

# Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**  
**2025 Report**

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# GENERAL OVERVIEW

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## INTRODUCTION

In 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), creating the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to aid state and local governments in addressing the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic continues to have far-reaching effects on the health, safety, and economy of the City of Columbus and the greater Columbus community.

With this in mind, the City of Columbus and Franklin County Jurisdictions are determined to ensure an equitable recovery using the Pandemic Recovery Fund. They understand the pandemic's disproportionate impact on under-engaged and non-engaged populations in the city and aim to utilize ARPA-SLFRF funds to provide fair access to diverse and historically underserved communities. This will create opportunities for transformation through community projects targeting the most vulnerable individuals.

The Recovery Plan extensively details the funding allocations for these projects in the Pandemic Recovery Funds, showcasing the City of Columbus's commitment to securing an equitable recovery from the pandemic. It encompasses projects across various expenditure categories, addressing residents' numerous health, social, and economic challenges.

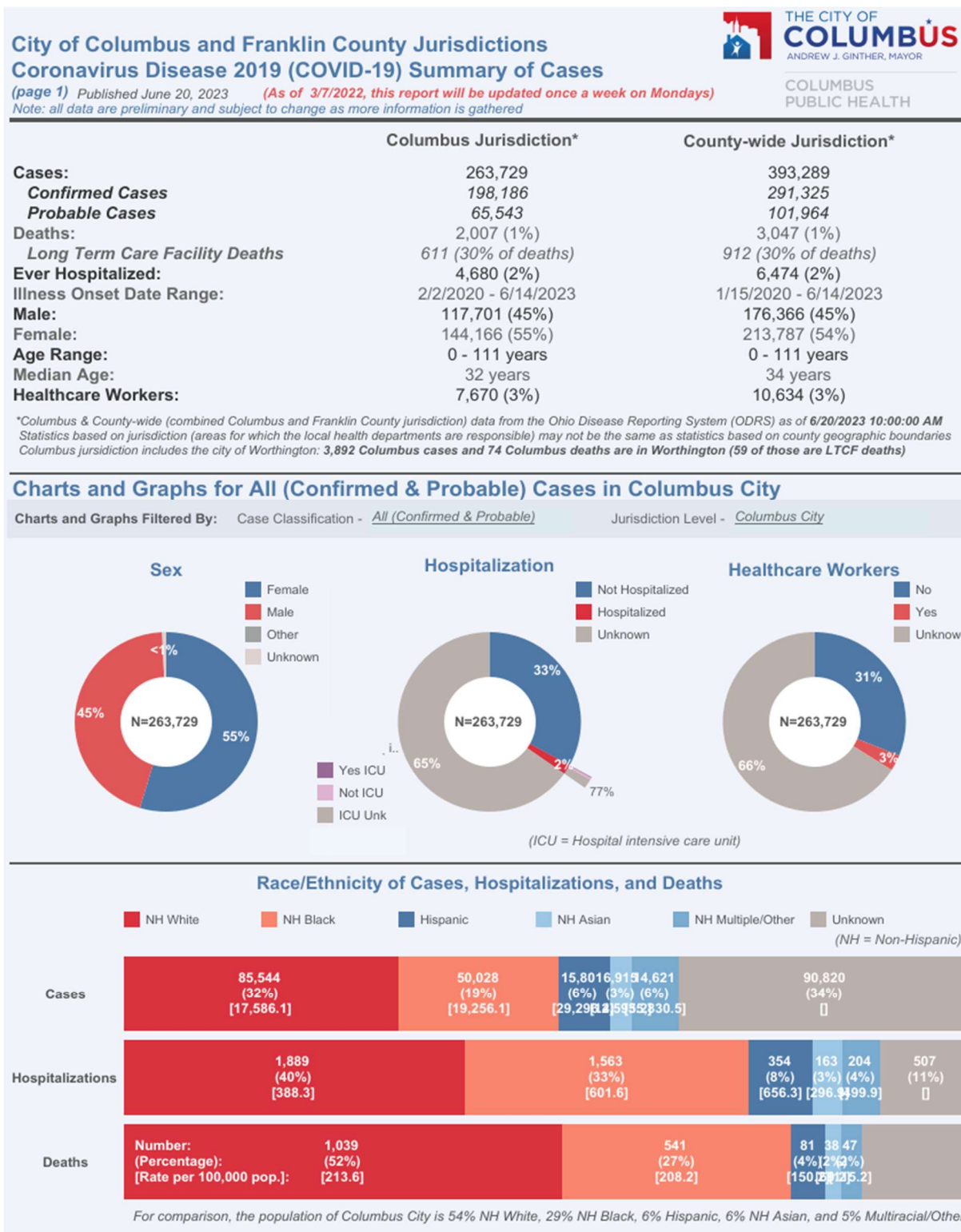
Furthermore, the Recovery Plan outlines the transparent process for determining funding allocations, including active community engagement efforts to solicit public input. Looking ahead, the Recovery Office will ensure regular reports on the milestones achieved by the listed projects and provide updates on any funding changes.

**“The City ensured ARPA projects targeted impacted and disproportionately impacted communities”**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to have significant health, safety, economic, and behavioral health implications on the City of Columbus and the greater Columbus community. It will take years of carefully executed research to fully understand the nature and extent of the impact the pandemic has had on the local economy. However, initial research indicates the following:

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Summary of Cases:



## IMPACTS ON LOCAL COMMUNITY

- It is estimated that COVID-19 displaced approximately 1 million Ohio workers.
- \*COVID-19 disproportionately forced low-paid Ohioans out of their jobs, with the highest unemployment rate reaching 16.4% at the height of the pandemic.
- \*Key economic indicators in the time of COVID-19 (March 2020 to May 2023), show only at 0.1% change to State nonfarm employment across Ohio, including the City of Columbus.
- \*\*People who hold “essential jobs” are at higher risk for COVID exposure; are more likely to be Black or brown; and are also paid nearly 13% less than those with nonessential jobs.
- \*\*A sampling of respondents residing in Franklin County show people in households below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and households that are ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed, experienced greater disparity during the pandemic in categories including employment, housing, finances, childcare and technology.
- \*\*When respondents were asked their biggest concerns, people living below the ALICE Threshold (households below the FPL and ALICE) identified contracting COVID-19 (31%), paying housing expenses (19%) and mental health (13%). Similarly, respondents above the ALICE Threshold revealed contracting COVID-19 (53%) and mental health (18%), but saw childcare (10%) as a greater concern than paying housing expenses.

In response to these impacts, the City of Columbus launched a website (<https://www.columbus.gov/recovery/>), which provided resources to the community related to the American Rescue Plan, including a fact sheet and FAQ section. This website also provided a portal for community members to submit funding requests to the City of Columbus. Additionally, the City of Columbus established a separate website which provided a range of health-specific data on the pandemic including vaccine awareness, COVID-19 testing, case tracking reports, and other various resources for businesses, healthcare providers, community services and organizations, and more. (<https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/coronavirus-portal/>)

In an effort to target ARPA & ERAP funding to those most in need, the City established overarching programs to organize efforts and track programmatic outcomes and expenditures. These programs are as follows:

- |                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Administration         | • Premium Pay                    |
| • Youth Programming      | • Childcare Initiatives          |
| • Human Services         | • Residential Utility Assistance |
| • Public Health Response | • Community Improvements         |
| • Small Business Support | • Revenue Loss Replacement       |

Source: \*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Source: \*\*Ohio United Way, [ouw.org](http://ouw.org)

## USE OF FUNDS

The City has obligated its allocation of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). The strategy prioritizes the needs of the community and provides for equitable impact and outcomes among residents and between neighborhoods.

At this stage, the current and planned expenditures in each expenditure category can be summarized as follows:

| Project Name                   | Recipient Project ID | Total Obligations       | Total Expenditures      | Expenditure Category                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| ARP Administration             | CW400                | \$2,122,895.08          | \$2,047,437.04          | 7-Administrative                                      |
| Youth Programming              | CW401                | \$24,167,734.39         | \$22,467,850.17         | 2-Negative Economic Impacts                           |
| Human Services                 | CW402                | \$42,920,998.96         | \$41,247,469.89         | 2-Negative Economic Impacts                           |
| Public Health Response         | CW403                | \$4,920,998.96          | \$4,920,998.96          | 1-Public Health                                       |
| Small Business Support         | CW404                | \$7,090,234.66          | \$7,090,234.66          | 2-Negative Economic Impacts                           |
| Premium Pay                    | CW405                | \$9,272,343.15          | \$9,272,343.15          | 4-Premium Pay                                         |
| Childcare Incentives           | CW406                | \$3,910,003.00          | \$3,910,003.00          | 3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities |
| Residential Utility Assistance | CW407                | \$1,709,764.61          | \$989,494.00            | 2-Negative Economic Impacts                           |
| Community Improvements         | CW408                | \$3,341,487.33          | \$1,951,496.03          | 2-Negative Economic Impacts                           |
| Revenue Replacement            | CW409                | \$87,574,247.28         | \$87,574,247.28         | 6-Revenue Replacement                                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |                      | <b>\$187,030,138.00</b> | <b>\$181,471,574.18</b> |                                                       |

# PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

In 2022, Mayor Andrew Ginther announced the Opportunity Rising initiative. The goal/mission statement of Opportunity Rising is “Empowering Columbus residents to equitably prosper and grow through collaborative action to dismantle racism”. The program represented a comprehensive equity agenda which provides a lens through which all City of Columbus programming was viewed. At the time, this initiative informed how the city invested ARPA and ERAP dollars in the community.

Opportunity Rising contains three foundational concepts:

- 1) Economic Stability
- 2) Health & Well-Being
- 3) Safe & Resilient Communities

These “Pillars” of the Opportunity Rising initiative represent desirable and achievable outcomes in the greater Columbus community. All City programs were to be viewed with an intent toward promoting any/all of these foundational outcomes.

In order to achieve these outcomes, the City of Columbus established a series of more tightly focused supportive initiatives (“Rays”). These Rays identified the aspirational objectives of the Equity Agenda. They are articulated as an aspiration for the entire community. By doing this, the City of Columbus sought to elicit contrast between communities that already meet the communitywide aspiration, and communities that do not. This thereby identified inequities, so the City may disproportionality / equitably direct resources, investment and effort. They are areas of focus that are proven to have a strong, positive correlation with or direct causation on life expectancy, while also improving quality of life.

These Ribbons measured and crafted to be intersectional, intentionally crossing multiple strategic pillars and City departments. Furthermore, they required engagement from community partners to be fully realized.

Below is an overview of the Rays along with descriptions and equity measures:

# EQUITY AGENDA STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Empowering Columbus residents to equitably prosper and grow through collaborative action to dismantle racism

| Ribbon                     | Community Aspiration                                                                                  | Sample Equity Measures                                                             | Pillars                                                                               |                                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                            |                                                                                                       |                                                                                    | Economic Stability                                                                    | Health & Wellbeing                               | Safe & Resilient Communities         |
| Workforce Development      | Every Columbus resident is prepared to enter and advance in the workforce                             | Unemployment rate                                                                  | High school diploma/GED attainment                                                    | College degree attainment                        | Pathways to entrepreneurial pursuits |
| Jobs                       | Every resident earns a wage to support their household                                                | Unemployment rate                                                                  | Attainment of living wage-Food desserts and food access                               | Representative workforce at Columbus employers   |                                      |
| Business Climate           | Every business has equal access to the resources and opportunities to succeed                         | Access to capital                                                                  | Startup funding                                                                       | Disparity study metrics/ ODI                     |                                      |
| Mobility                   | Every resident lives within a 30 minute commute of work, education and healthcare                     | Commute time                                                                       | Household expenditure on transportation                                               | Transit use and other mobility options           |                                      |
| Financial Security         | Every resident achieves and maintains financial security                                              | Median household income<br>1.6 disparity ratio                                     | Delinquent debt<br>2 disparity ratio                                                  | Zero net worth households<br>1.9 disparity ratio |                                      |
| Childcare                  | Every family has access to high-quality, affordable childcare during the hours they need it           | Childcare financial burden                                                         | Quality rating by neighborhood                                                        | Childcare-related job disruptions                |                                      |
| Kindergarten Preparedness  | Every Columbus child is prepared to thrive in kindergarten                                            | Kindergarten readiness<br>1.9 disparity ratio                                      | Children in poverty                                                                   | Children enrolled in preschool                   |                                      |
| Digital Inclusion          | Every resident can afford and use high-speed, high-capacity internet from home                        | In-home internet access                                                            | Device access                                                                         | Digital literacy                                 |                                      |
| Housing Stability          | No resident pays more than 30% of their monthly income to live in a neighborhood of their choice      | 50%+ income on rent                                                                | 30%+ income on rent                                                                   | Housing displacement                             |                                      |
| Homelessness               | Every resident is stably housed                                                                       | Individuals and families in shelter                                                | Length of stay in shelter                                                             | Progression from shelter to stable housing       |                                      |
| Infant Vitality            | Every baby reaches his or her first birthday                                                          | Infant mortality<br>2.4 disparity ratio                                            | Pre-term birth<br>1.1 disparity ratio                                                 | Very pre-term birth:<br>1.9 disparity ratio      |                                      |
| Chronic Disease Prevention | Healthy choices are easy for everyone to access and afford                                            | Uninsured residents<br>1.5 disparity ratio                                         | SNAP utilization<br>3.6 disparity ratio                                               | Heart disease, diabetes, asthma                  |                                      |
| Climate                    | Every resident enjoys the benefit of a sustainable environment                                        | Tree canopy<br>2.7 disparity ratio                                                 | Asthma                                                                                | EV adoption                                      |                                      |
| Behavioral Health & Trauma | Timely, affordable behavioral health services are available to every resident without stigma          | Mental illness received care<br>1.5 disparity ratio                                | Substance abuse rates                                                                 | Wait to see a provider  Screening/referrals      |                                      |
| Crisis Mitigation          | Every call for help is served by the right response and use of force                                  | Use of force                                                                       | Officer-involved incidents                                                            | Resolution without police or fire                |                                      |
| Neighborhood Building      | Every neighborhood has the infrastructure, greenspace and programs to support safe and healthy living | Fatal car crashes                                                                  | Street lighting, sidewalks, greenspace, illegal dumping, 10 minute walk of greenspace | Private investment in neighborhood               |                                      |
| Violence Elimination       | Every resident lives in a neighborhood free of violent crime                                          | Homicide victims<br>4.02 disparity ratio- victims<br>5.3 disparity ratio- suspects | Solved cases                                                                          | Murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault        |                                      |
| Re-entry                   | Justice-involved residents are ready to contribute to and accepted by the community                   | Incarcerated individuals<br>3.5 disparity ratio                                    | Restored citizens with W2                                                             | Utilization of record sealing                    |                                      |
| Youth                      | Every Columbus young person can find safety and engagement in their neighborhood outside school hours | Youth employment                                                                   | Extracurricular participation                                                         | Risk behaviors                                   |                                      |
| Community Collaboration    | Residents collaborate with their city to create the community they wish to live in                    | Solved homicides                                                                   | Right track/wrong track polling                                                       | Perceived safety / Language barriers             |                                      |
| Resiliency                 | Every resident has the resources to quickly recover from community crisis                             | FEMA vulnerability index                                                           | Participation in safety net programs                                                  | COVID/Flu vaccination rates                      |                                      |

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2021, shortly after the onset of the pandemic, the City of Columbus launched a public facing website/portal which provided information about the American Rescue Plan as well as offered the opportunity to solicit funding proposals and expressions of interest from the general public. The City reviewed these funding proposals. In some cases, proposals were funded in full, some were funded in part, and all proposals were valuable resources used to inform the City on the needs of the community. In addition to the aforementioned portal, the City leveraged its strong network of community based partners and agencies. The ongoing dialogue and partnership with community agencies helped to inform the City regarding the needs of the larger community as well as providing a network for providing services to City residents. In addition, the City provided opportunities for the general public to provide valued input at City Council Meetings and public hearings. The meetings and hearings were not necessarily exclusive to ARPA funding, but were part of the City's existing practice of providing a venue for community input and engagement.

Furthermore, City Departments issued Request for Proposals via the City's Vendor Services portal to solicit proposals for projects to benefit the City and its residents. Additionally, the City is refining a process to determine how to best invest ARP funding to meet the community's near- and long-term needs, informed in part by the work of the joint City-County Recovery and Resiliency Committee. As stated previously, community organizations seeking financial support for proposals utilizing American Recovery Plan funding were encouraged to submit proposals online utilizing a standard form that includes a budget and description of how the funds will be used.

## LABOR PRACTICES

The City is not currently pursuing any infrastructure projects using the SLFRF monies. Should that option be considered in the future, Columbus will engage strong labor standards to promote economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. Furthermore, the City has existing standards/policies with respect to responsible wage, wage theft prevention, competitive procurement, supplier and workforce diversity & inclusion, and construction prequalification, which promote strong labor standards, and such policies will be applied to applicable ARPA projects.

## USE OF EVIDENCE

Evidence based interventions are currently being evaluated for inclusion in City programs moving forward. The programs which have been already funded through the SLFRF have not been largely designed to create an evidence building strategy.

## PERFORMANCE REPORT

July 1, 2023, the City implemented an electronic Performance Reporting Survey to track the overarching goals for the funds as well as measuring results for individual projects. The survey captures key performance metrics for funded projects to be assessed and evaluated. The performance metrics will be reported beginning with the FY 2024 Performance Annual Report.

# PROJECT INVENTORY

The Project Inventory includes project descriptions, eligible activity, expenditure categories, and for internal and external SLFRF funded projects.



## \$60 CREDIT RELIEF PROGRAM

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,709,764.61

### DEPARTMENT

Public Utilities

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.2: Household  
Assistance

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The \$60 Credit Relief Program started in 2023 to provide funding. Those who qualified for the Department of Public Utilities' Low Income and Senior Discount Program were automatically eligible. A significant number of accounts have received the \$60 credit from 2023-2025. The goal is 100% of all those enrolled in the low income and senior discount program at the end of 2026 will receive the credit to help ease the burden of utility rates increases for water, sewer, and stormwater.

# ADVOCATING OPPORTUNITY

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Assist unsheltered homeless clients obtain safe, and stable housing by removing barriers such as criminal records. Increase housing stability for immigrants and refugees through community collaboration, immigrant relief and advocacy.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

20 domestic clients served. Increase Housing Stability for Immigrants/Refugees. 18 foreign national clients served We have surpassed our goals and objectives for year one, serving nearly double the number of clients we anticipated in each focus area. This would not be possible without the critical support of this grant. We have hired a new Client Advocate and are well on our way to completing interviews for a new Staff Attorney in the Columbus office. These new staff will help us greatly expand our capacity to serve our clients as outlined in our Scope of Work for year one. We are excited to continue to expand our Scope of Work for year two and look forward to working with the City of Columbus.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

- Low or Moderate Income Households
- Households that experience unemployment
- Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurities.

# ALVIS INC.

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$125,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alvis is dedicated to expanding housing options and improving organizational capacity through recovery housing. This initiative aims to significantly decrease the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness by enhancing access to safe, affordable housing, and personalized supportive services. Recovery housing offers a secure and supportive environment that addresses various challenges impacting housing stability, thus increasing the likelihood that individuals and families can maintain their housing. Particularly, it provides essential support for women and their children, helping them avoid homelessness and access the necessary treatments for substance use and mental health. By fostering a supportive environment, individuals can focus on securing employment and achieving long-term stable housing. This approach is not only impactful, but it also embodies our commitment to making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

# APPS JOB PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$88,263.70

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.1: Household  
Assistance: Food  
Programs

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Our youth job readiness program is dedicated to empowering and supporting young individuals on their path to employment. We strive to equip them with essential job skills, boost their employability, and encourage career exploration. Our goal is to inspire youth to pursue their passions and unleash their full potential by building self-confidence and motivation. Through mentorship, hands-on work experience, and networking opportunities, we provide participants with the necessary tools and guidance to excel in the job market. Additionally, we emphasize the importance of financial literacy, ensuring that our youth are well-equipped to make sound financial decisions. By consistently monitoring and evaluating progress, we remain committed to providing ongoing support, ultimately enabling youth to thrive and make informed career choices aligned with their interests and aspirations. Together, we can help our youth succeed and flourish in their future careers!

# ARPA ADMINISTRATION

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$2,122,895.08

## DEPARTMENT

Finance and  
Management

## ELIGIBLE USES

Administrative  
Expenses

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

7.1 Administrative  
Expenses

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Administrative expenses associated with management of the SLFRF program. Costs for professional subrecipient monitoring, technical services, and staffing.

# BESA COMMUNITY INC.

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$250,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Besa is committed to managing around 20 Community Recovery/Basic Needs projects every month, which adds up to 240 annually. The focus of these projects is primarily ensuring food security through food bank capacity, promoting housing stability through shelter capacity and initiatives at family centers, providing emergency safety support such as packaging masks and distributing PPE, and supporting workforce development through collaborations with job placement and career development partners. Over the past year, Besa volunteers have successfully completed over 1,000 volunteer experiences, contributing more than 12,000 volunteer hours, equating to an incredible \$349,000 worth of volunteer impact. This remarkable effort has made a significant positive difference in the community.

# BHUTANESE COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL OHIO

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing crucial social and health services to refugees and immigrants while empowering them through education and advocacy. Despite facing challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization remained committed to serving its community within a Qualified Census Tract. Your support can help us continue making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve!

# BUILDING BACK BETTER TOGETHER

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,250,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Building and Zoning  
Services

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.10: Assistance to  
Unemployed or  
Underemployed  
Workers (e.g. job  
training, subsidized  
employment,  
employment supports  
or incentives)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of the program is to create pathways for working people in Central Ohio who, for too long, have worked in low wage jobs or couldn't get a good job despite their best efforts. The program helps people to develop soft skills, provide practical training, and assist graduates when job placement.

Forty-one individuals were interviewed and accepted into two separate cohorts where they received six weeks of soft skills training. For their work, they received \$150 weekly that was meant to assist with basic needs (i.e. rent, groceries, and fuel). On top of their weekly stipend, they were also provided with \$750 worth of supportive services that was meant to address higher, unexpected expenses (i.e. car repairs, past due bills). Upon graduation, students work with their case management services to assist them into obtaining a career that puts them on the path to the middle class.

## OHIO STATE FISHER COLLEGE BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$300,000.00

### DEPARTMENT

Development

### ELIGIBLE USES

Undetermined

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

Undetermined

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We worked in conjunction with the City of Columbus to host an in-person residential camp for underserved Columbus area high school students. The camp is designed to expose students and their parents/guardians to college life and to expose the students to fundamental business concepts and various careers in business.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

This year's camp was an exciting exploration of the business of entertainment. Students actively participated in engaging academic presentations delivered by OSU faculty and staff, covering crucial topics such as finance, accounting, and marketing. Additionally, they had the valuable opportunity to gain insights from experienced business professionals representing diverse backgrounds including publicists, talent agents, and marketing experts. One of the highlights was the group project assignment, where students collaborated to craft a compelling presentation for a proposed back-to-school event for Columbus City Schools, complete with a supporting budget and event details. Their success was measured by their ability to apply the knowledge acquired from both the instructors and guest speakers throughout the week.

The overall experience was enriching and inspiring, leaving students feeling confident and empowered as they showcased their creativity and business acumen.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

The program focused on underrepresented high school students from Columbus and surrounding school districts.

# CAPITAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$0.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Public Health-  
Negative Economic  
Impact: Public  
Sector Capacity

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
3.5: Public Sector  
Capacity:  
Administrative Needs

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of the initiative is to expand behavioral health services offered to the children and families of Ohio. The current residential care program serves children between the ages of 5 to 12 who exhibit emotional, social and/or behavioral challenges, and provides them with access to care at all times. The project did not begin due to lack of funding from other sources.

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$75,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Catholic Social Services is a wonderful non-profit organization dedicated to assisting impoverished and vulnerable seniors and families in reaching their full potential. Despite facing challenges within a Qualified Census Tract, they remained committed to their mission, making a positive impact even amidst the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

The number of Franklin County clients served for each of Catholic Social Services programs from 12/16/2022 – 6/30/2023 is listed below:

- Our Foster Grandparent program served 63 seniors and 336 students.
- Our Money Management program served 50 seniors.
- The Our Lady of Guadalupe Center provided 2,970 individuals with food and/or emergency assistance, provided 450 individuals with case management, and provided 150 individuals with professional social services.
- Our Payee Services program served 197 seniors.
- Our Senior Companion program served 437 senior clients and 73 senior volunteers.
- Our Service Coordination program served 405 seniors.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

- Our Stay the Course® program served 156 students attending Columbus State Community College.
- Our Supportive Services program served 158 seniors.

Our projected outcome is that 85% of the goals set by OLGC clients, identified in Service Plans, will be successfully met. We exceeded this goal: from 12/16/2022 – 6/30/2023, OLGC clients met 54 out of 54 goals (100%) they set for themselves on their Service Plans.

For our senior programs, our goal is that at least 80% of senior clients will report that the services provided by CSS helped them live independently. We exceeded this goal in 2023, when 90% of our senior clients reported that the services provided by CSS helped them live independently.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Catholic Social Services in Franklin County. Noteworthy programs within CSS's offerings consist of the Foster Grandparent program, the Money Management program, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center (OLGC), the Payee Services program, CSS Service Coordinators program, the Senior Companion program, the Stay the Course® program, and the Supportive Services program. Each of these programs is tailored with specific objectives and anticipated outputs for the stated period, showcasing CSS's commitment to making a meaningful impact in the community.

# CHOICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

It's fantastic news that the City is generously offering funds to help boost the Beneficiary's organizational capacity. This support will enable them to better address the growing needs and provide even more essential shelter and support services to clients.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

The ERA1 funding has ignited powerful and enduring partnerships among LSS CHOICES, TCFSH, OHC, and ETSS. These organizations were already actively involved with the LSS CHOICES Collaborative Board, and this funding has significantly fortified their collaboration. Notably, this funding has also paved the way for an exciting new partnership between LSS CHOICES and Somali Community Link. At present, TCFSH and CHOICES are enthusiastically collaborating on multiple projects aimed at promoting the safety of individuals facing abuse and exploring housing stability solutions. Meanwhile, OHC and ETSS continue to play vital roles as dedicated members of the Collaborative Board. Thanks to the ERA1 applications, Community Advocates have successfully established valuable ongoing referral sources by connecting with landlords and rental properties, benefiting both current and future clients.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

This collaboration is undeniably making a positive impact, creating new opportunities for everyone involved. The progress is truly inspiring!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

LSS CHOICES, in partnership with TCFSH, OHC, ETSS, and Somali Community Link, have made a tremendous impact by providing vital rental and utility support to 163 households. These efforts have been especially transformative for victims of domestic violence.

# CLINTONVILLE-BEECHWOLD COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Clintonville-Beechwold is excited to offer financial support to enhance organizational capacity, enabling the beneficiary to better identify and meet the growing needs of the community. This will ensure that clients receive the vital support services they deserve.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

More than half of the funding (60%) will go to households with incomes at or below 50% of the area median income as determined by HUD. Additionally, these households must have a member who has faced unemployment for at least 90 days, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or encountered other financial hardships due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The remaining 40% of the funding can be utilized for households with an area median income at 80% or below as determined by HUD, meeting similar criteria related to unemployment or financial challenges due to the pandemic. It's wonderful to know that all the households receiving support will be tenants, which will help ensure that those in need are benefiting from this assistance. This funding allocation aims to provide impactful relief to individuals and families who have been adversely affected by the ongoing circumstances

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Clintonville and Beechwold neighborhoods of the City of Columbus.

# COLUMBUS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impact

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)^

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Columbus Coalition for Homeless is excited to announce that they are providing funds to enhance their organizational capacity. This will empower them to better identify and meet the growing needs of their clients, ensuring that they can provide even more vital support services.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Performance Measure goals to drive our progress:

- We're expanding our team to boost our organizational capabilities.
- We're inspire our members to engage even more actively.
- We're wholeheartedly backing coalition events to guarantee their triumph.
- We're available to support all administrative coalition-related tasks.

We are thrilled to announce that we have recently brought on board two amazing part-time staff members to enhance our community engagement and administration efforts. Additionally, we are excited to share that our community partners' attendance at membership meetings has grown significantly. Moreover, we have expanded our support for local area homeless outreach service providers and partners. We are also proud to have been awarded new funding for an additional program!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

We were able to revitalize a nearly 40-year-nonprofit dedicated to serving the homeless community in Columbus, OH.

# COLUMBUS DIAPER BANK

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impact

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Columbus Diaper Bank is providing funds to support and increase organizational capacity, which will allow the Beneficiary the ability to identify and meet increased organizational needs that will help provide adequate support services to clients.

Columbus Diaper Bank ardently dedicates itself as a non-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of Central Ohio families by providing essential diapers and championing greater recognition of this crucial need. Our steadfast mission is to ensure a steady provision of diapers to families in challenging circumstances. Through close partnerships with local organizations deeply rooted in supporting families in need, we guarantee the effective distribution of diapers to these households. We are delighted to share that, to date, we have joyously supplied diapers to 30 different organizations and programs right here in central Ohio. Together, we are creating a significant impact and are brimming with hope for the future. We are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to make a positive difference in the community.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are wholeheartedly dedicated to creating a positive impact in the lives of families in Central Ohio by ensuring they have consistent access to an ample supply of diapers.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

Adhering to the established guidelines of the National Diaper Bank Network, we joyfully provide 50 diapers per child every month. Throughout the grant cycle from 10/26/2022 to 06/30/2023, we are thrilled to announce that we have successfully distributed an impressive 250,224 diapers to our community partners. In doing so, we have been able to support an average of 626 families each month with their diaper needs. Together, our efforts are truly making a significant and meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

One delivery from the Columbus Diaper Bank significantly altered the point of view and trust toward law enforcement for a sex trafficking victim who was being abused and neglected. Because of a diaper delivery that equaled a month's worth of diapers, this particular person grew to trust law enforcement despite being told repeatedly by her abuser not to accept help from or trust law enforcement. After that point, she became fully cooperative with law enforcement agents and became a key victim witness. The diapers were the key to her separating herself from control of her abuser because she had an urgent need met! As a result, she is building a good life for herself and two children.

# COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impact

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City is providing funds to support and increase organizational capacity, which will allow the Beneficiary the ability to identify and meet increased organizational needs that will help provide adequate support services to clients.

Elevate! funding is dedicated to providing crucial support for infants enrolled in daily childcare/early education across our five locations. Each year, CELC will provide a safe and nurturing environment, conduct thorough health and wellness screenings (including hearing, vision, and language), and offer comprehensive services to around 60 children under 3 and their families.

Our goal is to ensure that at least 80% of the infants we serve not only meet but exceed Widely Held Expectations (WHEs) for their developmental stage. For those in need of extra support, we will make appropriate referrals and strive to provide interventions directly at our CELC centers whenever possible. The performance measure of WHEs will be evaluated through the widely recognized assessment tool Teaching Strategies Gold, which involves regular teacher observations across various domains, encompassing fine- and gross-motor, social-emotional, cognitive, and language skills. We are truly enthusiastic about the potential impact of our services and are wholeheartedly dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for every child in our care.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are absolutely delighted to have had the opportunity to offer daily care, early education, health and wellness screenings, as well as wraparound services to 91 remarkable infants and toddlers. In addition, we provided monthly food kits to their households and on-site food pantry and basic needs assistance. We are thrilled to share that, based on Teaching Strategies Gold observational assessments, 100% of the children have shown progress in reaching age-level developmental milestones, with 97% either meeting or exceeding WHEs. It's truly uplifting to witness these young ones flourishing and embracing learning with such enthusiasm!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

I'm so thrilled to share the inspiring story of M., one of the little ones in our centers. When M. first joined us, he encountered some developmental challenges. However, with the incredible support from his teacher and a Child Development Specialist, we have seen remarkable progress in M.'s journey. Together, we are dedicated to providing the nurturing environment and personalized care that M. needs to thrive. This collaborative effort truly exemplifies our commitment to every child's growth and well-being.

Throughout several months, our devoted team enthusiastically put in the effort to enhance M.'s core muscles and establish age-appropriate chewing patterns. We utilized a variety of strategies, including introducing toys from different angles to promote movement and

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

exposing M. to foods with diverse tastes and textures. Understanding the significance of holistic support, we also connected M's mother with additional services through community partners. We are confident that these efforts will lead to positive outcomes for M's well-being.

It's truly amazing to see the results of M.'s dedication! His teacher noticed his remarkable progress in mastering proper chewing during meals, and the Child Development Specialist confirmed that he's on track to eat solid foods on his own. In addition, M. reached a major milestone by starting to crawl independently, allowing him to interact and play with his classmates. This progress is so inspiring and shows M.'s wonderful potential for growth and development!

We are absolutely thrilled by M.'s remarkable progress and wholeheartedly dedicated to providing unwavering support as he embarks on this exciting journey of growth and development. We are genuinely excited for what's to come!

# COLUMBUS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impact

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Columbus Housing Partnership is a non-profit organization with a mission to create strong communities by developing quality, affordable homes as a cornerstone of dignity, security and opportunity. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

Our communities are enriched by residents from a variety of backgrounds, including Afghanistan, Mexico, Somalia, and Ukraine, and they are warmly welcomed in neighborhoods such as Bending Brook, Trabue Crossing, Framingham, and Emerald Glen.

Through Homeport's Resident Services Program (RSP), we are devoted to providing a wide array of services to adult and youth immigrants and refugees. Our Service Coordinators have worked tirelessly to streamline the process of applying for rental assistance, tapping into federal funds from IMPACT Community Action and Homeport's internal resident assistance fund. Beyond financial support, our team actively connects residents with food providers and collaborates with the Mid-Ohio Food Collaborative to ensure free produce distributions during the summer. In a particularly heartwarming collaboration, our partnership with the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio has allowed us to provide free furniture to refugees and immigrants who arrive in the United States with little to call their own.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

The Elevate! grant has played a pivotal role in covering program fees paid to Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS) for providing afterschool programs from April 1 to May 26, 2023, at Trabue Crossing, Marsh Run, and Framingham Village. These communities are home to residents from diverse backgrounds, including countries like Afghanistan and Somalia. We're thrilled to share that a total of 70 children at these three sites participated, making up nearly half of the 155 total children enrolled across all seven sites. The curriculum has encompassed Social Emotional Learning (SEL), math, and reading/literacy, with many children even sharing their educational tools and lessons with their parents, who are also learning English as a second language.

In addition, during this period, both ETSS and Concrete Orkidz embarked on enrolling afterschool participants in their exciting summer camps, which kicked off the week of June 13th. They also conducted end-of-the-school-year assessments to track students' progress in math, reading, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL), alongside performing parent surveys. Furthermore, our dedicated Homeport Resident Services (RS) staff have begun carrying out parent surveys this May, with plans to conduct these three times each year in May, August, and December to align with the end of school and summer semesters.

The Elevate! grant has also been instrumental in supporting the service provider fees at two summer camp sites, Emerald Glen and Georges Creek.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

In the period between June 13 and 30, these two summer camps saw the enthusiastic participation of around 40 children. The summer camp curriculum has expanded on the afterschool program, incorporating additional time for art, technology, sports, and exciting field trips, such as the recent trip to the Columbus Zoo for the Georges Creek participants.

Furthermore, the Elevate! grant has covered translation services required for implementing two different resident surveys conducted this spring, including our annual resident survey and one in partnership with NeighborWorks. Understanding the specific needs of our refugee and immigrant residents has been a priority, and the surveys have revealed that increased translation services and materials offered in more languages are essential. This insight will be a fundamental focus as we embark on the second year of the Elevate! grant.

The grant's support has also made a tangible impact on covering space costs and the salaries of our dedicated Homeport's Resident Services staff, as well as others providing crucial supportive assistance that directly benefits our refugee and immigrant population. As we celebrate these milestones, we are also eager to share the inspiring testimonials and success stories that highlight the transformative impact of our projects.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

The impact of this grant was truly remarkable, allowing us to enroll 177 participants in our 2022 summer camps and fall afterschool programming. Through our year-round out-of-school programs at five ETSS-led sites and two Concrete Orkidz-led sites, we are able to provide valuable lessons on cultural competency for all the youth in our program. It's inspiring to see that both organizations are minority-owned and are making a significant difference in the lives of the children they serve. The presence of bilingual assistants from ETSS working with the children of refugee and immigrant families has been invaluable, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment.

We are thrilled to share that on August 5th, ETSS hosted their first in-person Youth Summit since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing together 525 students from every ETSS program site, including those at Homeport communities. Witnessing the students share their cultural performances and projects, and participate in soccer and lacrosse tournaments, was truly heartwarming. Notably, our Marsh Run site dedicated to providing ESL supports to Afghan refugee children, embarked on a captivating cultural enrichment project about Afghanistan to showcase at the Youth Summit, which included a moving performance of the national anthem of Afghanistan, "Milli Surood." We are immensely proud of the progress and achievements of all the participants and look forward to more inspiring initiatives in the future.

# COLUMBUS LITERACY COUNCIL

**FUNDED AMOUNT**

\$150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT**

Development

**ELIGIBLE USES**

Negative Economic  
Impacts

**EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY**

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Columbus Literacy Council (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to support refugees and immigrants with essential, culturally appropriate social and health services, and to empower them through education and advocacy. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$75,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Columbus Neighborhood Health Center (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide access to services that improve the health status of families—including people experiencing financial, social or cultural barriers to healthcare. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$500,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE

### CATEGORY

2.29: Small Business

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The program will provide immediate access to capital to over 1,000 small businesses to address the server economic hardship caused by COVID-19 in underserved communities, minority-owned businesses, disadvantaged businesses and veteran owned businesses.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

I'm thrilled to announce the kickoff of the 2021/2022 Columbus Small Business Response and Recovery Program! This initiative offers swift access to much-needed capital for small businesses affected by COVID-19 in underserved communities, minority-owned businesses, disadvantaged businesses, and veteran-owned businesses. To date, we've assisted over 1,000 small businesses and are eager to continue supporting even more in the future.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

This grant has made a significant difference for my business. I have been able to take crucial steps towards legitimate business operations, starting with the establishment of a dedicated Business Checking Account exclusively for business-related transactions.

I have strategically invested the grant funds in essential equipment and services that have already shown their value.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

These include a brand-new Mirrorless Canon EOS RS Mark II, a Canon 24 - 240mm Lens, a one-year subscription to Smug Mug for client image hosting, a Godox V1 Flash for Canon Camera, and the repair of my Tamron Zoom Lens. Additionally, I have acquired a professional backdrop stand and a 10.2 Inch iPad for my 360 PhotoBooth Machine, further enhancing client imaging capabilities.

The impact of these investments is evident in the attached headshots I recently captured for a graduate client using the new equipment. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to expand my business electronically, and I am optimistic about the positive outcomes that lie ahead.

As a token of my appreciation, I extend an open invitation for you and your office to take advantage of a complimentary headshot session whenever the need arises. It would be an honor to serve you and your colleagues.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$125,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Community Development for All People (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to catalyze collaborations with key strategic partners to improve the quality of life for all residents of the South Side through individual and community services. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# COMMUNITY REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$150,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Community Refugee and Immigration Services (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the Central Ohio community. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Directions for Youth and Families (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to build and inspire hope, healing and resilience for youth, families and communities through counseling and education. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

DFYF's Teen Parenting Connection—supported by Elevate 1.0—provides crucial support for young women aged 12-22 who are pregnant and/or parenting. We aim to support the mental health and resiliency of these young women, as well as help with stable housing and other essential needs. Our comprehensive counseling and case management services cater to the individual mental health needs, emotional transition into parenthood, and the development of positive parenting practices. We have also extended our program to expecting or parenting fathers, with a focus on addressing the challenges they may face.

Our program operates with an outreach approach, ensuring that our services are accessible to our clients in their homes, schools, or communities.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

We are committed to promoting healthy behaviors and skills across all areas of functioning, and each client is connected with a Licensed Clinician to address their specific mental health needs. The Clinician also offers intensive community support services, including assistance with housing, daycare, employment, education, and accessing medical care.

It is our mission to alleviate the stress of parenting and to support young mothers as they navigate the challenges of adolescent development and economic constraints. Research, including data from the CDC, highlights the heightened risk of mental health issues faced by adolescent mothers, including depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder, all of which can significantly impact their well-being and parenting abilities.

In the upcoming year, we anticipate serving 50-75 clients and families through the TPC program, and we are actively developing partnerships with local agencies to increase referrals and expand our capacity to serve even more individuals. Elevate funding has been instrumental in enabling us to staff our program adequately and supply essential items to the young mothers we support. Thanks to the additional funding, we have expanded our direct-service staff, allowing us to reach and support more clients.

We have worked diligently to foster partnerships with key community organizations, such as Columbus Public Health, Columbus Public Schools, and CelebrateOne, and our increased networking efforts have been made possible by the flexibility provided through the Elevate funds.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

We are proud to report that during the grant period, we have received a 100% improvement rate based on pre/post-evaluations of clients who have completed our services. Additionally, both our referrals and the number of clients served have increased significantly, showcasing the positive impact and reach of our program.

We remain optimistic and enthusiastic about the future and the continued positive impact we can have on the lives of young mothers and their families. The Elevate funds have not only helped us expand our services, but they have also bolstered our confidence in our ability to make a meaningful difference in the community we serve. Together, with the support of our partners and the Elevate funding, we are dedicated to providing invaluable care and support to young parents during this critical phase of their lives.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

One of our amazing clients joined our program as a new mom facing depressive symptoms, family trauma, and negative habits that were hindering her progress towards her goals. With regular sessions and unwavering commitment, she worked tirelessly to achieve her counseling goals with our dedicated counselor, Lianna. As a result, she has made remarkable strides in managing her stress, handling triggers, and navigating tough days. She has cultivated healthy coping mechanisms and a positive outlook, allowing her to be an incredible friend, provider, and, most importantly, an exceptional mom to her 1-year-old son! Her dedication and progress serve as an inspiring testament to the power of perseverance and positive transformation.

# DRESS FOR SUCCESS COLUMBUS

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Dress for Success Columbus (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the economic independence of women in need by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

At DFSC, we are dedicated to empowering disadvantaged women to achieve economic security and resilience through our career advancement programming. By doing so, we are not only helping these women secure high-quality, safe housing, but also supporting positive health outcomes for both mothers and their babies. Our ultimate aim was to offer suiting and career development services to 1,350 women free of charge throughout the program year, and we are thrilled to report that we have successfully used this target as a measure of our program's success.

During the grant period, we had the honor of styling 612 women through 1,012 appointments, including 470 interview styling appointments and the distribution of 312 employment wardrobes within our

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

agency. Our clients are referred to us by esteemed community partners such as Alvis, Inc., Huckleberry House, Inc., Jewish Family Services, Lower Lights Ministries, LSS Choices, LSS Faith Mission, and The Center for Healthy Families, Inc. Additionally, our Mobile Career Center reached 230 women, providing them with interview-ready attire in locations such as shelters, employment readiness agencies like New Directions, and local libraries.

We are also incredibly proud of the 14 women who took advantage of our Success Coaching program, which offers a virtual platform for them to meet with HR professionals and prepare for interviews and career development discussions. Moreover, we successfully concluded our 2022 Women2Women cohort, supporting 16 women, and launched our 2023 cohort with 52 women. This invaluable program pairs clients with mentors over a six-month period, fostering a safe and supportive environment for them to grow and reflect on their professional choices as they strive towards a fulfilling career.

In total, we provided 1,324 units of service to 908 women, and we are inspired by the impact we have made and the lives we have positively influenced through our dedicated efforts.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Throughout this grant period, we've had the pleasure of collaborating with Bethany, who reached out to Dress for Success with a heartfelt desire to make a difference.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

Initially interested in providing haircuts for the women we serve, Bethany's own journey led her to discover the wide range of programs available to all women. It's been truly inspiring to see her embrace our style sessions, Professional Women's Group, and Women2Women mentoring, taking proactive steps towards her own future.

Another memorable encounter was with Raina during her employment style session. Despite starting the day feeling reserved, she soon opened up and embraced the opportunity to revamp her wardrobe. Discovering a dress that seemed tailor-made for her, Raina's transformation was truly remarkable. Her determination to shine at her upcoming capstone presentation, after years of not investing in new clothing for herself, was incredibly moving. It was evident that she was ready to step into a bright future.

Reflecting on her mother's unwavering dedication to providing for her, Raina also shared her longing to build a supportive circle of women. Hearing about her aspirations and seeing her leave with a wardrobe that matched the brightness of her future was a powerful and uplifting experience for all of us.

These encounters have reaffirmed our belief in the incredible resilience and potential within every individual. We're excited to see Bethany and Raina continue to thrive and inspire others through their journeys.

# EPIC AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$75,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Public Health

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This program develops youth ambassador's leadership skills and communication skills; creates summer opportunities for youth to decrease youth violence; promotes mental, financial, physical and sexual health through life skills development; and increases self-confidence and leadership skills by providing leadership opportunities. Additionally, it develops critical thinking skills by engaging in current world and relevant issues; provides opportunities to volunteer and peer mentor for individual development and to enhance resumes; and provides summer employment opportunities for up to 15 students to prepare them for the workforce.

# COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS EXPANDED ARTS PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$60,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to increase opportunities for children from Columbus and surrounding communities to participate in high-quality arts education programming that is representative of our diverse population and that supports the City of Columbus' efforts to strengthen the education of local children as our community recovers from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Programming includes local teaching artists and building on existing CAPA partnerships throughout the community, including Columbus City Schools (CCS), Columbus Department of Recreation & Parks, and numerous local arts and community organizations.

Grant funding will support fees for artists and teaching artists, staffing, equipment and supplies, and other related program expenses.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are thrilled to share that the CAPA programming, made possible by this grant, is set to open doors to more children from Columbus and neighboring communities, providing them with the opportunity to take part in diverse, high-quality arts education programs truly representative of our rich and varied population.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

We are proud to announce that we have successfully achieved our objectives for the programs completed during this reporting period, and we are genuinely pleased with all that we have been able to accomplish. We are sincerely grateful for the City's unwavering support for these invaluable programs that benefit the children and youth of Columbus.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

- I. We were absolutely thrilled to celebrate El Día de los Niños as part of Festival Latino by hosting our very first event in 2023. On April 30, we joyously welcomed over 240 guests to the Lincoln Theatre for a magnificent cultural celebration. The day kicked off with a range of engaging pre-show activities, including captivating performances and interactive sessions by Ballet Folclórico Xochihua, delightful crafts hosted by the Girl Scouts of Central Ohio, whimsical balloon art by Evan Smith, and a heartwarming Milagro Intention Wall crafted by the Columbus Museum of Art, where attendees could share their hopes for positive change in the world. Additionally, everyone had the chance to savor delicious food from the Dos Hermanos Food Truck. The highlight of the day came as we gathered at the Lincoln Theatre for an enchanting free performance of Cenicienta: A Bilingual Cinderella. We can't wait to continue this fantastic tradition in the years to come!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

II. Our Passport to Learning Series has completed its 12<sup>th</sup> season of delivering enriching student matinee performances for students from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. After a challenging period, we returned to full, live performances, offering an immersive and impactful experience for all attendees. Our lineup included captivating in-person titles such as *On Golden Wings*, *Steve Trash: The Science of Ecology*, *Step Afrika!*, and *Cenicienta: A Bilingual Cinderella*, which left our audiences inspired and engaged.

III. Despite the circumstances, we continued to provide virtual programs, and an amazing 9,793 students registered to participate in experiences such as *Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's Puppets in Paper* and *Finding North*. All of this was made possible through the incredible generosity of our donors and sponsors, allowing us to offer these programs free of charge. Additionally, we are proud to have featured programs in the Social Justice Series as part of Passport to Learning, making a meaningful impact in the lives of students across our community.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, CAPA generously awarded a total of \$10,434 in scholarships and transportation assistance, demonstrating a commitment to supporting students and teachers in pursuing their educational and cultural endeavors. Moreover, it's incredibly exciting that a significant number of 3,307 students and teachers were able to benefit and engage with the series.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

One standout event from this period was the impactful engagement with the "Greatest Stories Never Told" during the Social Justice Series in October 2022. The weeklong production of "On Golden Wings" brought to life the inspiring untold story of James Herman Banning and Thomas Cox Allen, who were the pioneering first African Americans to fly across the United States. This was a truly special opportunity for the community to come together and be inspired by this remarkable narrative.

The outreach efforts were nothing short of inspiring and inclusive. From engaging senior residents at Worthington Christian Village to reaching out to youth at The Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio at the Reeb Center, the program touched the lives of many. Additionally, the collaboration with West High School and the subsequent community day at the Lincoln Theatre further enriched the experience for a total of 1,195 community members.

Overall, the impact and reach of this program were truly remarkable, and it's wonderful to see such meaningful and engaging initiatives making a positive difference in our community.

# FAITH MISSION OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$296,351.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships, to provide premium pay for essential workers, and to pay for expenses.

# FAITH MISSION PREMIUM PAY

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,256,723.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships, to provide premium pay for essential workers, and to pay for expenses.

# FAITH MISSION OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Faith Mission (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to create a better world by serving people in need. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# FORESTRY TREE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$3,341,487.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.22: Strong Health  
Communities:  
Neighborhood  
Features that  
Promote Health and  
Safety

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to remove the backlog of tree pruning requirements for the City-owned street trees.

# FRANKLINTON CYCLE WORKS

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Franklinton Cycle Works (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to build bikes, build connections and build a community. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# FREEDOM A LA CART OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Freedom a la Cart (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to empower survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation to build lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# FUTURE OF FASHION SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$350,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Neighborhoods

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ARPA funds will be used to help the program increase confidence, life and academic skills, and create access to viable career paths for underrepresented and historically marginalized youth including those who are most vulnerable in the community. Thus far, Interns have been exposed to education opportunities within the fashion industry by attending local college tours of fashion programs, such as The Ohio State's Fashion and Retail Studies program, CCAD's fashion program, and learned more about Hocking College's fashion program.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

I am thrilled to share with you the incredible impact of the program on the lives of underrepresented and historically marginalized youth in our community. This transformative program is all about boosting confidence, honing life and academic skills, and opening doors to exciting career paths for young individuals, including those who are most vulnerable.

CFA's hands-on curriculum, coupled with mentorship from top-tier industry professionals, is specifically designed to address the unmet needs of Central Ohio youth. Columbus, our city, is the #3 fashion and retail city nationwide, yet the lack of dedicated, credentialed programming

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

related to this industry in our schools is evident. This is a field heavily influenced by youth and offers abundant local career opportunities at all levels, and we aim to bridge this gap.

Nearly 80% of all students in the Columbus City Schools identify as BIPOC, with roughly 30% living at or below the poverty line. Many youth facing barriers lack access to vocational instruction, mentors, resources, and exposure to viable career paths of interest. That's why CFA is committed to serving 20 youth of color through our Summer Future of Fashion Internship Program. The impact goes even further, as approximately 1,000 additional Columbus City School students will benefit from the capstone pop-up retail experience.

Our interns have had eye-opening experiences while visiting local colleges with fashion programs, including The Ohio State's Fashion and Retail Studies program, CCAD's fashion program, and Hocking College's fashion program. Through financial literacy workshops with Chase Bank, they have become more fiscally responsible, learning about saving, budgeting, and credit. Furthermore, they have developed invaluable "power skills," such as teamwork, public speaking, and interpersonal communication.

The enthusiasm is palpable, as nine interns expressed their positive growth from working within teams. Eight of the 20 interns are eager to explore career pathways in the fashion industry, showcasing the real impact of this program. It's truly heartening to witness their transformation and their newfound excitement about the possibilities ahead.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Every single day, our interns are the living embodiment of our success. They eagerly engage with like-minded individuals to unlock their creativity. Consider Rashaad Moss, for example. Despite initially feeling out of place due to his passion for fashion, he now flourishes in our program. His newfound sense of belonging empowers him to further hone his craft with unwavering enthusiasm. Observing these remarkable transformations fills us with immense joy and motivates us to persist in cultivating talent within our community.

# FURNITURE BANK OF CENTRAL OHIO

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Furniture Bank of Central Ohio (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to reduce the impact of poverty by providing furniture to central Ohio families and individuals struggling with severe life challenges. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$900,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to engineer, design and install four air handling units in the Greater Columbus Convention Center South Building and the Union Station Ballroom to enhance indoor air quality throughout the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which will protect visitors' and staffs' health and safety

## HDS COMPANIES, LLC

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$239,228.00

### DEPARTMENT

Development

### ELIGIBLE USES

Administrative

### EXPENDITURE

#### CATEGORY

7.1 Administrative  
Expenses

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

HDS Allita HSM is a fully web and end-to-end digital solution. The HDS Allita HSM is a feature-rich and optimized system for both intake and processing of applications for ERA Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance.

## HERO/VAX PREMIUM PAY

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$9,272,343.15

### DEPARTMENT

Finance and  
Management

### ELIGIBLE USES

Premium Pay

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

4.1: Public Sector  
Employees

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Hero focuses on frontline workers and provides a reward for members who became fully vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before December 31, 2021.

# HOMES ON THE HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$100,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen neighborhoods by providing quality affordable housing, advocacy, education, and supportive services to primarily low/moderate income individuals and families. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE, INC.

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Huckleberry House (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to ensure all young people in our community have access to safe home environment as well as the guidance they need to develop skills and find resources that can help them navigate and cope with the pressures of life. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# IMPACT SAVINGS PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$65,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to help 300 eligible Franklin County residents and workforce training participants increase their savings to achieve the goal of vehicle ownership, reducing a barrier for participants on their way to self-sufficiency.

# IMPACT CAR REPAIR PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$75,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.10: Assistance to  
Unemployed or  
Underemployed  
Workers (e.g. job  
training, subsidized  
employment,  
employment supports  
or incentives)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide funds to assist households in car repairs so they have reliable and sustainable transportation in order to maintain employment and/or transport school-age children to school.

# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Jewish Family Services (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to help individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency and emotional stability. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

238 households received housing stability services alongside ERA dollars. Also, 145 households were assisted with stability services. A total of \$650,000 was successfully distributed to eligible Franklin County households. This is a significant achievement!

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Michelle, a vibrant retiree, was facing some financial challenges. Worried about her housing situation, she turned to Jewish Family Services for help. The dedicated team sprang into action and found several ways to support her. A compassionate case manager compiled a list of potential apartments, while Juanita and Hannah from the family stabilization team guided her to access financial assistance, preventing eviction during her search for a new home, which she found within her budget. Michelle also joined the Financial Empowerment Center to make progress towards achieving a debt-free life and building up an emergency savings fund. We're thrilled to have played a part in her success story!

# KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH CENTER OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kaleidoscope Youth Center (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to create safe and empowering environments for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally youth through advocacy, education, support, and community engagement. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# LIFECARE ALLIANCE MEALS PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,000,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.1: Household  
Assistance: Food  
Programs

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide nutritious meals to older adults and individuals living with a medical challenge and/or disability in central Ohio. To date, 240,611 households have been assisted.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

I'm thrilled to share that LifeCare Alliance's Stable Housing Initiative Outreach Strategy is here to help individuals aged 60 and above, or those living with a disability in Columbus. We're eager to assist and ensure that participants receive the help they need during these challenging times.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

LifeCare Alliance is dedicated to serving and supporting individuals aged 60 and above, as well as those living with disabilities, especially during these challenging times caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. We proactively reach out to households at risk of eviction or utility loss in Columbus and extend a helping hand by offering rental and utility assistance to ensure housing stability and prevent homelessness. Our goal is to make a positive impact by providing vital support to those in need.

# LOWER LIGHTS MINISTRIES OPERATING SUPPORT

**FUNDED AMOUNT**  
\$150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT**  
Development

**ELIGIBLE USES**  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

**EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY**  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lower Lights Ministries (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to break cycles of poverty and addiction by promoting financial stability, networks of relational support, and leadership development. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Lower Lights Ministries (Beneficiary) is an incredible nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycles of poverty and addiction through the promotion of financial stability, relational support networks, and leadership development. Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beneficiary remained steadfast in their commitment to serving low-income families in a Qualified Census Tract, and their resilience has been truly inspiring.

Recognizing the vital role of the Beneficiary in the community, the City generously provided funds to support and enhance their capacity to continue delivering essential services. Lower Lights Ministries (Beneficiary) not only maintained their services, but also expanded them to reach even more individuals who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

Thanks to this support, Lower Lights Ministries successfully housed an average of 30 individuals each month, marking a remarkable 26% increase in capacity during the grant cycle. Additionally, they established a neighborhood resource center focused on providing advocacy and support for those grappling with housing instability, addiction, mental health, and financial challenges.

Through strategic investment in administrative staff, the organization achieved sustained compliance, and program staff development, along with an 8% boost in fundraising income. This is a testament to their dedication and effectiveness in making a meaningful difference in the community.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Thanks to the City of Columbus' investment of ARPA funds, Lower Lights Ministries has not only survived, but thrived during the pandemic. This support has enabled us to expand our capacity in numerous ways. We are thrilled to announce that we have established a lease arrangement, allowing us to extend our services to vulnerable children in the Hilltop community by providing a much-needed after school center for teenagers. This is an exciting opportunity for us to make a meaningful impact and we are grateful for the support.

# LYFT BIKE SHARE SUBSIDY

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,010,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.22: Strong Healthy  
Communities:  
Neighborhood  
Features that  
Promote Health and  
Safety

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project continues the sustainable operation of the bike share system to address the negative economic impact to the CoGo Bike Share system's business operations caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

# MAKE A DAY FOUNDATION OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$550,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Make a Day Foundation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to empower the impoverished through inclusive community events, acts of kindness, outreach, advocacy, and educational awareness. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# MARYHAVEN OPERATING SUPPORT AND PREMIUM PAY

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$23,125.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships and to provide premium pay for essential workers.

# MARYHAVEN INC. OPERATING SUPPORT AND PREMIUM PAY

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$90,611.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships and to provide premium pay for essential workers.

# MARYHAVEN OPERATING SUPPORT AND PREMIUM PAY

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Maryhaven (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to help individuals and families lead healthy lives free from addiction and mental illness by providing education, treatment and support. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST INITIATIVE/SURGE FUNDING

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$22,370,329.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Public Health

## EXPENDITURE

### CATEGORY

1.12: Mental Health  
Services

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Shelter Board will embed 19 mental health specialists trained in crisis intervention on-site in homelessness programs to reduce deaths and violence, better support our vulnerable neighbors, and reduce police ambulance runs.

# MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$100,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Recreation and Parks

ELIGIBLE USES  
Undetermined

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
Undetermined

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The concept is to launch a 3-month pilot program that focuses on mental health. This program will start at Linden Community Center and will be refined and duplicated at other community centers. CRPD staff would learn tactics and strategies to more effectively interact with community members day, especially during and after crisis situations including trauma and grief response. We would employ this program through training, onsite social workers, and qualitative data collection.

# MID-OHIO FOOD BANK

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,000,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to support and increase organizational capacity which will allow the Beneficiary the ability to secure both shelf-stable and fresh food such as fruits, vegetables, dairy, meat, and bread, which will in turn be distributed to neighbors at risk for food insecurity.

We will purchase roughly 1, 136,363 pounds of food that may consist of both shelf-stable and fresh food, enough food to provide approximately 964,969 meals to assist our food insecure neighbors to-date.

# MOUNT CARMEL HEALTH SYSTEM OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$150,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mount Caramel Health System (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within (our) communities. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# MY PROJECT USA FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$186,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.25: Addressing  
Educational  
Disparities:  
Academic, Social,  
and Emotional  
Services

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this project is to support facility improvements for the newly opened Youth Empowerment Center to maximize the impact on community members. Almost all of the participants served by the program and its partners are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, are overwhelmingly minority, and many are immigrants and refugees.

# NATIONAL CHURCH RESIDENCES OPERATING SUPPORT

**FUNDED AMOUNT**  
\$150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT**  
Development

**ELIGIBLE USES**  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

**EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY**  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

National Church Residences (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide high quality care, services and communities for seniors. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are thrilled to share that National Church Residences successfully secured funding from the City of Columbus to offer vital assistance to our residents facing housing cost challenges. Through our initiative, we targeted 12 of our Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties and were able to support over 200 residents by subsidizing their rent for a full year. Our primary objective was to alleviate financial strain, enabling residents to redirect their hard-earned money towards essential needs such as utilities and groceries. We are proud to report that we achieved this goal, providing much-needed relief to our residents during a time when many were grappling with the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the City of Columbus grant, National Church Residences successfully delivered on its commitment to offer rental relief to our valued seniors and families. By identifying eligible residents and providing them with a monthly stipend, we effectively reduced their rent burden

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

to 30% of their income for the duration of the program. This accomplishment speaks to our unwavering dedication to the well-being of our residents, and we are grateful for the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in their lives.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

I am thrilled to share one of our most inspiring success stories which took place at our Northland Gate property. A senior resident who had unfortunately lost her job due to illness had fallen behind on her rent and was facing eviction. However, thanks to the proactive communication between our property manager and program manager, we were able to provide the resident with the incredible news that a grant would cover her arrears and rent for the next two months. The tenant was overwhelmed with gratitude, knowing that she could remain in her home and have some financial relief while she focused on getting back on her feet and finding a new job. It's heartwarming to see how our support is truly making a positive impact on people's lives.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

### DEPARTMENT

Development

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Services Inc. (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to temper the ill effects of poverty by providing food and material assistance to persons in need in the Columbus community. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# NEW BIRTH SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Neighborhoods

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.24: Addressing  
Educational  
Disparities: Aid to  
High-Poverty Districts

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In this program, students will engage daily in learning modules focused on Math, Language Arts, Science, and Reading. The program will also expose them to electives including Coding, Culinary Arts, Performing Arts, Music Production and hands on learning field trips. Our goal is to serve 50 Youth from the ages of K-5th grade and their families with this program. We will also provide an element of career exploration through our partnership with local entrepreneurs and the business community, and provide summer employment for teenagers ages 14-18 who will learn/work in the program. Additionally, we will provide and serve as a safe space for youth to learn and grow in a nurturing environment. Once a week, we will have free group grief and trauma sessions with the students. They will also have daily STEM activities. Once a month, we will provide an opportunity for their parents to connect with a neighborhood Social Worker to learn about employment, education, housing and other opportunities. These parents will also obtain information on how to utilize the New Birth Christian Ministries food pantry, and other wrap around services.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are thrilled to inform you that our program offers a diverse and enriching educational experience for students on a daily basis.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

Students actively participate in engaging learning modules that cover a wide range of subjects such as Math, Language Arts, Science, and Reading. In addition, students explore exciting electives including Coding, Culinary Arts, Performing Arts, and Music Production, as well as embark on hands-on field trips to enhance their learning experience.

Our primary objective is to cater to 50 youth ranging from kindergarten to 5th grade, along with their families. Through our partnership with local entrepreneurs and the business community, we aim to introduce an element of career exploration, providing valuable insights and experiences for the teenagers in the program. Furthermore, we are proud to offer summer employment opportunities for teenagers aged 14-18, allowing them to gain practical skills and knowledge.

Creating a safe and nurturing environment is at the core of our program. We make it a point to provide a secure space where youth can learn, grow, and thrive. We also understand the importance of emotional support, which is why we offer free group grief and trauma sessions for the students on a weekly basis.

In addition to the rich academic schedule, students engage in daily STEM activities, fostering their interest and skills in these critical areas. Furthermore, we are dedicated to supporting the parents of our students by facilitating connections with a neighborhood Social Worker. This outreach effort provides parents with valuable information on employment, education, housing, and other opportunities. Moreover, we ensure that parents

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

are informed about the accessibility of the New Birth Christian Ministries food pantry and other vital wrap-around services.

Through our commitment and efforts, we successfully engaged students in comprehensive learning modules, resulting in remarkable achievements. We were able to foster a supportive environment where students learned invaluable skills that extend beyond traditional academics. We are proud to have positively impacted over 50 families in the community and provided a platform for teenagers to gain practical work experience. Additionally, we provided essential counseling to 15 students and facilitated connections for families to access vital resources. We are excited to continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of our youth and their families.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

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# NEW DIRECTIONS CAREER CENTER OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

New Directions Career Center (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to uplift and empower women to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# OHIO HISPANIC COALITION RENOVATIONS TO YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY CENTER

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$226,316.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to renovate the Youth and Education community center to provide after-school and summer enrichment camp programming targeting city of Columbus

Latino/Hispanic youth residents between the ages of 5 to 17 years of age.

# OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.22: Household  
Assistance: Rent,  
Mortgage, and Utility  
Aid

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of these programs is to provide youth with a fun and safe activities that allows them to engage in physical activity and socialization with peers through offering archery programs and camps. With the new equipment, they have been able to hold many archery classes and camps for youth at Mcknight Outdoor Education Center serving the general public as well as youth from CRPD Community Centers and Center's Without Walls Program.

## CRPD PARK REFRESHERS

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$2,100,000.00

### DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.22: Household  
Assistance: Rent,  
Mortgage, and Utility  
Aid

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CRPD has begun a new park refresh program that's targeted at low-income, underserved communities. CRPD will engage the community surrounding three parks and redesign the parks to modernize and make the space more relevant to those using the parks. Funding from ARPA would pay for these efforts at three locations, including Willow Creek Park (Southwest), Hauntz Park (Hilltop), and Helsel Park (Mideast)

# PHYSICIANS CARE CONNECTION OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$125,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Physicians CareConnection (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to optimize the health of those most vulnerable, any person who has healthcare challenge due to individual barriers. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# REEB AVENUE CENTER OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Reeb Avenue Center (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect neighbors with the services they need to transform their lives. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# RECREATION/YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMMING

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$10,000,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks  
and Columbus Public  
Health

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.25: Addressing  
Educational  
Disparities:  
Academic, Social,  
and Emotional  
Services

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project/program will benefit minority populations that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. By targeting low-income and underserved communities, which often include minority populations, the project aims to address the economic and social disparities that have been amplified by the pandemic. Through inclusive programming and outreach efforts, the project will provide equitable access to summer activities, educational resources, and sports programs, ensuring that minority populations have the opportunity to benefit and recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

# REROUTE/ NVI (NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE INTERVENTION)

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$3,046,892.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Public Health

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

1.11: Community  
Violence  
Interventions

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of this program, Community Intervention Workers will focus on designated work zones as well as any other zones where it is deemed that staff has clearly established the strongest relationship and provides the best program opportunity for continued benefit to the development of the youth and safety of the community, the boundaries of which will be set forth by the City of Columbus. This will often require the Contractor and Recreation and Parks Youth Development Section (APPS Intervention Reroute) to work cooperatively in specific neighborhoods to achieve desired outcomes. These zones are defined as follows:

- [Zone 1] North side of Columbus
- [Zone 2] East side of Columbus
- [Zone 3] West Side of Columbus
- [Zone 4] South side of Columbus

Zones and boundaries are subject to change according to the violent activity of an identified area. The high crime areas that are frequented most currently are the Northside Linden area and the West side Wedgewood area.

# RESTORING OUR OWN THROUGH TRANSFORMATION (ROOTT)

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to collectively restore our well-being through self-determination, collaboration and resources to meet the needs of women and families within communities. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# REVENUE REPLACEMENT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$87,574,247.28

DEPARTMENT  
Finance and  
Management

ELIGIBLE USES  
Revenue  
Replacement

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
6.1: Provision of  
Government Services

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Revenue replacement funding for expended Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to undertake a wide array of expenditures, including covering the salaries and fringe benefits of government employees; park improvement projects; purchasing equipment and supplies for government operations; renovating public buildings and facilities

# RIVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER, INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Riverview International Center (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to assist with some of the basic needs of both new and established immigrants in the Riverview Drive neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# SANCTUARY COLLECTIVE OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sanctuary Collective (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve vulnerable women who need a place to rest, eat, connect, and get desired resources. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are thrilled to announce that we are expanding the capacity of our drop-in center to better serve our community. Our goal is to reach out to more individuals in need, particularly those who identify as unsheltered homeless or at-risk of homelessness, as well as individuals with high-risk pregnancies. We are increasing our weekly hours of operation by 10 hours each quarter, and by December 2022, we will be open 33 hours per week to provide essential services.

In addition to extending our service hours, we are proud to report that our efforts have had a profound impact. We have been able to provide case management, crisis intervention, referrals to behavioral health and affordable housing, as well as transportation to substance abuse treatment to approximately 150 unique individuals. Furthermore, we are delighted to share that our center has far exceeded expectations by reaching approximately 350 women in need of our services. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and remain committed to making a positive impact in the lives of those we support.

## SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAMS

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,750,000.00

### DEPARTMENT

Public Utilities

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.2: Household  
Assistance: Rent,  
Mortgage, and Utility  
Aid; and 2.29:  
Unemployment  
Benefits or Cash  
Assistance to  
Unemployed Workers

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide bill relief to residential and commercial customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning of 2023, a total of \$1,349,256.12 in ARPA funds were reappropriated from the original \$1,750,000 appropriation. In 2023, the Department provided \$21,009.39 in relief from the Small Business Relief Program and Residential Relief Program.

# SOMALI COMMUNITY ACCESS NETWORK OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$75,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Somali Community Access Network (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to change lives of New Americans for the better through community development and social change initiatives to facilitate the economic, social, and political integration of the Somali Community and other immigrant groups in Ohio. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF OHIO OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$50,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Somali Community Association of Ohio (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve the Somali refugee community with education, job training and placement, housing, ESOL, family literacy, after-school programs, interpretation services, summer food programs, legal assistance, and advocacy for the refugee community. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# SOMALI COMMUNITY LINK, INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Somali Community Link Ohio (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve Somali refugees and immigrants in Central Ohio by focusing on four program priorities:

- Acculturation Project (Somali Community Link Newspaper)
- Business Development Services/Business Counseling
- Housing Assistance
- After-School program

The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# SOUTHEAST, INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$61,683.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of the program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships and to provide premium pay for essential workers.

# SOUTHEAST, INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$370,503.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships and to provide premium pay for essential workers.

## SOUTHEAST HEALTHCARE, INC. OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$100,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Southeast Healthcare (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve people of all ages, cultures, races, religious preferences, genders and sexual orientations in order to enhance wellness and recovery, thereby improving families, workplaces, and communities. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# STAR HOUSE FOUNDATION OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$100,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Star House Foundation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to do whatever it takes to lift youth out of homelessness and into a community of hope. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# SUMMER GARDENING PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$70,300.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts – Assistance  
to Households

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.2: Household  
Assistance for Rent,  
Mortgage, and  
Utilities

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to work with Local Matters to provide educational support in teaching youth healthy food choices and building lifelong social skills through sensory learning experiences such as planting, growing, and maintaining a community garden, and finding various uses for the plants grown.

# THE ACE PROGRAM YOUTH SERVICES

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts – Assistance  
to Households

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.1: Household  
Assistance: Food  
Programs

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The ACE Program's goal is to provide Columbus kids with a safe environment every day. Our goal is to lower violence by keeping kids active and engaged throughout the summer months.

# THE BREATHING ASSOCIATION OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Breathing Association (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to help people breathe easier, one person at a time, through education, detection, care, and treatment. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

The Breathing Association, with the support of the Elevate! grant, embarked on a mission to empower and support 75 mothers who are either 3 months pregnant or 3 months post-partum and are living at or below 60% of the State Median Income. This groundbreaking initiative aimed to provide cessation treatment and education, with a focus on creating a positive impact on the lives of new mothers and their families.

We approached this endeavor with great enthusiasm, confident in the positive outcomes we aimed to achieve. Our goal was to have 50 mothers successfully complete the Elevating New Mothers program, knowing that challenges such as a 25% dropout rate are common in cessation-related clinics and programs.

Our innovative approach included the development of a new module specifically designed for new mothers and their households, anticipated to result in enhanced outreach and awareness of our tobacco cessation initiatives.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

We are optimistic that this will ultimately contribute to healthier pregnancies, improved air quality in homes for young children and infants, and higher birth weights for newborns of participating mothers.

In our comprehensive assessment, we not only considered standard demographics such as age, race, and type of nicotine delivery, but also conducted cotinine tests for mothers after their "quit date" as set with our clinic provider. These tests were a crucial measure to ensure that our patients could sustain their quit for the duration of the program, marking a significant step toward positive health outcomes.

Additionally, we utilized Fagerstrom scores to gauge the level of nicotine dependence among participants, with assessments conducted at the beginning and end of the program. This thoughtful approach allowed us to demonstrate the tangible effects of cessation interventions on the lives of the mothers involved.

Furthermore, prenatal testing played a pivotal role in assessing the development and health of the participants' pregnancies, enabling us to monitor positive health outcomes and improvements between sessions. We are enthusiastic about the potential impact of our efforts in promoting maternal and fetal health.

One of our primary aims was to reduce the risk of Low Birth Weight (LBW) among infants born to smoking mothers. With a goal to decrease the risk from 1 in 5 to 1

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

in 12 through smoking cessation, we are inspired by the potential to make a tangible difference in the lives of these vulnerable infants.

As we reflect on our performance goals and achievements, we are delighted to report significant progress in several key areas. Our tailored module for new mothers and their households has successfully led to increased awareness and engagement with our cessation initiatives. The cotinine tests have revealed substantial reductions in nicotine exposure, signaling promising strides towards healthier pregnancies. Additionally, the collection of Fagerstrom scores has demonstrated a decrease in nicotine dependence levels among our participants, indicating the effectiveness of our cessation interventions.

Moreover, the positive results from prenatal testing underscore the benefits of cessation on maternal and fetal health, while early indicators point towards a potential positive impact on reducing the risk of LBW among the infants in our study.

Our team is genuinely thrilled by these achievements, and we are fully committed to continuing our efforts to support and uplift new mothers and their families as we work towards building healthier, happier communities.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

<https://vimeo.com/933771839>

The above link is a video testimonial from one of our Elevating New Mothers participants.

# THE CENTER FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES OPERATING SUPPORT

**FUNDED AMOUNT**  
\$150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT**  
Development

**ELIGIBLE USES**  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

**EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY**  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Center for Healthy Families (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to engage parenting teens and their children in opportunities to acquire self-sufficiency, capabilities of health and well-being, positive networks, education and employment through a coordinated network of the most effective community services. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

We are thrilled to share our ambitious program objectives for the upcoming year. Our first goal is to enroll at least 175 infants, children, and their families from the Columbus area over the next 12 months. This will involve a range of activities including intake and assessment, service strategies, and engaging with collaborators. Our second objective is to coordinate evidence-based home-visiting, enrichment, and material assistance for the same number of families over the next year. This will involve implementing service strategies, conducting home visits, and collaborating with partners.

Over the past year, from September 2021 through August 2022, Healthy Families Home Visiting (Healthy Families) successfully served 158 unique Columbus-area infants, children, and their families.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

We are proud to announce that we exceeded our goal for enrolling and engaging families during this reporting period. Furthermore, the measurable results demonstrate the positive impact we have had on the lives of infants and children aged 0-5. Our reporting metrics indicate that children and families are faring better as a result of our efforts, including the following achievements:

- A remarkable 94% of babies born during this period were healthy, either born full-term or weighing over 5.5 pounds at birth.
- 100% of the participating infants and children remained safely at home with their families, preserving the integrity of these family units. There were only 5 reports of abuse or neglect made to the state child welfare organization while the families were involved in our program.
- We utilized the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ), a validated assessment tool, with 100% of eligible infants/children, allowing us to measure their developmental milestones and competencies.
- An impressive 82% of infants and children completing the ASQ demonstrated measurable progress toward their developmental milestones.

In addition, infants and children over 6 months of age completed ASQs every six months post-enrollment. A total of 56 ASQs were completed from September 2021 through August 2022, and 82% of the infants and children associated with these measures made progress toward healthy development and kindergarten readiness.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

Only 10 children were found to experience developmental delays during this period, and we are pleased to report that 40% of them were successfully connected to early intervention services.

For the remaining 60% with slightly below-normal scores and underlying conditions, such as frequent ear infections affecting their hearing, our home visitors have been diligently working with pediatricians to address these underlying medical issues. We are committed to supporting these children and their families by developing tailored goals and assignments to work on skills, and we will re-administer the ASQ once the underlying conditions have been addressed.

We are optimistic about the future and look forward to continuing our essential work with these remarkable families.

# THE HOMELESS FAMILIES FOUNDATION OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Homeless Families Foundation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide homeless prevention and re-housing, education, and stability programming. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# TONY WELLS FOUNDATION/SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$4,500,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

Undetermined

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to use a Fiscal Agent for the Columbus and Franklin County Small Business Covid-19 Recovery Program to disburse grant dollars to small businesses who suffered the effects of the pandemic.

# VOICE PROGRAM

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$3,046,892.00

## DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

## ELIGIBLE USES

Public Health

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

1.11: Community  
Violence  
Interventions

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The VOICE Program will use ARPA funds to improve quality of life for survivors of violence and decrease risk of revictimization/legal issues through outreach, intervention, and community engagement. During the reporting period, the Voice program diligently worked with victims of crime, offering intensive case management services. VOICE program provided a range of support services, including transportation for medical follow-ups at an OhioHealth medical facility.

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$531,693.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships, premium pay for essential workers, and enhanced cleaning efforts in the shelter.

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,070,503.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to provide operating support to mitigate financial hardships, premium pay for essential workers, and enhanced cleaning efforts in the shelter.

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) SUPPORTING HOUSING

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$2,000,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.2: Household  
Assistance: Rent,  
Mortgage, and Utility  
Aid

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to ensure  
stable and supportive housing for all  
assisted households.

# COMMUNITY OF CARING DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$200,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Neighborhoods

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.25: Addressing  
Educational  
Disparities:  
Academic, Social,  
and Emotional  
Services

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Our mission is to uplift the Linden community by enhancing academic, vocational, and social outcomes for youth and families. We are dedicated to finding and supporting organizations and programs that are making a positive impact in the Linden area. Our goal is to empower small and grassroots initiatives, helping them expand their capacity to serve the community. Together, we can create a brighter future for the youth in Linden!

# CRPD GOLF PROGRAM

FUNDED AMOUNT

\$283,300.00

DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY

2.22: Strong Healthy  
Communities:  
Neighborhood  
Features that  
Promote Health and  
Safety

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Leadership Through Golf is a programming and work force development program that offers job readiness programs, leadership development, employment, and learning the game of golf.

Golf is developing more opportunities for youth, schools, community centers and therapeutic recreation. We are working with 3 foundations to expand current opportunities in schools, community centers, and at the golf courses.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING – INSPIRE SPORTS

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$44,700.00

### DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.22: Strong Healthy  
Communities:  
Neighborhood  
Features that  
Promote Health and  
Safety

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Inspire Sports program is a unique collaboration between Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Division of Fire, and the Recreation and Parks together as one to create sports programs for youth. We want to provide opportunities for youth and first responders to build relationships and understanding to decrease violence and increase trust. Through training, the first responders will learn the best way to engage and interact with the youth that model empathy, trust, and understanding. We will move beyond the game and use sports to help youth develop life skills. This will bridge the gap between youth and first responders through sports, mentorship, and educational programs.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING – TEEN PROGRAMMING

### FUNDED AMOUNT

\$4,107,018.00

### DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks,  
Education

### ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.25: Addressing  
Educational  
Disparities:  
Academic, Social,  
and Emotional  
Services

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Teen Impact Program (TIP) will support the City of Columbus in its efforts to respond to & recover from COVID-19 by providing safe environments to recreate safely during after school/evening hours and provide summer camp opportunities. TIP will also focus on the whole child by providing recreational activities, guest speakers, field trips, and healthy food options to youth in neighborhoods that are most affected that may not otherwise be exposed to such opportunities. Our team will work with CRPD, Office of Education, and CCS to identify and promote youth participants. The program curriculum focuses on leadership, mental health, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, creative arts, physical activity, and STEAM.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING – WE CARE

### FUNDED AMOUNT

N/A

### DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Parks

### ELIGIBLE USES

Public Health

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

1.1: COVID-19  
Vaccination

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The We Care (Community Outreach) subsection of Youth Development provides youth and young adults with viable resources to address the needs that have gone unmet in their communities. The goal of the community outreach subsection is to prioritize engagement with youth and families that are part of communities that have been historically underrepresented in citywide activities. Examples of said communities include, but are not limited to, non-English speakers, low-income households, families with one parent as head of household, unhoused population, immigrants, youth, residents with limited internet access, etc. The We Care team will supplement the needs of youths that belong to larger communities in the Columbus area by providing community outreach and Youth Development programming that is culturally inclusive, responsive, and relevant for today's youth.

# YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA) OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$150,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Young Women's Christian Association (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

I am thrilled to share the incredible impact YWCA Columbus has made as a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to serve our community with unwavering dedication, especially within a Qualified Census Tract.

Thanks to the generous support from the City, we have been able to enhance our organizational capacity, identifying and addressing the growing needs of our clients. From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the YWCA Columbus Family Center provided essential emergency shelter and personalized care for an impressive 255 Central Ohio families, comprising 893 women, men, and children. Even more inspiring is the fact that 118 families successfully transitioned to more stable housing with our support.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

The success of our program is a testament to the resilience of the families we serve and the unwavering commitment of our dedicated staff, particularly our incredible Family Advocates. These advocates have played a pivotal role in assisting residents with obtaining vital documents, such as birth certificates and social security cards. With the help of new laptops purchased through funding, our advocates have been able to engage with residents more effectively, tracking progress, facilitating job searches, and coordinating with caseworkers. Their dedication has been instrumental in guiding residents through the challenges of securing stable housing.

In our efforts to meet the increasing demand for support, we reinstated our In House Overflow program in July 2022, providing additional sleeping spaces for families. What started with just 5 cots has now expanded to 20 sleeping spaces, which accommodated an average of 5 to 7 families by early 2023. The funding provided has allowed us to maximize our operational capacity, ensuring that we can continue to deliver the highest level of care to families in their times of greatest need.

Through our partnerships, such as with the City of Columbus, we have been able to provide vital support to families facing challenging circumstances. This support has been invaluable in allowing us to continue offering the compassionate care that every individual and family deserves during their most trying times.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES CON'D

Thank you to all who have contributed to our ongoing success and the positive impact we have made in the lives of those we serve.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the YWCA Columbus Family Center extended a lifeline to 255 Central Ohio families, encompassing 893 women, men, and children, by offering emergency shelter and individualized care. It's truly heartening to share that 118 families successfully transitioned to more stable housing through our program.

The resilience of these families, coupled with the unwavering support of the dedicated YWCA Columbus staff, particularly the Family Advocates, has been instrumental in our success. Throughout their stay, residents regularly met with their Advocates to receive assistance in obtaining crucial documents such as birth certificates and social security cards. With the acquisition of laptops funded in early fall, our Advocates were able to effectively liaise with residents, track progress, and collaborate with external partners, job search resources, and caseworkers. The diligence and commitment of our Advocates have been pivotal in guiding residents through the challenges and uncertainties on their journey to securing more stable housing.

We are thrilled to announce that in July 2022, we reinstated our In House

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES CON'D

Overflow, which now provides up to 20 sleeping spaces for additional families in need. By early 2023, we consistently accommodated an average of 5 to 7 families in these overflow spaces. The support provided by this funding has allowed us to maximize our operational capacity and effectively cater to the growing number of families seeking our assistance.

The generosity of our supporters and partners has made an incredible impact, enabling us to expand our services and deliver much-needed support to those facing housing insecurity. We are filled with gratitude for the ongoing opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Central Ohio families.

# YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA) OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$957,337.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Young Women's Christian Association (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA) OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$1,711,660.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Public Health

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

1.4: Prevention in  
Congregate Settings  
(Nursing Homes,  
Prisons/Jails, Dense  
Work Sites, Schools,  
Childcare facilities,  
etc.)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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# UNIK FOUNDATION OPERATING SUPPORT

FUNDED AMOUNT  
\$50,000.00

DEPARTMENT  
Development

ELIGIBLE USES  
Negative Economic  
Impacts

EXPENDITURE  
CATEGORY  
2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Unik Foundation (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide incarcerated citizens and at-risk youth from the New American/Immigrant/Muslim Communities with an evidence-based, holistic re-entry services needed to successfully re-integrate them back into the wider community. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

# US TOGETHER OPERATING SUPPORT

## FUNDED AMOUNT

\$150,000.00

## DEPARTMENT

Development

## ELIGIBLE USES

Negative Economic  
Impacts

## EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

2.34: Assistance to  
Impacted Nonprofit  
Organizations  
(Impacted or  
Disproportionately  
Impacted)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

US Together (Beneficiary) is a non-profit organization with a mission to coordinate, organize, and initiate services to refugees and immigrants through education, advocacy, support services, information, referrals and networking opportunities in order to strengthen the community that we live in and to promote international understanding through intercultural exchange. The Beneficiary experienced negative impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic as they continued to operate within a Qualified Census Tract.

