaged and vulnerable communities - the lack of digital/technological skills. According to multiple researchers, lacking basic digital knowledge and skills can be compared to being illiterate in the increasingly digitized world.

Performance Report:

- Currently there are 19 nonprofit partners in Chester County with which RSVP Volunteers has formal agreements. There are over 68 trained trainers.

- 341 end users have been trained since the beginning of 2023.

#### SILO Works

Project “92021076-1”: Delivering Hope

Funding Amount: \$44,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

#### Project Overview:

- The mission of the Delivering Hope program is to ensure that no one in the Oxford community is isolated or experiencing food or housing insecurity, exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health crisis.
- SILO clients, called “friends,” are supported through relationship building, ongoing food deliveries, and emergency assistance.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist SILO’s Delivering Hope program.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$60,000.00.

#### Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

#### Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, SILO has:
  - Provided food assistance to individuals by delivering 4,453 bags of groceries and 4,171 meals
  - Ensured safe, warm and stable housing for 83 individuals by providing rental or utility assistance
  - Maintained 286 raised garden beds in the backyards of those struggling to maintain food security
  - Grew and distributed 1,327 pounds of fresh organic produce
  - Engaged 131 volunteers for an estimated total of 2,112 volunteer hours
  - Hosted over 500 visitors in the community garden
- In this reporting period, SILO has supported 2,076 unduplicated people in 655 households with food, gardening, and emergency assistance.
- SILO’s friends are: 56% Latinx, 18% Caucasian, 13% unknown, 8% African American, and 5% multi-cultural; 60% are female and 40% are male; 41% are under 17 years old, 47% are adults and 12% are seniors

#### SILO Works

Project “92021076-2”: Delivering Hope

Funding Amount: \$16,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.2 (Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid)

#### Project Overview:

- The mission of the Delivering Hope program is to ensure that no one in the Oxford community is isolated or experiencing food or housing insecurity, exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health crisis.

- SILO clients, called “friends,” are supported through relationship building, ongoing food deliveries, and emergency assistance.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist SILO’s Delivering Hope program.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$60,000.00.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, SILO has:
  - Provided food assistance to individuals by delivering 4,453 bags of groceries and 4,171 meals
  - Ensured safe, warm and stable housing for 83 individuals by providing rental or utility assistance
  - Maintained 286 raised garden beds in the backyards of those struggling to maintain food security
  - Grew and distributed 1,327 pounds of fresh organic produce
  - Engaged 131 volunteers for an estimated total of 2,112 volunteer hours
  - Hosted over 500 visitors in the community garden
- In this reporting period, SILO has supported 2,076 unduplicated people in 655 households with food, gardening, and emergency assistance.
- SILO’s friends are: 56% Latinx, 18% Caucasian, 13% unknown, 8% African American, and 5% multi-cultural; 60% are female and 40% are male; 41% are under 17 years old, 47% are adults and 12% are seniors

Soldier Sanctuary

Project “92021075”: Soldier Sanctuary Van Purchase

Funding Amount: \$50,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- Soldier Sanctuary provides free services to Chester County veterans, including transportation to events, outdoors trips, and therapy. Soldier Sanctuary also provides transportation for two retired military war dogs to the VA for patient visits.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase a 12-passenger van.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Soldier Sanctuary has purchased a 2019 Chevrolet 12-passenger van.
- The van’s inaugural trip allowed Soldier Sanctuary to transport the retired military dogs to the VA for pet therapy on Memorial Day 2023.
- In this reporting period, the use of the van has impacted over 360 veterans.

Spring City Public Library

Project “92021104”: Spring City Public Library’s Community Comeback

Funding Amount: \$10,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County’s libraries, Spring City Public Library experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase books, museum passes, and additional print and digital materials.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project was completed in 2023.

Surrey Services for Seniors Inc.

Project “92021089”: Surrey Cares

Funding Amount: \$250,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- Surrey Services for Seniors was founded in 1981 and provides in-home support services for low-income seniors.
- Surrey’s services include RN care management services, telehealth support, personal finance management, and live-in care.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to help Surrey Services for Seniors compensate for revenue lost during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- Thus far, funds have been used for the following items:
  - Pay for 56 caregivers
  - Support 23 Surrey Academy Trainees
  - Food costs
  - Fitness programs associated with the Surrey Cares project
  - Marketing costs to inform seniors about services
  - Critical IT upgrades
- During this reporting period, Surrey has served over 2,200 members and offered over 47,830 programs and services.

- Surrey has provided:
  - Over 55,000 meals both in the café and delivered to seniors in their homes
  - Nearly 8,000 rides through ChescoConnect
  - Over 1,200 rides to medical appointments through Surrey volunteers
- 337 volunteers have provided over 31,000 hours of service at the Devon Center

The Alliance for Health Equity

Project “92021066-1”: Equity Center Integrated Care Model

Funding Amount: \$557,123.44

Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 (Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators)

Project Overview:

- The mission of the Equity Center Integrated Care Model (Equity Center) is to build and pilot an integrated healthcare ecosystem to meet the needs of impoverished populations disparately impacted by COVID-19 in the City of Coatesville and contiguous townships and municipalities.
- To fulfill this mission, the Equity Center will provide multidisciplinary, high-quality healthcare and services, which were lost when the area’s only hospital closed due to the pandemic. The new services will ensure high-quality care is provided in a manner that is whole-person centered, equitable and culturally-tailored through a coordinated Community & Provider Network, utilize digital technology to remove barriers to access, reduce disparities and fulfill service gaps currently experienced by the diverse and largely impoverished surrounding community.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide program assistance.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,228,493.75.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The strategy of the Equity Health Center revolves around an integrated care model. The implementation of coordination of a health and social service provider network will help increase access, engagement, and outcomes of care. The lack of health services in zip code 19320 and Greater Coatesville can and is being addressed through increasing access points to healthcare, but several studies have shown the positive health outcomes that arise from an addition of social determinant of healthcare as well as traditional physical healthcare to the coordination of care.
- By implementing a coordinator of this network, relationships between agencies are more easily sustained and thus more effective. In bringing services to Coatesville, the Anchor Strategy helps “drive population health” by increasing these access points and creating Coatesville has a hub of services.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, approximately 800 unique individuals received services.
- Demographics include:
  - 47.2% Female, 46.7% Male, 6% Unknown

- 41.97% Black/African American, 29.58% White, 0.25% Asian, 8.24% Multi-Racial, 7.21% Hispanic, 12.64% Other/Unknown
- 20.88% Speak Spanish as their primary language
- Age distribution:
  - 7.8% 1-4
  - 49.7% 5-14
  - 14.9% 15-24
  - 1.8% 25-34
  - 2% 35-44
  - 3% 45-54
  - 1.8% 55-64
  - 3.6% 65-74
  - 1.2% 75-84
  - 0.1% 85+
  - 5.1% Unknown

The Alliance for Health Equity

Project “92021066-2”: Equity Center Integrated Care Model

Funding Amount: \$557,123.44

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services)

Project Overview:

- The mission of the Equity Center Integrated Care Model (Equity Center) is to build and pilot an integrated healthcare ecosystem to meet the needs of impoverished populations disparately impacted by COVID-19 in the City of Coatesville and contiguous townships and municipalities.
- To fulfill this mission, the Equity Center will provide multidisciplinary, high-quality healthcare and services, which were lost when the area’s only hospital closed due to the pandemic. The new services will ensure high-quality care is provided in a manner that is whole-person centered, equitable and culturally-tailored through a coordinated Community & Provider Network, utilize digital technology to remove barriers to access, reduce disparities and fulfill service gaps currently experienced by the diverse and largely impoverished surrounding community.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide program assistance.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,228,493.75.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The strategy of the Equity Health Center revolves around an integrated care model. The implementation of coordination of a health and social service provider network will help increase access, engagement, and outcomes of care. The lack of health services in zip code 19320 and Greater Coatesville can and is being addressed through increasing access points to healthcare, but several studies have shown the positive health outcomes that arise from an addition of social determinant of healthcare as well as traditional physical healthcare to the coordination of care.

- By implementing a coordinator of this network, relationships between agencies are more easily sustained and thus more effective. In bringing services to Coatesville, the Anchor Strategy helps “drive population health” by increasing these access points and creating Coatesville has a hub of services.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, approximately 800 unique individuals received services.
- Demographics include:
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    - 3% 45-54
    - 1.8% 55-64
    - 3.6% 65-74
    - 1.2% 75-84
    - 0.1% 85+
    - 5.1% Unknown

The Alliance for Health Equity

Project “92021066-3”: Equity Center Integrated Care Model

Funding Amount: \$557,123.44

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 (Economic Impact Assistance: Other)

Project Overview:

- The mission of the Equity Center Integrated Care Model (Equity Center) is to build and pilot an integrated healthcare ecosystem to meet the needs of impoverished populations disparately impacted by COVID-19 in the City of Coatesville and contiguous townships and municipalities.
- To fulfill this mission, the Equity Center will provide multidisciplinary, high-quality healthcare and services, which were lost when the area’s only hospital closed due to the pandemic. The new services will ensure high-quality care is provided in a manner that is whole-person centered, equitable and culturally-tailored through a coordinated Community & Provider Network, utilize digital technology to remove barriers to access, reduce disparities and fulfill service gaps currently experienced by the diverse and largely impoverished surrounding community.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide program assistance.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,228,493.75.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The strategy of the Equity Health Center revolves around an integrated care model. The implementation of coordination of a health and social service provider network will help increase access, engagement, and outcomes of care. The lack of health services in zip code 19320 and Greater Coatesville can and is being addressed through increasing access points to healthcare, but several studies have shown the positive health outcomes that arise from an addition of social determinant of healthcare as well as traditional physical healthcare to the coordination of care.
- By implementing a coordinator of this network, relationships between agencies are more easily sustained and thus more effective. In bringing services to Coatesville, the Anchor Strategy helps “drive population health” by increasing these access points and creating Coatesville has a hub of services.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, approximately 800 unique individuals received services.
- Demographics include:
  - 47.2% Female, 46.7% Male, 6% Unknown
  - 41.97% Black/African American, 29.58% White, 0.25% Asian, 8.24% Multi-Racial, 7.21% Hispanic, 12.64% Other/Unknown
  - 20.88% Speak Spanish as their primary language
  - Age distribution:
    - 7.8% 1-4
    - 49.7% 5-14
    - 14.9% 15-24
    - 1.8% 25-34
    - 2% 35-44
    - 3% 45-54
    - 1.8% 55-64
    - 3.6% 65-74
    - 1.2% 75-84
    - 0.1% 85+
    - 5.1% Unknown

The Alliance for Health Equity

Project “92021066-4”: Equity Center Integrated Care Model

Funding Amount: \$557,123.44

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- The mission of the Equity Center Integrated Care Model (Equity Center) is to build and pilot an integrated healthcare ecosystem to meet the needs of impoverished populations disparately impacted by COVID-19 in the City of Coatesville and contiguous townships and municipalities.
- To fulfill this mission, the Equity Center will provide multidisciplinary, high-quality healthcare and services, which were lost when the area’s only hospital closed due to the pandemic. The new services will ensure high-quality care is provided in a manner that is whole-person centered, equitable and culturally-tailored through a coordinated

Community & Provider Network, utilize digital technology to remove barriers to access, reduce disparities and fulfill service gaps currently experienced by the diverse and largely impoverished surrounding community.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to provide program assistance.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$2,228,493.75.

#### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The strategy of the Equity Health Center revolves around an integrated care model. The implementation of coordination of a health and social service provider network will help increase access, engagement, and outcomes of care. The lack of health services in zip code 19320 and Greater Coatesville can and is being addressed through increasing access points to healthcare, but several studies have shown the positive health outcomes that arise from an addition of social determinant of healthcare as well as traditional physical healthcare to the coordination of care.
- By implementing a coordinator of this network, relationships between agencies are more easily sustained and thus more effective. In bringing services to Coatesville, the Anchor Strategy helps “drive population health” by increasing these access points and creating Coatesville has a hub of services.

#### Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, approximately 800 unique individuals received services.
- Demographics include:
  - 47.2% Female, 46.7% Male, 6% Unknown
  - 41.97% Black/African American, 29.58% White, 0.25% Asian, 8.24% Multi-Racial, 7.21% Hispanic, 12.64% Other/Unknown
  - 20.88% Speak Spanish as their primary language
  - Age distribution:
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    - 49.7% 5-14
    - 14.9% 15-24
    - 1.8% 25-34
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    - 3% 45-54
    - 1.8% 55-64
    - 3.6% 65-74
    - 1.2% 75-84
    - 0.1% 85+
    - 5.1% Unknown

The Clinic

Project “92021059”: Phoenix Community Behavioral Health Program

Funding Amount: \$576,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

#### Project Overview:

- The Clinic is a nonprofit free clinic in Phoenixville Borough that provides medical care to uninsured residents.
- One of The Clinic’s programs provides ongoing mental and behavioral health services to at-risk community members to promote overall wellness and preempt mental health crisis situations.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to aid this program.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- Industry-standard practices will be used to provide psychotherapy techniques to clients, including cognitive behavioral therapy, culturally-appropriate and trauma-informed therapy, mindfulness practices, behavioral charting, and more.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, 164 unique patients were provided with behavioral healthcare for a total of 730 behavioral health visits.
- Demographics include:
  - 63% Female, 37% Male
  - 45.6% Hispanic/Latino
  - Age distribution:
    - 10% Under 18
    - 29% 19-34
    - 28% 35-45
    - 30% 46-64
    - 3% Over 65

The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania

Project “92021100-1”: The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Peer Support Expansion Initiative

Funding Amount: \$134,653.67

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 (Mental Health Services)

Project Overview:

- The goal of the Peer Support Expansion Initiative (PSEI) program is to develop a ready, willing, able, and culturally diverse workforce to meet growing peer support employment needs of Chester County by developing high quality education, training, internships and post-employment professional development and support strategies.
- All participants meet criteria for sustained recovery from mental illness, substance use, and/or co-occurring mental health/substance use issue.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to increase the program’s capacity.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$403,961.00.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The Pennsylvania Certification Board has established training requirements for certification.

- The Certified Peer Specialist credential is for individuals with personal, lived experience in their own mental health recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process based on their own experience, peer specialists are able to provide a unique perspective while providing peer support services. This credential is for persons with serious mental health or co-occurring (mental health & substance use disorder) lived experience. Formal certification through PCB is necessary to provide Medicaid billable peer support services. There are 75-hours of mandatory peer specialist training. Trainings are acceptable from one of the authorized training vendors.
- The Certified Recovery Specialist credential is for individuals with personal, lived experience in their own substance use disorder recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process based on their own experience, recovery specialists are able to provide a unique perspective while providing recovery support services. The training consists of 78 instructional hours; including 66 in class hours and 12 hours of homework. Trainings are acceptable from approved training vendors.

Performance Report:

- The first cohort graduated 14 participants, of which 12 have completed their field placement requirements.
- 27 students are currently enrolled for the upcoming fall 2024 cohort.

The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania

Project “92021100-2”: The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Peer Support Expansion Initiative

Funding Amount: \$134,653.67

Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 (Substance Use Services)

Project Overview:

- The goal of the Peer Support Expansion Initiative (PSEI) program is to develop a ready, willing, able, and culturally diverse workforce to meet growing peer support employment needs of Chester County by developing high quality education, training, internships and post-employment professional development and support strategies.
- All participants meet criteria for sustained recovery from mental illness, substance use, and/or co-occurring mental health/substance use issue.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to increase the program’s capacity.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$403,961.00.

Use of Evidence:

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#### Performance Report:

- The first cohort graduated 14 participants, of which 12 have completed their field placement requirements.
- 27 students are currently enrolled for the upcoming fall 2024 cohort.

The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania

Project “92021100-3”: The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Peer Support Expansion Initiative  
Funding Amount: \$134,653.67

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 (Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers)

#### Project Overview:

- The goal of the Peer Support Expansion Initiative (PSEI) program is to develop a ready, willing, able, and culturally diverse workforce to meet growing peer support employment needs of Chester County by developing high quality education, training, internships and post-employment professional development and support strategies.
- All participants meet criteria for sustained recovery from mental illness, substance use, and/or co-occurring mental health/substance use issue.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to increase the program’s capacity.
- The total award for this project, including all Project Expenditure Categories, is \$403,961.00.

#### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- The Pennsylvania Certification Board has established training requirements for certification.
- The Certified Peer Specialist credential is for individuals with personal, lived experience in their own mental health recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process based on their own experience, peer specialists are able to provide a unique perspective while providing peer support services. This credential is for persons with serious mental health or co-occurring (mental health & substance use disorder) lived experience. Formal certification through PCB is necessary to provide Medicaid billable peer support services. There are 75-hours of mandatory peer specialist training. Trainings are acceptable from one of the authorized training vendors.
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consists of 78 instructional hours; including 66 in class hours and 12 hours of homework. Trainings are acceptable from approved training vendors.

Performance Report:

- The first cohort graduated 14 participants, of which 12 have completed their field placement requirements.
- 27 students are currently enrolled for the upcoming fall 2024 cohort.

The Downingtown Library

Project “92021073”: Renewing reeds: Updating & Building the Downingtown Library Youth Non-Fiction Collections

Funding Amount: \$24,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County’s libraries, The Downingtown Library experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase books.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 487 library books have been purchased in the three core areas of mental health (31), social and cultural diversity (283), and STEAM (173).
- In this reporting period, these books have been circulated over 1,800 times.

Tick Tock Early Learning Center

Project “92021116”: Subsidized Early Childhood Education and Care

Funding Amount: \$250,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.14 (Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning)

Project Overview:

- Tick Tock Early Learning Center has been providing high-quality, educational childcare in Southern Chester County for 58 years.
- Like many childcare providers, Tick Tock has struggled with the effects of a diminishing labor force and an increase in the cost of employing and retaining high quality childcare professionals.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to employ childcare professionals at higher salaries than pre-pandemic wages.

Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.

- Studies have proven the positive effect of high-quality early childhood education on young learners and the return on investment it provides to our economy in the long run. Additionally, childcare workers continue to be the workforce behind the workforce. Lack of accessible and affordable childcare is hampering the ability for businesses to hire because potential workers can either not find or cannot afford childcare.
- According to a recent study published by Ready Nation Pennsylvania, this impact to the workforce is negatively impacting Pennsylvania’s economy, costing working families, employers, and the state of Pennsylvania, 6.65 billion in losses each year – a number that has more than doubled since 2018.

Performance Report:

- Wage increases have been implemented and 100% of the grant funding has been expended.
- Children served in this reporting period include:
  - 41 Toddlers; 54 Preschoolers; 49 School-Aged Children
  - Ethnicity: 84% Hispanic; 14% White, 2% Black

Tredyffrin Township

Project “92021122”: Gregory Lane Stormwater Management Project – Phase I

Funding Amount: \$313,150.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to reduce flooding impacts seen to public infrastructure and private properties in the Gregory Lane area.
- The Gregory Lane stormwater management area is located upstream of the Jenkins Arboretum property in Berwyn, in the headwaters of the Trout Creek watershed.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with this stormwater management project.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project has begun. The anticipated initiation of operations date is October 2025.

Tredyffrin Township Public Library

Project “92021103”: E-Materials Purchasing

Funding Amount: \$12,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Like many of Chester County’s libraries, Tredyffrin Township Public Library experienced a reduction in activity and revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. In response, the library is expanding its programming capabilities to account for more

programming that would be accessible should there be a resurgence of Covid or another virus.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase eMaterials.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- 95 titles were purchased. 14 were e-books and the remainder were audiobooks.

Union Fire Company #1 Ambulance Division

Project “92021109”: Replacement of Ambulance

Funding Amount: \$120,895.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 (Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses)

Project Overview:

- Union Fire Company is in much need of a new front-line ambulance. The asset was ordered in June 2021, but has seen significant delays due to supply chain issues and work force challenges associated with its production.
- The ambulance will serve the residents and visitors of six Chester County municipalities in Southern Chester County.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds will be used to purchase the ambulance.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The ambulance has been purchased and this project is complete.
- This vehicle serves 6 municipalities and 42 EMS employees.
- In 2023, this unit responded to 1,118 calls.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps

Project “92021078”: Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine, An Emerging Model for Community Care Coordination

Funding Amount: \$550,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Uwchlan Ambulance Corps (UAC) is laying the framework for a Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine Program (MIH-CP). The mission of this program is to bring healthcare into the home of the patient to increase the support, care, and education they receive.
- This service will close the unseen gaps between hospitals, physicians, and the long-term needs of marginalized and medically compromised community members that often result in frequent calls for paramedic service in cases where the service may not be needed.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to support the implementation of the program.

Use of Evidence:

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) — serves a range of patients in the out of hospital setting by providing 24/7 needs-based at-home integrated acute care, chronic care and prevention services.

Performance Report:

- After a successful first year, Chester County has agreed to continue funding this program through the full awarded funding amount.
- Partnerships have been made with:
  - Holisticare Hospice
  - Exton Senior Living
- Partnerships are in development with:
  - Uber Health to assist with transportation issues
  - AmeriHealth-Keystone First Medicaid Funding
  - Chester County Department of Aging
  - Accelerate, Arbor Terrace Exton, and Arbor Terrace Willistown

Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

Project “92021118”: Stormwater Management in Upper Crabby Creek

Funding Amount: \$75,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 (Clean Water: Stormwater)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to better manage stormwater from residential neighborhoods into the Crabby Creek watershed, located in Tredyffrin Township. This includes more infiltration and detention of stormwater.
- The affected neighborhoods were built in the 1950s and 1960s and were not subject to today’s high stormwater codes. The result of under-controlled stormwater discharges has been a widening and deepening of Crabby Creek.
- Crabby Creek once held a population of Brook Trout that disappeared after Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Valley Forge Trout Unlimited plans to reintroduce Brook Trout to Crabby Creek after the installation of infiltration trenches.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with this project.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The project is scheduled to begin August 2024.

Valley Youth House

Project “92021110”: Chester County Supervised Independent Living

Funding Amount: \$56,578.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

Project Overview:

- The Valley Youth House’s Chester County Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program provides housing and supportive services to approximately 40 unstably housed youth or young adults in system care (foster care or juvenile justice system) each year. Clients receive housing and case management until they are prepared to exit to stable housing.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with pay scale increases in the agency’s Chester County SIL program.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, 23 clients were served and 13 exited services.
- This project is complete.
- Demographic distribution includes:
  - 85% Female, 10% Male, 5% Nonbinary
  - 41% Caucasian, 31% Black/African American, 18% Hispanic/Latino, 5% Multiracial, 5% Other

W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Service Center Inc.

Project “92021095”: Supportive Permanent Housing, Community Beautification, and Industry Development

Funding Amount: \$914,600.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 (Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing)

Project Overview:

- The mission of this project is to develop three Supportive Homes to facilitate the transition of men from a congregate shelter to shared housing.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase and rehabilitate three properties.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The first property has been completed.

West Chester Food Cupboard

Project “92021081”: West Grove Weekly Food Distribution

Funding Amount: \$200,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 (Household Assistance: Food Programs)

Project Overview:

- West Chester Food Cupboard served up to 450 families per week, providing essential food items that include fresh meat and produce, as well as nonperishable items.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to purchase food for distribution.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- West Chester Food Cupboard maintains a service of providing essential food items to 450 families per week.
- This project is complete.

West Grove Fire Company

Project “92021108”: Replacement of Ambulance

Funding Amount: \$253,795.00

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 (Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses)

Project Overview:

- West Grove Fire Company is in much need of a new front-line ambulance. The asset was ordered in April 2021, but has seen significant delays due to supply chain issues and work force challenges associated with its production.
- The ambulance will serve the residents and visitors of seven Chester County municipalities in Southern Chester County.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds will be used to purchase the ambulance.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- The ambulance has been purchased and this project is complete.
- This vehicle serves 7 municipalities and 52 EMS employees.
- In 2023, West Grove Fire Company responded to 3,250 calls. This ambulance responded to 1,230.

Westwood Fire Company Ambulance

Project “92021082”: Bariatric Ambulance Acquisition

Funding Amount: \$404,561.91

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 (Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses)

Project Overview:

- There is currently only one ambulance capable of transporting obese patients in Chester County, located in Uwchlan Township. The mission of this project is to purchase a bariatric ambulance to meet the needs of the residents of Chester County.
- The vehicle is expected to be delivered in October 2024.

- Chester County SLFRF Funds will be used to purchase an ambulance.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project has not yet begun. Therefore, there is no performance to report yet.

Willows at Valley Run

Project “92021106”: Willows at Valley Run Phase II

Funding Amount: \$500,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 (Provision of Government Services)

Project Overview:

- Willows at Valley Run will provide an affordable and high-quality living option to low- and moderate-income families of Chester County. The development will provide 120 units total.
- The Chester County Department of Community Development is overseeing this project.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used for construction hard costs.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

Performance Report:

- This project is complete.
- A total of 120 units of affordable rental housing have been created.

Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation Inc.

Project “92021079”: YMWIC Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Funding Amount: \$137,445.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 (Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers)

Project Overview:

- YMWIC’s mission is to empower and prepare economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented youth to excel and become leaders in STEM careers through academic tutoring, mentoring and financial assistance programs.
- The YMWIC Pre-Apprenticeship Program will offer pre-employment options such as internships (paid and unpaid), apprenticeships, and direct employment with on-the-job training. Participants may combine these opportunities with Community College and/or Technical Certification Programs.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to employ a full-time program manager, who will implement and expand this program.

Use of Evidence:

- No evidence-based interventions are used in this project.

### Performance Report:

- In this reporting period, YMWIC provided exposure opportunities in STEM related careers to 38 participants.
- YMWIC also provided insight into post high school academic opportunities in trades, utilities, engineering, information technology, and business.
- Students learned transitional skills such as public speaking and improved math and ELA scores.
- 20 YMWIC scholars graduated in 2024, of which 16 are pursuing a graduate level certificate or degree.
- Three YMWIC alumni graduated from college in 2024.

### YoungMoms

Project “92021072”: Expanded Case Management

Funding Amount: \$117,200.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 (Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations)

### Project Overview:

- YoungMoms provides pregnant and parenting teens with assistance in overcoming obstacles, achieving their goals, gaining life skills, accessing educational and employment opportunities, and providing an improved quality of life to their children.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist YoungMoms with expanded case management.

### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- As part of the intake process, YoungMoms completes an Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACEs). The ACEs framework identifies discouraging conditions that children may experience, so that prevention strategies can work to reduce the likelihood of their recurrence and mitigate their effects. ACEs are traumatic events that occur before a child reaches the age of 18. ACEs include all types of abuse and neglect, such as parental substance use, incarceration, and domestic violence. ACEs can also include situations that may cause trauma for a child, such as having a parent with a mental illness or being part of a family going through a divorce.
- A landmark study in the 1990s found a significant relationship between the number of ACEs a person experienced and a variety of negative outcomes in adulthood, including poor physical and mental health, substance use, and risky behaviors.<sup>12</sup> The more ACEs experienced, the greater the risk for these outcomes. YoungMoms uses this tool to help identify additional referrals that should be made on the young mom’s behalf, such as the Crime Victim Services center.

### Performance Report:

- YoungMoms is currently serving 54 clients.

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<sup>12</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2016). About the CDC-Kaiser ACE study: Major findings

- Chester County SLFRF funds have allowed YoungMoms to hire a full-time case manager, who currently serves 18 clients.
- 100% of clients are Latina women.

#### Youth Mentoring Partnership

Project “92021084”: Coatesville Mentoring/Mental Health Service Expansion

Funding Amount: \$114,806.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.26 (Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services)

#### Project Overview:

- YMP’s project mission is to address the mental, emotional, and physical health crisis affecting Coatesville youth that has been severely amplified by the impacts of the pandemic, particularly for those effected by social and health inequities and/or living in vulnerable households.
- Chester County SLFRF Funds are being used to assist with the following programming components:
  - Employment of 5 trauma informed mentor/coaches
  - Introduction of an online SEL mentoring platform
  - Provision of summer camp programming
  - Conduction of mental health and SEL educational trainings for student leaders, youth serving professionals, and community members

#### Use of Evidence:

- The entire funding amount is being used for evidence-based interventions.
- This project uses industry-standard evidence-based interventions for mental health services.

#### Performance Report:

- YMP maintains:
  - A daily physical and health education classroom (30 classes per week)
  - Provision of SEL curriculum to 600+ participants biweekly
  - Conduction of monthly leadership development, mental health and SEL trainings for 30+ high school student athlete leaders
- YMP has launched a summer camp youth series with Coatesville Area School District partners.