

Cobb County Government  
**Recovery Plan Performance Report**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds**

2024 Report

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Executive Summary**

Cobb County received funding through the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), enacted by Congress in 2021. This funding was designated for local and state governments to support public health, essential workers, infrastructure improvements, and to mitigate the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Cobb County has engaged a consultant to manage the distribution and administration of these funds. The consultant conducted meetings with residents, non-profit organizations, and community support groups to gather input on the most effective allocation of the funds. As a result, 261 applications were submitted, and 85 were selected for funding after a thorough vetting process by a committee.

### **Uses of Funds**

Cobb County, like many jurisdictions across the United States, faced significant challenges while trying to provide enhanced services related to emergency medical facilities, vaccination sites, support for struggling small businesses, and household assistance, all while coping with reduced local revenue. To address these needs, Cobb County developed a comprehensive plan for fund allocation in partnership with a consulting firm. The following expenditure categories have been utilized as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:

**A. Public Health (EC 1)** – The County is managing forty-one projects and programs related to public health, which include:

- Mental Health Services
- Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
- Other Public Health Services
- Prevention in Congregate Settings (such as nursing homes, high-density workplaces, schools, and childcare facilities)
- Substance Use Services

Funds have been allocated through the following county departments and services to address these public health impacts:

- Property Management Department
- Department of Health and Human Services (Cobb Douglas Public Health)
- Medical Examiner's Office
- Department of Public Safety
- Countywide Infrastructure
- Support Services

### **1. Prevention in Congregate Settings:**

The County has allocated funds to renovate several courtrooms to implement COVID-19 safety measures while maintaining court operations. The pandemic significantly impacted court functions, causing delays, cancellations, and stays of many constitutionally and statutorily

required proceedings. To address these challenges, the court system has adopted comprehensive health protocols. While visible precautions include PPE, mandatory masks, and plexiglass barriers, social distancing remains a critical and complex issue. Courts must meet legal requirements to handle cases promptly, sometimes within state-mandated timelines. For criminal cases, the U.S. Constitution's confrontation clause necessitates in-person witness interactions, complicating social distancing efforts.

To resolve these issues, the County is enhancing courtroom capacity to comply with social distancing guidelines. Additionally, the District Attorney's Office is improving physical space and structural capacity to support operational needs while adhering to health protocols. Cobb Senior Services will also use funds to implement safety measures in their facilities, including expanding wellness programs, increasing transportation services, and installing air purifying filters. Further details on courtroom and senior service improvements can be found in the Project Inventory section.

## **2. Mental Health Services:**

Funds allocated for mental health services are aimed at supporting low-income and minority communities. The County is offering various wellness programs that include peer support, medication management, psychological assessments, and behavioral health counseling. Specialized mental health and grief counseling are available for individuals who lost family members during the pandemic or who have experienced domestic violence, with some services provided at no cost.

Additional support includes medical supply kits, health insurance assistance, and other resources for individuals with or at risk of HIV/AIDS. To enhance accessibility, mental health resources are being integrated into diverse settings, such as after-school and summer youth programs, and tools are being implemented to monitor referral outcomes for veterans seeking mental health support. The aim is to ensure comprehensive tracking and addressing of veteran needs from start to finish.

Mental health training is being provided to first responders and other front-line workers, and mental health clinicians and case workers are being embedded within 911 call centers and co-responder units. These units are placed in areas with high mental health case prevalence to ensure prompt access by law enforcement, first responders, and the judicial system. For further details on mental health services, please refer to the Project Inventory section.

## **3. Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses:**

Funds designated for other COVID-19 public health expenses are used to support the Medical Examiner's Office by ensuring they have adequate sanitation supplies and personal protective gear. These resources are crucial for maintaining hygiene and safety in their operations. Additionally, the funds are being allocated to expand storage space and to enhance the County's stockpile with necessary sanitation and personal protective equipment. For more details about these expenditures, please refer to the Project Inventory section.

#### 4. Other Public Health Services:

Funds allocated for Other Public Health Services are supporting several key initiatives:

- **Emergency Services:** Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services are acquiring transport rescue vehicles to improve the efficiency of emergency responses and reduce delays at hospitals. Additionally, cardiac monitors and manual chest compression devices are being procured for first responders.
- **Vision Care:** Mobile vision clinics and services within Marietta City Schools are providing free eye exams and glasses to underserved communities.
- **Maternal and Infant Health:** The Cobb County Board of Health, in partnership with a local hospital system, is offering screening, assessment, and referral services for high-risk, underserved pregnant women in Cobb County.
- **Public Health Outreach:** The Cobb County Board of Health will also expand its public health outreach by providing medical screenings, testing, vaccinations for various diseases, and promoting prevention through mobile clinics.

For more information on these services, please refer to the Project Inventory section.

#### 5. Substance Use Services:

Funding for Substance Use Services is being used to support a range of critical initiatives:

- **Sober Housing:** Temporary sober housing assistance is provided to individuals in recovery.
- **Treatment Services:** Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and residential treatment programs for substance abuse disorders are available. These services include in-service mental health support for individuals within the criminal justice system struggling with substance use issues.
- **Opioid Addiction:** Efforts to combat opioid addiction include expanding access to harm reduction supplies and increasing the number of medical providers offering opioid medication-assisted therapy.
- **Residential Treatment:** Evidence-based residential treatment for substance use disorders (SUD) is being provided for homeless men, with efforts to enhance capacity at residential treatment facilities across Cobb County.

For further details on Substance Use Services, please consult the Project Inventory section.

**B. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)** – The County is overseeing fifty-one projects and programs aimed at addressing negative economic impacts. These initiatives include:

- Assistance to Impacted Non-Profits
- Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services
- Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
- Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties
- Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs
- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
- Household Assistance: Food Programs

- Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons
- Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
- Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
- Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
- Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

The County has allocated funds through the following county departments and services to address negative economic impacts:

- Department of Homeland Security (County Emergency Services Management Resources)
- Department of Health and Human Services (Cobb Douglas Public Health)
- Countywide Infrastructure
- Community Development
- Support Services

### **1. Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services**

This category is being addressed by equipping Cobb County Schools with school-based site coordinators who offer both academic and non-academic support to enhance student success. Additionally, a program is introducing music-oriented activities for underserved youth, including transportation services and efforts to close gaps in childcare access. Early literacy is being promoted through a program that provides developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate books during pediatric visits. A trained medical provider offers families a book to take home for their child and discusses the benefits of reading aloud together. For further information on Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services, please consult the project inventory listing.

### **2. Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality:**

Cobb Travel and Tourism, in collaboration with the Cobb Chamber and Select Cobb, manages a grant program designed to support areas of Cobb's hospitality and tourism sectors that are struggling with workforce issues. This includes art organizations, live entertainment venues, tourist attractions, and craft beverage producers. For more details about Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality, please refer to the project inventory listing.

### **3. Household Assistance, Food Programs:**

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, funding was provided to a corporation that delivered essential food assistance to Cobb citizens, alleviating some of the economic and emotional burden on families in need. The funds were used to purchase food vouchers/cards, food boxes, supplies for food banks or pantries, and support food distribution efforts. Food insecurity is being tackled through various projects aimed at increasing capacity for traditional and choice food pantries, expanding their supply of produce and shelf-stable foods, supporting

transportation, and covering related payroll expenses. These projects address food insecurity among homeless populations, low-income households, low-income minority households, and individuals affected by terminal illness. For more information about Household Assistance: Food Programs, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **4. Assistance to Unemployed and Underemployed Workers:**

Support is provided through programs offering free adult and youth job training, skills development, job placement assistance, and various workforce development activities. These initiatives are specifically aimed at individuals with disabilities and those in Cobb County's most underserved and economically disadvantaged communities. Programs include paid summer and year-round employment opportunities for Cobb County youth, which help participants gain work experience while assisting employers with talent needs. Additionally, a partnership with a local healthcare network will offer certification programs for aspiring nursing assistants. The programs also support business owners and underemployed individuals with income strategy planning, mentoring, leadership development, civic engagement, workforce development, and life skills training. These efforts are designed to unlock youth potential and equip them with the tools to succeed in their homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. GED counselors and job readiness coaches will be available to assist underemployed and unemployed individuals, as well as low-income high school students. The ultimate goal is to enhance employment opportunities and enable participants to secure jobs that provide sufficient income to meet their basic needs. For more information about Assistance to Unemployed and Underemployed Workers, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **5. Internet Access Assistance:**

Support is being provided to a veteran's non-profit organization to ensure broadband access for those who cannot obtain it independently, thereby promoting digital equity. The organization will identify community groups and collaborate with them to offer 60–90-minute Digital Literacy workshops, using curriculum developed by AT&T in partnership with the Public Library Association (PLA). Topics covered in the workshops include Internet Basics, Email Basics, Cyber Security Basics, Computer Basics, Mobile Device Basics, and Video Conferencing. Additionally, the program will provide households with digital literacy resources. For more information about Household Assistance: Internet Access programs, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **6. Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid:**

Financial assistance is being provided through programs designed to support underserved, low-income, terminally ill, and minority communities facing housing insecurity. These programs offer temporary and limited financial aid to prevent eviction for low-income households, both with and without dependent children. They also support organizations that help homeless individuals and families secure stable housing and provide aid to financially struggling food service workers. Part of the funding will be allocated to develop a virtual platform that streamlines the application process, increasing efficiency and ensuring compliance. The funding will cover direct assistance such as application fees, security deposits, renter's insurance, rent,

and utility payments, as well as payroll, supplies, materials, and professional services including administrative support. A vendor will manage and implement Cobb County's program objectives, which include: 1) offering rental, utility, and/or security deposit assistance to Cobb County residents, and 2) establishing a network of qualified specialists to create seamless access and entry points. For additional information about Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **7. Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship:**

Funding is being provided to SelectCobb to help childcare learning centers and family childcare homes address their workforce challenges. For more information about Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **8. Long-Term Housing Security:**

Services for unhoused individuals are being provided to organizations with existing shelter programs that support homeless families. The funds will be used to expand capacity, allowing these programs to assist more families. Additionally, some programs collaborate with Open Doors to help locate and secure lease agreements for homeless residents participating in housing initiatives supported by the Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care agencies and stakeholders.

To further enhance long-term housing security, ARPA support will fund the development of 14 single-family affordable homes for Cobb families with incomes at or below 65% AMI. This initiative will involve acquiring, rehabilitating, and constructing scattered-site homes, thereby increasing the county's supply of affordable for-sale single-family homes. Priority for these homes will be given to county employees, veterans, teachers, and other essential workers. For more information about Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons, please refer to the project inventory listing.

#### **9. In promotion of Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties:**

Several projects have been funded to enhance healthcare capacity by expanding facilities. One healthcare center will increase its space by 5,000 square feet, adding 11 exam rooms, a licensed pharmacy, and an expanded patient waiting area. Another project will construct a new building to improve access to public health services for South Cobb residents, including adult and pediatric primary care, mental health services, HIV diagnosis and treatment, telehealth, and connections to other community resources. Additionally, major<sup>1</sup> and minor home repairs will be provided at no cost to older adults, veterans, and low-income homeowners following a home inspection. Eligibility and project selection will be managed by MOWA. For more information about Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties, please refer to the project inventory listing.

## **10. In Promotion of Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety**

A project has been funded to develop an 8-acre site featuring a community plaza, outdoor restrooms, and an inclusive playground. The site will offer free visits for students and provide opportunities for all demographics to engage in interactive education through Family Fun Safety Days, Camp Puzzle Days (for the autistic community), and educational events for seniors and adults. For more information about Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety, please refer to the project inventory listing.

## **11. Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning**

The community is being offered opportunities through programs aimed at economic development and designed to support individuals negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs include proactive youth-focused mentoring, life skills training, workforce readiness, and leadership development services. Additionally, efforts are being made to enhance accessibility by creating workforce access points, which aim to strengthen and expand the county's talent pool. This expansion improves job seekers' ability to access employment, education, training, and support services, thereby increasing their chances of success in the labor market.

A Business Boot Camp has also been introduced to help minority small business owners enhance their processes and sustainability through improved business planning, marketing, sales, capital acquisition, hiring, and onboarding. Furthermore, one-on-one training is available for micro/solo business owners who have experienced a reduction in income, closed their businesses, or are seeking new employment opportunities. For more information about Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning, please refer to the project inventory listing.

## **12. Household Assistance: Survivors Benefits**

The program will offer a fully furnished transitional home to numerous families, providing the care and support necessary to help them successfully embark on a new, productive beginning. For more information about Household Assistance: Survivors Benefits, please refer to the project inventory listing.

## **13. Economic Impact Assistance: Other**

This initiative aids economic recovery by focusing on the business sector and workforce opportunities. It supports workforce development, small and minority-owned businesses, employee retention, and the hospitality and tourism industries. Additionally, Legal Aid's "Lawyer in the Library" project offers free general legal information and personalized legal advice on issues such as housing stability, income maintenance, access to public benefits, family law, and consumer matters.

## **C. Public Health - Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)**

The county is undertaking nine projects aimed at addressing the needs of disproportionately impacted communities. These projects focus on:

- **Public Sector Workforce:** Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services
- **Public Sector Capacity:** Administrative Needs
- **Public Sector Workforce:** Other

These initiatives are designed to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of public sector services in response to economic impacts.

The County has allocated funds through the following departments to address the needs of disproportionately impacted communities:

- County Manager's Office
- Chief Magistrate's Office
- Countywide Infrastructure
- Department of Public Safety
- Support Services

### **1. Public Sector Capacity-Administrative Needs**

Public Sector Capacity-Administrative Needs are currently being tackled through a project aimed at reducing pandemic-related backlog in the judicial system. This backlog arose due to the implementation of social distancing guidelines to safeguard public health. The project aims to restore and strengthen public sector capacity while facilitating mediation. It plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between tenants facing eviction and landlords seeking assistance. For more information on Public Sector Capacity-Administrative Needs, please refer to the project inventory listing.

### **2. Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services**

Public Sector Workforce initiatives are addressing various challenges through strategic funding reallocations. These efforts include offsetting personnel costs for staff attorneys and investigators across departments, responding to retention issues exacerbated by significant pay increases in neighboring counties. Programs are also focused on recruiting and retaining certified/sworn personnel within Cobb County Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office, addressing recent employee losses to other jurisdictions. Furthermore, support is being provided to Cobb County Courts to manage backlog by expanding court personnel, consolidating lost revenue, and acquiring necessary equipment for court proceedings.

Additional measures include the payment of half of all juror fees over a two-year period, legal clinics conducted at the courthouse law library offering public legal consultations, and

informational sessions covering family law, income maintenance, health, probate, housing, and consumer matters. Operational costs for a non-profit organization engaged in significant community food supply and distribution services will also be covered.

For more details on Public Sector Workforce initiatives related to payroll and benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services, please refer to the project inventory listing.

### 3. **Other Public Sector Workforce Projects**

The project includes HVAC upgrades aimed at enhancing indoor air quality based on scientific standards and implementing measures to mitigate COVID-19 transmission. These upgrades will focus on buildings with high foot traffic located in underserved communities, including public safety, government, and judicial system facilities serving residents in these areas. Additionally, the initiative ensures that 100% of respiratory-related deaths in Cobb County are accurately diagnosed, recorded in death records, and reported to public health authorities.

The final rule supports efforts to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases through comprehensive testing, reporting, and ongoing monitoring. For further details on Public Sector Workforce initiatives under "Other," please refer to the project inventory listing.

### **D. Infrastructure projects in the county encompass four key areas:**

- **Clean Water: Storm Water** projects focus on managing stormwater runoff effectively to protect water quality and prevent flooding.
- **Other: Sewer Infrastructure Projects** involve upgrading and maintaining sewer systems to ensure efficient wastewater management and environmental compliance.
- **Broadband: Other Projects** aim to enhance broadband infrastructure across the county, improving internet access and connectivity for residents and businesses.
- **Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure** initiatives include various efforts to further develop and maintain sewer infrastructure, ensuring continued environmental sustainability and public health protection.

The County has allocated funds through the Department of Public Safety and Support Services to address various Infrastructure projects:

#### **1. Clean Water: Stormwater Projects**

The projects involving the repair and replacement of failed stormwater piping are detailed in the project inventory listing. Please consult that document for comprehensive information regarding these specific Clean Water: Stormwater initiatives.

#### **2. Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure Projects**

This project involves the rehabilitation of seven wastewater pump stations and one drinking water pump station. This effort will involve replacing three pumps, installing new electrical buildings at two stations, replacing standby generators and automated transfer switches, and constructing new concrete pads and fences. For additional information on Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure projects, consult the project inventory listing.

### 3. **Broadband: Other Projects**

This project will upgrade bandwidth connectivity at community and recreation centers and enhance infrastructure at the county's data center to increase capacity. This upgrade will expand outdoor Wi-Fi coverage for nine Cobb County community and recreation centers. For more information about Broadband: Other projects, refer to the project inventory listing.

### 4. **Other Sewer Infrastructure Projects**

This project aims to assist low-income Cobb homeowners by funding repairs for failing septic tanks and providing pumping services for those on proper septic systems. For further details on Other Sewer Infrastructure projects, please see the project inventory listing.

**E. Surface Transportation-** The county has allocated funds to its Department of Transportation for six projects aimed at bridge and road repairs, improvements, and rehabilitation. These projects include both those receiving funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and those funded through other sources.

1. **Projects receiving funding from the DOT** include the Powers Ferry Bridge Rehabilitation project, which focuses on repairing and rehabilitating the bridge, and the Cumberland Transfer project, which aims to expand and relocate the transfer center.

2. **Projects not receiving funding from the DOT include the following:**

**a.120-Factory Shoals Rd Multimodal Study** - Focused on enhancing safety and connectivity through multimodal improvements.

**b. Allatoona Creek Greenway Trail** - Aims to provide alternative transportation connections between schools, parks, and cultural amenities.

**c. Kennesaw State/Town Center Transit-Oriented Development Study** - Addresses transit solutions to meet mobility needs.

**d. East-West Connector Corridor Improvements** - Designed to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety as well as increase road capacity.

For further details on Surface Transportation projects, please see the project inventory listing.

**F. Administrative and Other-** There are two administrative projects as follows:

**1. ARPA Program Administration:** This project covers the costs associated with managing the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) program. This could include expenses related to staffing, operational support, compliance, and reporting.

**2. County Record Retention and Storage:** This project addresses the needs for managing and storing county records. It likely involves expenses related to physical or digital storage solutions, organization, and possibly updating or maintaining records systems.

For more detailed information, you should consult the project inventory listing under the "Administrative and Other" section.

## Promoting equitable outcomes

An online portal was created for organizations to apply for grants distributed across five key areas: community health, support services, economic development, county infrastructure, and public safety. Applications were evaluated on a rolling basis and needed to address the needs of communities affected or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the January 20, 2021, Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, "equity" is defined as the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including those from underserved communities who have historically been denied such treatment. This includes Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American individuals, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, other people of color, religious minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, residents of rural areas, and those affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

### A. Observation Based on Reported Information

- **Impact on Underserved Communities:** Out of 87 projects, 67 (77%) reported affecting at least one of the 11 underserved communities specified in the Executive Order for Q1 2024. The remaining 20 projects did not specify which communities they served.
- **Specific Impact:** Six projects explicitly reported impacting the 11 underserved communities.
- **Broad Impact:** Thirty-one projects reported benefiting 5 or more of the 11 underserved communities.
- **Other Populations:** Projects categorized as 'Other' commonly serve populations such as those who are food insecure and individuals who are biracial or multiracial.
- **Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs):** Forty-five of the 89 active projects are being conducted or are planned within one or more qualified census tracts (QCTs), which are indicative of areas with heightened needs. As more projects are implemented, additional data will be available to assess the ARPA investment in QCTs, the number of individuals served, and the overall impact.

## Community Engagement

Organizations and agencies receiving funding must provide key performance indicators and intended outcomes through regular quarterly reporting.

## Labor Practices

### Procurement Services Overview

Procurement Services is responsible for purchasing and acquiring materials, supplies, equipment, and services for all County departments.

#### Primary Goals:

- **Cost Efficiency:** Achieve maximum dollar savings while ensuring the required levels of quality.
- **Fairness and Equity:** Treat vendors and contractors fairly by promoting competitive practices through the solicitation of quotations, bids, and proposals.
- **Value and Integrity:** Deliver the greatest value to Cobb County with integrity and honesty.

#### Support Role:

- **Assistance:** Provide support to the County Manager and the Board of Commissioners in securing procurements and planning for future needs.

### Core Values of Cobb County

Cobb County operates with a focus on four core values—commitment, diversity, integrity, and teamwork—to deliver value to the community and create a lasting legacy for future generations. These values are integral to the county’s approach and guide its operations.

- **Commitment:** Reflects the dedication and perseverance required to achieve goals and advance initiatives. It involves a strong resolve and servant leadership to overcome obstacles.
- **Diversity:** Promotes unity towards common objectives by embracing differences and fostering inclusiveness. Diversity means being included, while inclusiveness means actively participating.
- **Integrity:** Ensures public confidence by maintaining high ethical standards and conducting county operations effectively, efficiently, and responsibly.
- **Teamwork:** Encourages collaboration and values diverse perspectives to work in the best interest of the county. Cobb County is an equal opportunity employer, committed to a drug-free workplace and non-discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in both employment and service provision.

### Use of Evidence

A residential treatment program by The Extension, Inc. provides homeless addicted men evidence-based residential SUD treatment.

Hispanic or Latino children in Cobb County will receive evidence-based mental health services, free of charge, in their native language to ensure equitable access to quality life, education, and future employment opportunities. Additionally, their caregivers will receive support services to aid their children both now and in the future. This project aims to assist Latino families impacted by COVID-19 by employing staff specifically to serve this population in their primary language.

## Performance Report

### Current Project Status and Risk Assessment

- **On-Time Performance:** The percentage of projects considered on-time has been steadily increasing. As of the most recent data, 86% of projects are reported to be on schedule, and 91% are on track financially to meet the 2026 expenditure deadline.
- **Project Completion:** KPI survey data shows significant progress since Q4 2023. Forty-one projects (47%) have completed at least 25% of their activities, and five projects (6%) are fully completed.
- **Spending Status:** Thirteen projects (15%) reported spending 0% of their ARPA award since funds were obligated. This is an improvement from the previous quarter, where 16 projects (18%) reported no spending. The ARPA Compliance Team is actively engaging in virtual touchpoints to monitor spending progress and provide technical assistance.
- **Risk Identification:** In Q2 2024, 60% of respondents identified potential risks to their projects, compared to 66% in Q4 2023. Commonly reported risks include:
  - **Staffing Challenges:** Noted across various projects.
  - **Community Health Projects:** Concerns about program participation.
  - **Support Services Projects:** Issues with project capacity.
  - **'Other' Projects:** Specific risks include finding reliable locations for summer activities, public health concerns, housing shortages, weather-related operational impacts, contract approval delays, food bank limitations, and technical challenges.

Additional operational risks highlighted by subrecipients include finding suitable locations for summer activities, addressing public health issues, and managing housing shortages.

### Priority Area Overview: Public Safety

#### Impact Overview:

- **Coverage and Service:** Projects have impacted 4 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 732 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Health and Safety Improvements:**
  - **Mental Health Support:** 556 instances where individuals benefited from enhanced health and safety through case management or counseling for mental illness.
  - **Justice System Efficiency:** 94 instances of improved efficiency in the justice system due to reduced backlog of untried cases.

- **Behavioral Health Services:** 46 instances of improved health and safety through increased promotion of behavioral or mental health services.
- **Crisis Support:** 7 instances of improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to behavioral health crises.
- **Violence Reduction:** 29 instances of community impact through efforts to reduce violence.

### **Top Beneficiary Populations:**

- Individuals dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues.
- County government agencies
- First responders and other essential workers
- Survivors of domestic abuse

## **Priority Area Overview: Support Services**

### **Impact Overview:**

- **Coverage and Service:** Support Services projects have affected 7 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 256,654 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Service Breakdown:**
  - **Food Security:** 246,676 instances of reduced food insecurity through the provision of food or meals.
  - **Basic Needs:** 5,612 instances of meeting basic needs by providing clothing to vulnerable populations.
  - **Homelessness:**
    - 1,991 instances of serving individuals facing homelessness through shelter provision.
    - 892 instances of providing rent, utility, or mortgage assistance to those facing homelessness.
  - **Legal Assistance:** 1,247 instances of supporting vulnerable populations with legal assistance.
  - **Transportation:** 238 instances of improved access to transportation.
  - **Violence Reduction:** 52 individuals served through efforts to reduce community violence.
  - **Childcare:** 49 instances of support through expanded availability or access to childcare.

### **Top Beneficiary Populations:**

- Businesses
- Low-income individuals and households
- Individuals living with disabilities.
- Minority-owned businesses
- Racial and ethnic minorities

## Priority Area Overview: Economic Development

### Impact Overview:

- **Coverage and Service:** Economic Development projects have impacted 4 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 1,680 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Service Breakdown:**
  - **Employment Opportunities:** 989 instances where individuals benefited from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.
  - **Digital Literacy:** 371 individuals gained from enhanced digital literacy or access.
  - **Youth Programs:** 111 instances of youth benefiting from childhood literacy or afterschool enrichment programs.
  - **Transportation:** 25 instances of service improvement through transportation enhancements.
  - **Digital Literacy Classes:** 24 digital literacy classes provided.
  - **Clothing:** 12 instances of clothing being provided to individuals.
  - **Childcare and Education:** 1 instance where expanded childcare access helped an individual secure their GED or high school diploma.

### Top Beneficiary Populations:

- Businesses
- Low-income individuals and households
- Individuals living with disabilities.
- Minority-owned businesses
- Racial and ethnic minorities

## Priority Area Overview: Community Health

### Impact Overview:

- **Coverage and Service:** Community Health projects have impacted 17 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 29,786 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Service Breakdown:**
  - **Healthcare Access:** 6,285 instances where uninsured individuals gained expanded access to healthcare.
  - **Early Childhood Development:** 5,831 instances where youth benefited from early childhood development activities.
  - **Behavioral and Mental Health:** 4,290 instances where individuals' health and safety improved through behavioral or mental health services.
  - **COVID-19 Response:** 3,710 instances where individuals were impacted by efforts to reduce the spread or burden of COVID-19.

- **Childhood Literacy and Enrichment:** 3,688 instances where youth benefited from childhood literacy or afterschool enrichment programs.
- **Mental Health Counseling:** 1,530 instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling.
- **Food Security:** 1,012 instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.
- **Substance Abuse Treatment:** 926 instances of improved health and safety through substance abuse treatment.
- **Clothing:** 900 instances of meeting basic needs by providing clothing to vulnerable populations.
- **Crisis Support:** 578 instances of improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to behavioral health crises.
- **Prenatal Care:** 551 instances where mothers and/or infants received prenatal health care.
- **Transportation Access:** 485 instances of improved access to transportation.
- **Childcare Access:** 289 instances where individuals benefited from expanded availability or access to childcare.
- **Shelter for Homelessness:** 182 instances where individuals facing homelessness received shelter.
- **Homelessness Assistance:** 76 instances where individuals facing homelessness were assisted through rent, utility, or mortgage support.
- **Digital Literacy and Access:** 73 instances where individuals benefited from promoted digital literacy or access to digital resources.

#### **Top Beneficiary Populations:**

- Low-income individuals and households
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Youth
- Individuals living with mental health and substance abuse issues.

## **Priority Area Overview: County Infrastructure**

### **Impact Overview:**

- **Coverage and Service:** County Infrastructure projects have impacted 3 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 6,870 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Service Breakdown:**
  - **Public Infrastructure:** 5,441 instances where individuals benefited from strengthened public infrastructure, including safe drinking water, power, and broadband access.
  - **Food Security:** 697 instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.

- **Transportation:** 430 instances of improved access to transportation.
- **COVID-19 Mitigation:** 225 instances where the risk of spread or burden of COVID-19 was reduced.
- **Homelessness Assistance:** 77 instances where homelessness was reduced through rent, utility, or mortgage assistance.

**Top Beneficiary Populations:**

- County government agencies
- Water, stormwater, and wastewater customers
- Low-income individuals and households
- Seniors
- Veterans

**Priority Area Overview: General ARPA and Multiple Priority Areas**

**Impact Overview:**

- **Coverage and Service:** Projects under General ARPA and Multiple Priority Areas have impacted 5 out of 27 delivery areas, providing 10,925 quantifiable services to individuals.
- **Service Breakdown:**
  - **Food Security:** 7,241 instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.
  - **Basic Needs:** 3,461 instances where basic needs were met by providing clothing to vulnerable populations.
  - **Homelessness Assistance:** 100 instances where homelessness was reduced through rent, utility, or mortgage assistance.
  - **Mental Health Support:** 70 instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling.
  - **Employment Opportunities:** 23 instances where employment was increased through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.
  - **Behavioral Health Services:** 30 instances where health and safety were improved through the promotion of behavioral or mental health services.

## Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.12	Mental Health Services	\$4,286,947.59	\$4,105,503.87
1.13	Substance Use Services	\$163,802.57	\$163,802.57
1.14	Other Public Health Services	\$2,229,686.61	\$2,205,125.02
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child Care Facilities etc.)	\$6,268,131.02	\$2,696,596.33
1.7	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses	\$1,879,671.85	\$312,168.11
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	\$2,975,433.88	\$1,350,436.49
2.10	Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers	\$3,786,847.45	\$3,705,889.05
2.15	Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing	\$223,005.79	\$223,005.79
2.16	Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons	\$164,198.85	\$164,198.95
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$3,363,837.46	\$3,283,837.46
2.22	Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety		
2.23	Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties	\$864,831.22	\$864,831.22
2.25	Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services	\$628,196.73	\$628,196.73
2.29	Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship	\$4,891,075.00	\$4,891,075.00
2.3	Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning	\$463,537.07	\$463,537.07
2.34	Assistance to Impacted Non-Profit Organizations		
2.35	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	\$439,611.41	\$439,611.41
2.37	Negative Economic Impacts: Other	\$48,390.12	\$48,390.12
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.8	Household Assistance: Survivor's Benefit		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers	\$7,687,564.77	\$5,728,001.12

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.3	Public Sector Workforce: Other	\$786,801.38	\$500,532.51
3.4	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$2,467,369.98	\$2,079,013.62
3.5	Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs	\$655,860.08	\$484,071.81
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.21	Broadband: Other projects		
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure	\$1,547,009.27	\$1,547,009.27
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$15,414,423.29	\$11,375,423.29
9	Surface Transportation		
9.1	Surface Transportation Projects Receiving Funding from DOT		
9.2	Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (streamline framework)	\$43,823.07	\$43,823.07
	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$64,280,056.46</b>	<b>\$50,304,079.88</b>

**Project Inventory**

**Project**

**Project ARP1:** COVID ARP Food Distribution State & Local Fiscal Recovery

**Funding amount:** \$1,575,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

**Project overview**

- There was a pressing demand for food assistance among Cobb citizens, addressing a critical need. Providing this support would alleviate some of the economic and emotional burdens faced by families in need. A total of \$1,500,000 was allocated to nonprofits through an application process. These funds could be utilized for purchasing food vouchers, food boxes, gift cards, and food from food banks or pantries using both mobile and traditional distribution channels. Nonprofit organizations such as Zion Keepers, Inc., Davis Direction Foundation, Inc., YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, and Ministries United for Service and Training Inc. were involved in distributing these resources.
- \$75,000 was allocated to W. Frank Newton, Inc. for administrative services related to the food allocation program. These services included developing the grant application, conducting application reviews, and providing general monitoring and oversight until all funds were fully disbursed and utilized.

- Funds were allocated to W. Frank Newton, Inc. for the administration and distribution over a two-year period, which has now been successfully completed.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project contributed to the reduction of food insecurity by providing food or meals. It impacted:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 4: Households Experiencing Increased Food or Housing Insecurity
4. 5: Households Qualifying for Certain Federal Programs
5. 7: Other Households or Populations Facing Negative Economic Impacts
6. 3: Households Experiencing Unemployment
7. 10: Non-Profit Organizations Facing Economic Challenges
8. 14: Disadvantaged Low-Income Households and Populations

The funds facilitated the alleviation of food insecurity by expanding the range of available meals, primarily through established organizations who support underserved communities.

### Project

**Project ARP3:** COVID American Rescue Plan-Courtroom Renovations

**Funding amount:** \$3,957,800.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4, Public Health-Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Childcare facilities. Etc.) \*

#### **Project overview**

- The project involves significant enhancements to public facilities to address pandemic-related operational requirements and enable social distancing, thereby supporting court operations.
- Specific improvements include expanding the Grand Jury room for grand jury proceedings, constructing a 12th jury trial courtroom for the Superior Court, creating a multi-purpose courtroom for the Superior Court, renovating the Magistrate courtroom, and reconfiguring the probate courtroom.
- Funding has been allocated to the Cobb County Property Management Department for these purposes, and expenditures are 99% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to efforts to reduce the spread or burden of COVID-19 impacting the General Public, and contributed to instances where the risk of virus transmission or burden was mitigated.

### Project

**Project ARP4:** COVID American Rescue Plan Magistrate Court Personnel and Technology

**Funding amount:** \$1,778,429.16

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

### **Project overview**

- This project aims to strengthen the public sector's capacity to support essential COVID-19 services within the County. It includes administrative costs to support hiring in the County's judicial system.
- The judicial administration program will facilitate the processing of pandemic-related backlog and assist in mediation to alleviate the backlog caused by implementing social distancing guidelines for public health protection. It serves as a crucial link between tenants at risk of eviction, landlords needing assistance, approved County Service Providers administering the Emergency Rental Assistance program and includes provision of necessary technology for personnel.
- Funding has been allocated to the Cobb County Courts' Chief Magistrate Office for these purposes, with 16% of the project completed thus far.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to improved efficiency in the justice system by reducing the backlog of untried cases. These measures primarily impacted:

1. 14: Disadvantaged Low-Income Households and Populations
2. 3: Households Experiencing Unemployment

### **Project**

**Project AR10:** County-wide COVID-19 Cleaning and Sanitation

**Funding amount:** \$125,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

### **Project overview**

- The project aims to enhance cleaning and disinfecting services and supplies in County-owned facilities to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 virus.
- It specifically addresses the heightened demand for deep cleaning, fogging, and other COVID-19-related sanitation measures.
- Funding has been allocated to the Cobb County Property Management Department, with 78% of the project completed.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to efforts to reduce the spread or burden of COVID-19 impacting the General Public, and contributed to instances where the risk of virus transmission or burden was mitigated.

### **Project**

**Project AR13:** ARPA Consulting Services

**Funding amount:** \$8,092,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 7.1, Administrative and Other- Administrative Expenses

**Project overview**

- Administrative expenses, both direct and indirect, are incurred in the administration of ARPA Funds.

**Performance Report**

- Projects aimed at assisting individuals affected by their current economic circumstances include performance data related to race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors, as feasible.

Funding for ARPA administration has been allocated to Deloitte Consulting and is 89% complete.

**Project**

**Project AR14:** ARPA Personnel Offset Costs

**Funding amount:** \$786,801.38

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.3 Public Sector Workforce: Other

**Project overview**

- The reappropriation of ARPA funds is aimed at covering personnel costs for staff attorneys and investigators across various departments, addressing retention challenges exacerbated by significant pay increases offered and accepted by staff from neighboring counties. Employee retention is an eligible expense under ARPA, with a cap of 10% of an employee's salary when addressing a group or class of employees.
- Reimbursement forms restored previously allocated ARPA funds to the County General Fund Contingency account.
- The project was funded through the Cobb County Manager's Office and has been fully expended.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to improved efficiency in the justice system by reducing the backlog of untried cases. These measures primarily impacted:

1. 14: Disadvantaged Low-Income Households and Populations
2. 3: Households Experiencing Unemployment

**Project**

**Project CH01:** ARPA Project #1.29 MYM

**Funding amount:** \$69,300.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

**Project overview**

- The project aims to provide mental health training and suicide prevention/awareness training to first responders, adult-facing, and youth-facing community members. This initiative seeks to increase awareness of mental health conditions and equip participants with resources to support their fellow residents.
- Three mental health training sessions are planned throughout the year, targeting law enforcement/first responders, as well as child and family-serving organizations. These sessions include: The Science of Suicide, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Youth, Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety, Mental Health First Aid for Fire/EMS, and Community Resilience Model (CRM).
- Funds have been allocated to Cobb Collaborative (Project#1.29) for this initiative, which is fully expended.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to behavioral health crises. These measures primarily impacted:

1. 1: The General Public
2. 20: Disadvantaged Populations: Other households or populations that experienced disproportionate impacts.
3. 27: Disadvantaged Non-Profit Organizations: Operating in U.S. Territories

**Project**

**Project CH02:** ARPA Project #1.17 ME/CDPH

**Funding amount:** \$204,409.00

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

**Project overview**

- The Epidemiologist/Infectious Disease Testing project aims to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases through testing, reporting, and monitoring efforts, supporting community health, and aiding those impacted by COVID-19.
- Funds have been allocated to the Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office and the Cobb & Douglas Board of Health for this initiative, with expenditures currently at 1%.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to efforts to reduce the spread or burden of COVID-19 impacting the General Public, and contributed to instances where the risk of virus transmission or burden was mitigated.

Other populations impacted include:

1. 7: Other households or populations that experienced negative economic impacts.
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations.

## **Project**

**Project CH03:** ARPA Project #1.2 CCFES/Ambulance (*Part of PS01 Workforce Support*)

**Funding amount:** \$1,549,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.4-Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

### **Project overview**

- The funding is designated for the purchase of six transport rescue vehicles capable of safely transporting patients to hospitals, distributed across the County with one unit per fire battalion. This initiative aims to improve response times and assist individuals adversely affected by COVID-19.
- The availability of ambulances in the county was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to delays at hospitals.
- Due to supply chain issues, the vehicles are expected to arrive within 18-24 months. Upon arrival, their anticipated useful lifespan is 8-10 years.
- Funding has been provided to Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services (CCFES) for this project, with 99% of the funding already expended.

## **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to improved access to emergency transportation for the General Public. Other impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment

## **Project**

**Project CH04:** Mental Health Enhancement Project

**Funding amount:** \$630,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- SafePath's Mental Health Enhancement Project offers free mental health services to Latino children who have endured abuse, aiming to enhance and expand care quality for the Spanish-speaking population in Cobb County.
- Funding has been allocated to SafePath Children's Advocacy Center Inc. for a duration of 4 years, with 17% of the project currently completed.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to improved access for individuals suffering from mental illness by providing case management or counseling, as well as enhancing health and safety through behavioral or mental health services. Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment

### Project

**Project CH05:** Youth Center

**Funding amount:** \$375,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to provide a three-year after-school and summer mental health program, empowering community health workers to assist youth in navigating challenges exacerbated by the pandemic.
- It addresses the adverse mental health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funding has been allocated for 3 years to YouthCentric, Inc., with 23% of the project currently completed.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to improved access for individuals suffering from mental illness by providing case management or counseling, as well as enhancing health and safety through behavioral or mental health services. Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged households and populations residing in qualified census tracts.
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations.
3. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations

### Project

**Project CH06:** Girls Incorporated Mental Wellness Program

**Funding amount:** \$552,579.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to increase the participation in wellness programs, specifically targeting girls who have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
- These programs provide coping strategies, counseling services, and familial support to support minority and low-income girls.

- Funding has been allocated for 4 years to Girls Incorporated of Greater Atlanta.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to improved access for individuals suffering from mental illness by providing case management or counseling, as well as enhancing health and safety through behavioral or mental health services. Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 15: Disadvantaged households and populations residing in qualified census tracts
3. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations

### Project

**Project CH07:** 1.91 Books by Mail Homebound Outreach Program

**Funding amount:** \$21,600.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The program involves mailing books and library resources to Cobb County residents who are homebound or unable to visit the library due to illness, disability, ongoing COVID-19 concerns, or transportation issues.
- It aims to provide entertainment and educational materials to individuals homebound because of the pandemic, thereby supporting their mental well-being and reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Funding has been allocated for 4 years to the Cobb County Public Library, with 7% of the project currently completed.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to instances where individuals benefited from promoted digital literacy or access to digital resources. Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations.
3. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations

### Project

**Project CH08:** Mental Health Support for a Grieving Community

**Funding amount:** \$303,006.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

## Project overview

- Project supports children who have experienced the death of a family member or parent because of COVID-19.
- Program provides mental health and grief support.
- Kate's Club, Inc. has been funded for a period of 41 months, and the project is currently 24% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to improved access for individuals suffering from mental illness by providing case management or counseling, as well as enhancing health and safety through behavioral or mental health services. Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
3. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project CH09:** Communities in Schools Site Coordinator Program

**Funding amount:** \$1,560,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.25, Negative Economic Impacts- Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

### **Project overview**

- The project places school-based site coordinators in Cobb County schools to connect community resources and support children's academic success.
- The program provides comprehensive support that includes academic assistance as well as addressing non-academic needs such as basic necessities and food insecurity.
- CIS Site Coordinators function as hybrid roles akin to school social workers and counselors, delivering crucial services in intervention, prevention, and enrichment to students in underserved communities.
- Funding has been allocated for 3 years to CIS in conjunction with the Cobb County School system, with the project currently 33% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to:

- Instances where individuals' health and safety improved through behavioral or mental health services.
- Instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received enhanced health and safety through case management or counseling.
- Instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.

## Project

**Project CH10:** Unified Court COVID Recovery Project C – Accountability Court Housing & Treatment *(Part of CH25 Substance Use Services)*

**Funding amount:** \$405,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The project offers support such as sober living and temporary housing aid, medication-assisted treatment services, residential programs for substance abuse disorders, and on-site mental health care. It targets individuals with histories in the criminal justice system who face challenges with mental health and/or substance abuse.
- This program provides alternative sentencing options for non-violent offenders dealing with substance use disorders, mental illness, or both, who are in need of treatment and rehabilitation. It specifically supports the Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Accountability & Treatment Courts.
- Funding has been allocated to the Cobb County Superior Court Accountability Courts Programs for a 2-year period, with the project currently 16% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment. Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.

## Project

**Project CH11:** North Cobb C.A.F.E. (Family Resource Center) Launch to Mitigate Pandemic Impacts *(Part of SS31 Negative Economic Impacts-Household Assistance Food Programs)*

**Funding amount:** \$799,160.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- Project provides services to the expanding Latino population impacting the metro Atlanta area. It provides wraparound family programming through C.A.F.E. which provides for the mental health and wellbeing of Latino youth and their families through a comprehensive family plan model that address needs of all members through assessment, case management, and provisions of services.

- Program services approximately 1,500 individuals with mental health services, 1,500 with case management needs, 1,000 families with food assistance, 310 families with rental/mortgage assistance, 150 victims of domestic violence with services to prevent homelessness, and 750 youth with programming promoting overall mental health and wellbeing.
- Funding will be used to implement the National Family Resource Center model in North Cobb County. The project will focus on mental health support, food assistance, and mortgage/rent assistance for Latino families.
- Ser Familia, Inc. has received funding for a 3-year period and has completed 52% of the project.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to:

- Instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment.
- Instances where individuals facing homelessness were assisted through rent, utility, or mortgage support.
- Instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 6: Services to address lost instructional time in K-12 schools
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project CH12:** SDp3 Cobb Youth Mental Health Initiative

**Funding amount:** \$245,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The program offers a wide range of mental health and wellbeing services tailored for underserved youth, encompassing youth mental health programs, peer mentoring and internship opportunities to foster skill development, and a leadership development program for fellows.
- It also aims to raise awareness among young people on topics such as mental wellness, suicide prevention, Community Resilience Model, mindfulness, Whole Health Action Management, Wellness Recovery Action Plans, Trauma Informed Care, and mental health first aid.

- Funding has been allocated for one year to Self-Discovery: Pain, Positioning & Purpose, and the project is currently 21% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to improved access for individuals suffering from mental illness by providing case management or counseling, as well as enhancing health and safety through behavioral or mental health services. Impacted populations include:

1. 19: Disadvantaged populations for services to address educational disparities, specifically Title I eligible students.

### Project

**Project CH13:** Positive Impact Health Centers-Cobb County ARPA Project

**Funding amount:** \$1,967,080.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14 Other Public Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The program offers mental health and substance abuse services, medical supplies kits, health insurance assistance, transportation, housing, and food assistance tailored to the individual needs of 600 Cobb County residents affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS.
- Funding has been allocated for 51 months to Positive Impact Health Centers, Inc., with the program currently at 28% completion.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project contributed to enhanced access to healthcare for uninsured individuals, improved health and safety through behavioral and mental health services and offered better case management or counseling for those suffering from mental illness. Additionally, it provided improved health and safety through substance abuse treatment. The impacted populations include:

1. 15 disadvantaged households (HHs) and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts.
2. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 4 households (HHs) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.

### Project

**Project CH14:** Critical Gap-Filling Mental Health and Substance Abuse

**Funding amount:** \$200,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The project supplies mental health and substance abuse clinicians to support youth whose mental health has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Services include mental health counseling, medication management, and psychosocial assessments.
- The program focuses on providing mental health services to homeless youth.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for one year to The Center for Children & Young Adults, and it is currently 12% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project helped to enhance health and safety outcomes by providing behavioral and mental health services, improving case management and counseling for individuals with mental illness, and offering substance abuse treatment. The populations impacted include:

1. 15 disadvantaged households (HHs) and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts.
2. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 16 disadvantaged households (HHs) that qualify for specific federal programs.

### **Project**

**Project CH15:** The CARES for Widow and Youth Project

**Funding amount:** \$4,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Service

### **Project overview**

- The project provides funding for mental and behavioral health counseling to low to moderate income households from historically underserved or adversely affected groups, including widows, seniors, and youth.
- Services include financial and housing counseling, workforce preparedness, women's health, COVID testing, home rehabilitation, senior community engagement, and rental/mortgage assistance programs, tailored to low to moderate income households from historically underserved or adversely affected groups.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for one year to The Mamlakah Community Development Corporation, Inc., but implementation has not yet commenced.

### **Project**

**Project CH16:** AFTH Arts Enrichment After School & Childcare Programs

**Funding amount:** \$52,285.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The program brings music-oriented programming to youths and seniors, along with providing transportation to the AFTH Academy site.

- It addresses the negative social and economic impacts of COVID-19 by offering mental health programming to underserved populations of youth and seniors.
- The program also tackles an existing gap in adequate childcare, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, through afterschool and childcare programs.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 2 years to Artz for the Harp (AFTH), and it is currently 71% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project youth benefited from early childhood development activities, expanded availability and access to childcare and childhood literacy or afterschool enrichment programs.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 6: Services to Address Lost Instructional time in K-12 Schools

### **Project**

**Project CH17:** Exams and Prescription Glasses to Help Cobb County Children

**Funding amount:** \$264,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14, Public Health- Other Public Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project offers free eye exams and prescription glasses to children in underserved communities.
- Vision To Learn (VTL) aims to empower students in underserved areas by providing essential vision care to help them succeed in life. VTL operates a mobile vision clinic with access available at Cobb County Public Libraries during the summers from 2023 to 2026.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years (summers) to Vision to Learn, with completion progress currently at 25%.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project uninsured individuals gained expanded access to healthcare.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 3: Households that experienced unemployment

### **Project**

**Project CH18:** Cobb Public Health/WellStar Health System-Babies Born

**Funding amount:** \$3,672,674.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14, Public Health- Other Public Health Services

**Project overview**

- The project offers screening and assessment for high-risk, underserved pregnant women in Cobb County.
- It connects these women to medical and social services and provides education and supportive case management to optimize their chances of delivering a healthy baby.
- Funding for the program has been secured for 4 years by Cobb County Board of Health (also known as Cobb & Douglas Public Health), with completion progress currently at 12%.

**Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project mothers and/or infants received prenatal healthcare.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 5: Households (HHs) that qualify for specific federal programs.
3. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

**Project**

**Project CH19:** Connecting Cobb Veterans

**Funding amount:** \$158,100.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Service

**Project overview**

- The project connects veterans in Cobb County with healthcare providers through an online database to track outcomes and ensure they receive appropriate treatment.
- It focuses on addressing the adverse effects of COVID-19 on veterans by facilitating access to necessary treatment services.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Cobb Collaborative Inc., and all allocated funds have been spent.

**Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project uninsured individuals gained expanded access to healthcare.

The populations impacted include:

1. 4: Households (HHs) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
3. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

## Project

**Project CH20:** Cobb County Safety Village Outdoor Restrooms, Community

**Funding amount:** \$275,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.22, Negative Economic Impacts- Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

### **Project overview**

- The project aims to construct a community plaza, outdoor restrooms, and an inclusive playground on an 8-acre site.
- The program provides educational experiences for kindergarteners, 2nd graders, and 4th graders in Cobb County, including Family Fun Safety Days, Camp Puzzle Days for autistic community members, and educational events for senior adults.
- Students' visits to the Safety Village are free, allowing up to 200 students/residents per day from diverse demographics to participate in interactive educational activities.
- The SV Foundation has approved a matching grant of \$275,000 from ARPA.
- Construction of the facilities may take 1-2 years, with the SV Foundation committed to maintaining them and acknowledging sponsorships for 20 years.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Cobb County Safety Village Foundation, although implementation has not yet begun.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project youth benefit from early childhood development activities.

The populations impacted include:

1. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project CH21:** Recovering Lost Learning Through Vision Screenings

**Funding amount:** \$247,800.00

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

### **Project overview**

- Vision to Learn visits nine Marietta City Schools to provide follow-up services based on initial exam results, prescribe glasses, and supply students with them.
- This ongoing program aims to enroll new students and address vision changes among participants. Its goal is to enhance students' readiness for reading, learning, and overall life through access to eye exams and glasses.
- All screenings, frames, and glasses are provided to students at no cost.
- All activities occur on school premises.
- Every elementary school student is eligible for annual vision screenings.
- The program at Marietta City Schools was allocated funding for 4 years and is currently 48% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project uninsured individuals gained expanded access to healthcare.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 6: Services to address lost instructional time in K-12 schools
3. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

### Project

**Project CH22:** Reach Out and Read Georgia – Increased Access to Pediatrics

**Funding amount:** \$136,342.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The program promotes early literacy by providing developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate new books during pediatric visits, which children can take home after routine care appointments.
- Reach Out and Read Georgia implements a three-part model during routine pediatric checkups, educating and empowering parents to be their child's primary educators.
- During routine pediatric visits, trained medical providers discuss the significance of reading aloud, share practical tips for fostering early literacy, and offer each child a new book for their home library.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Reach Out and Read Georgia, with completion progress currently at 25%.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project youth benefit from early childhood development activities.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 5: Households (HH) that qualify for certain federal programs
3. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

## Project

**Project CH23:** CDPH-CCFES-CCSO Opioid Use Reduction Health Project

**Funding amount:** \$2,687,069.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.13, Public Health- Substance Use Services

### **Project overview**

- Project focuses on strategies to reduce opioid misuse, overdose, and deaths in Cobb County
- Project increase access to naloxone doses and other harm reduction supplies.
- Project provides robust, credible, and consistent prevention communications.
- Project increases the number of medical providers to 50.
- Projects increases the number of medical providers offering opioid medication assisted therapy by 25 by December 2026
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Cobb County Board of Health (also known as Cobb & Douglas Public Health), with completion progress currently at 5%.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from enhanced health and safety as a result of substance abuse treatment.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 1: General Public
3. 14 Disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

## Project

**Project CH24:** Residential Treatment Program for Homeless Addicted Men

**Funding amount:** \$997,821.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The program offers evidence-based residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment specifically designed for homeless men across various residential facilities in Cobb County.
- It provides residential treatment services to individuals experiencing homelessness at two facilities located in Marietta.
- The program expands capacity by adding 56 beds and enhancing therapeutic services at the men's campus.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 2 years to The Extension, Inc., with completion progress currently at 55%.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, individuals benefit from enhanced health and safety through various means, including substance abuse treatment, improved case management or counseling, behavioral or mental health services, and shelter for the homeless.

The populations impacted include:

1. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
2. 4: Households (HHs) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity
3. 14 Disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.

### **Project**

**Project CH25:** Unified Court Covid Recovery Project C-Accountability Court Housing and Treatment (*Part of CH10 Mental Health Services*)

**Funding amount:** \$905,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.13, Public Health- Substance Use Services

### **Project overview**

- The project offers support such as sober living and temporary housing aid, medication-assisted treatment services, residential programs for substance abuse disorders, and on-site mental health care. It targets individuals with histories in the criminal justice system who face challenges with mental health and/or substance abuse.
- This program provides alternative sentencing options for non-violent offenders dealing with substance use disorders, mental illness, or both, who are in need of treatment and rehabilitation. It specifically supports the Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Accountability & Treatment Courts.
- Funding has been allocated to the Cobb County Superior Court Accountability Courts Programs for a 2-year period, with the project currently 16% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment. Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.

## **Project**

**Project CH26:** Zoned 4 Co-Occurring Disorders

**Funding amount:** \$413,104.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The program provides direct services to individuals recovering from substance use disorders (SUD) coupled with co-occurring mental illness (CD).
- It includes certified mental health training classes for stakeholders, such as mental health first aid and suicide prevention courses.
- The project aims to expand The Zone to include support groups for co-occurring disorders and mental health coaching, emphasizing mental health strategies to enhance recovery capital for beneficiaries. • Another objective is to increase the number of individuals with SUD and CD who have personalized recovery plans in Cobb County.
- Funding for the program has been secured for 2 years by Davis Direction Foundation, Inc., with completion progress currently at 26%.

## **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment. Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.

## **Project**

**Project CH27:** Ridgeview Alumni Charitable Corporation Grant

**Funding amount:** \$195,720.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.13, Public Health- Substance Use Services

### **Project overview**

- The project provides support to individuals facing challenges with mental health and substance abuse by offering access to sober living assistance, outpatient services, and assistance with medication costs.
- The program specifically assists individuals without insurance and those who are underinsured.
- In its first year, the project aims to support 12 patients with sober living housing for up to 30 days, with plans to assist another 12 patients in the second year.
- Additionally, the program will cover medication costs for 24 patients.
- For individuals requiring partial hospitalization or intensive outpatient services for substance abuse treatment and unable to afford them independently, the program provides financial assistance.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb, Inc., with completion progress currently at 18%.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project directly contributed to instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment.

Impacted populations include:

1. 20: disadvantaged households (HHs) or populations that experienced disproportionate impacts.
2. 25: disadvantaged nonprofit organizations (NPs) operating in Qualified Census Tracts.

### Project

**Project CH28:** CDPH Community Health Outreach Project

**Funding amount:** \$2,736,291.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14, Public Health- Other Public Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project expands public health and COVID-19 community mobile outreach efforts currently conducted through the CDC Health Navigator program.
- It aims to provide basic and critical public health services, as well as health linkages, to residents who are uninsured, low-income, and have limited access to quality healthcare.
- The program ensures access to critical health services through multiple formats, focusing on vulnerable residents.
- The project establishes 5 virtual access points across the county to enhance service delivery.
- To enhance services, the project includes staff training and expands offerings such as rapid syphilis testing, monkeypox vaccinations, robust HIV testing, prevention, and linkage, diverse childhood vaccinations, and chronic disease screening and prevention.

- Funding for the program has been secured for 3 years by Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CPDH), with completion progress currently at 2%.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, uninsured individuals gain expanded access to healthcare and benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19. Additionally, it provides crisis support to improve health and safety for individuals in crisis and for responders dealing with behavioral health emergencies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15 disadvantaged households (HHs) and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts.
2. 14 disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 16 disadvantaged households (HHs) that qualify for certain federal programs.

### Project

**Project CH29:** Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb

**Funding amount:** \$3,128,459.00

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

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to increase healthcare capacity, improve patient outcomes, and enhance access to quality care by expanding physical space for patient services and augmenting staff resources.
- The program primarily serves uninsured individuals from minority communities.
- Projected outcomes include increasing annual service capacity to 5,000-6,000 patients.
- The project involves adding 5,000 square feet to existing facilities, which will include 11 exam rooms, a licensed pharmacy, expanded patient waiting areas, and additional staff work areas.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 4 years to Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb, with completion progress currently at 75%.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, uninsured individuals gain expanded access to healthcare and benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: disadvantaged households (HHs) and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts.
2. 14: disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations

## Project

**Project CH30:** Cobb County Medical Examiner’s Recovery Plan *(Part of CI07 Other COVID-19 Public Health)*

**Funding amount:** \$732,501.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7, Public Health- Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (Including communications, enforcement, isolation/Quarantine)

### **Project overview**

- The funds are allocated to enhance equipment, supplies, and personnel resources to manage increased workload resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The program collects data on COVID-related deaths to inform public health responses.
- Additional equipment enables expanded testing capabilities, providing predictive data on health issues and the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19.
- The program includes the acquisition of two additional vehicles to bolster the Cobb County Medical Examiner’s Office capacity for scene investigations.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 2 years to Cobb County Medical Examiner’s Office, with completion progress currently at 7%.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 5: Households (HH) that qualify for certain federal programs
3. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations

## Project

**Project CH31:** Cobb County Stockpile

**Funding amount:** \$230,000.00

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

### **Project overview**

- Funds are allocated to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and acquire necessary items to augment the current stockpile. The Cobb Emergency Management Agency (EMA) plans to acquire and renovate Fire Station 30, including installing a new roof and heating and air conditioning systems.
- In response to ongoing operational needs, a stockpile was established in 2020 using CARES Funding, focusing on personal preparedness equipment (PPE) to address the virus's impact.
- Immediate purchases include disinfectant, hand sanitizer, wipes, 3-ply masks, and gloves to ensure a three-month supply is readily available.
- The acquisition of Fire Station 30 in Marietta, GA will expand storage space for current and future items due to limited capacity at the existing location.
- Enhanced security measures, such as controlled access and fencing, will be implemented at the current stockpile location to safeguard supplies and equipment.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 17 months to Cobb Emergency Management Agency, with completion progress currently at 61%.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### Project

**Project CI01:** Project Senior S.A.F.E.T.Y.-Seniors to have Affordable.

**Funding amount:** \$799,303.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14 Other Public Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to expand wellness programming, improve transportation services, and install air purifying filters.
- It enhances services related to homelessness/housing and food security, offering emergency financial assistance and healthy food options.
- The project also aims to increase physical distancing capacity through equipment, creating a safer environment for vulnerable and potentially immunocompromised individuals.
- Its vision is to foster an environment that empowers and supports aging with confidence, promoting independence through transportation, nutrition, recreation, education, socialization, and in-home services. ARPA funding ensures services can safely continue amidst COVID-19, enhancing programming, services, and infrastructure.

- Additionally, the project includes digital literacy training/classes.
- The program, funded for 1-2 years to Cobb Senior Services, is currently 35% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19, improved access to transportation, reduced food insecurity through the provision of food and meals, enhanced digital literacy and access to digital resources, and support for individuals facing homelessness through rent, utility, or mortgage assistance. Impacted populations include:

1. 5: impacted households (HHs) that qualify for certain federal programs.4 impacted
2. 4: households (HHs) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.
3. 2: impacted low- or moderate-income households (HHs) or populations.

### Project

**Project CI02:** Healthy County Building Initiative

**Funding amount:** \$5,800,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.14-Other Public Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project focuses on upgrading HVAC systems in selected county facilities to enhance indoor air quality based on scientific standards and to mitigate COVID-19 risks.
- Collaboration with an HVAC company to assess, engineer, implement, and evaluate COVID-19 mitigation solutions in high-traffic county buildings.
- Identified facilities serving underserved communities include the South Cobb Rec Center, South Cobb Aquatic Center, and South Cobb Community Health Center.
- Selected buildings for HVAC upgrades include Cobb County Superior Court, Cobb County Government offices, Juvenile Court, Public Safety/Sheriff facilities, Magistrate/Probate Court, and West Park Government Center. These upgrades aim to benefit residents in historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected groups across all county census tracts.
- The project aims to achieve measurable COVID-19 mitigation outcomes. Funding for the program, administered by Cobb County Support Services Agency/Property Management and Parks Departments, spans 12-18 months and is currently 15% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project CI03:** Cobb County Water System Stormwater Management Unit Price Co

**Funding amount:** \$3,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.6, Infrastructure- Clean Water: Stormwater

### **Project overview**

- The project focuses on repairing and replacing stormwater piping infrastructure.
- Funding will cover capital expenditures necessary for the repair or replacement of stormwater pipes, as well as restoration of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and landscaping affected by construction activities, depending on the pipe's location.
- The project includes all labor and equipment required for the removal of failed stormwater piping and its replacement.
- The program, funded for 3.5 years through the Cobb County Water System, has been fully expended.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from strengthened public infrastructure, including safe drinking water, power, and broadband access.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project CI04:** Multiple Water Pump Stations Projects

**Funding amount:** \$1,565,065.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.5, Infrastructure- Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure

### **Project overview**

- The project involves the rehabilitation of seven wastewater pump stations and one drinking water pump station, with specific actions including:

- Replacing pumps at Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, and Six Flags pump stations.
- Installing new electrical buildings at Marina Trace and Plant Atkinson pump stations.
- Removing and replacing standby generators and automated transfer switches at Allatoona Beach, Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.
- Installing new concrete pads at Allatoona Beach, Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.
- Installing new fences at Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.
- Funding for this initiative, allocated over 19 months to the Cobb County Water System, has reached 99% completion. These capital expenditures aim to enhance the operational efficiency and infrastructure reliability of the pump stations.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from strengthened public infrastructure, including safe drinking water, power, and broadband access.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### Project

**Project CI05:** Cobb County Broadband/Wi-Fi Enhancement and Expansion Program

**Funding amount:** \$899,152.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.21, Infrastructure- Broadband: Other projects

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to enhance connectivity infrastructure for community and recreation centers, along with expanding the county's data center capacity.
- Additionally, it extends outdoor Wi-Fi coverage to parks adjacent to community centers, providing internet access for students lacking resources at home and offering adults opportunities to enhance their skills for future employment.
- The initiative increases overall bandwidth and extends outdoor Wi-Fi accessibility across nine Cobb County community and recreation centers.
- Funding for the project, managed by the Cobb County Information Services Department, spans 2.5 years, and has not yet commenced.

### Project

**Project CI06:** CDPH South Cobb Public Health Center Primary Care, Mental

**Funding amount:** \$7,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.23, Negative Economic Impacts- Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties

**Project overview**

- The project aims to construct a new facility in South Cobb County providing access to a range of essential services for residents, including public health, adult and pediatric primary care, mental health support, HIV diagnosis and treatment, telehealth services, and connections to community resources.
- The facility will be situated on a 50-acre site generously donated by the South Cobb Redevelopment Authority. The complex will span approximately 30,000 square feet, with Cobb & Douglas Public Health occupying 12,000 square feet. The project, intended to address longstanding public health gaps exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, is expected to benefit the community significantly.
- This integrated health center will specifically cater to vulnerable households in South Cobb County, Georgia, particularly those facing food or housing insecurity, unemployment, poverty, or qualifying for federal benefits.
- The primary goal is to integrate services, making comprehensive healthcare more accessible by overcoming structural barriers.
- Funding was allocated to the Cobb County Board of Health for a four-year period, although construction has yet to commence.

**Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, uninsured individuals gained expanded access to healthcare.

Impacted populations include:

1. 16: Disadvantaged households (HHs) that qualify for certain federal programs.
2. 14: disadvantaged low-income households (HHs) and populations.
3. 2: Low or moderate-income households or populations

**Project**

**Project CI07:** Cobb County Stockpile Infrastructure (*Part of CH31 Other COVID-19 Public Health*)

**Funding amount:** \$20,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7, Public Health- Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

**Project overview**

- Funds are allocated to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and acquire necessary items to augment the current stockpile. The Cobb Emergency Management

Agency (EMA) plans to acquire and renovate Fire Station 30, including installing a new roof and heating and air conditioning systems.

- In response to ongoing operational needs, a stockpile was established in 2020 using CARES Funding, focusing on personal preparedness equipment (PPE) to address the virus's impact.
- Immediate purchases include disinfectant, hand sanitizer, wipes, 3-ply masks, and gloves to ensure a three-month supply is readily available.
- The acquisition of Fire Station 30 in Marietta, GA will expand storage space for current and future items due to limited capacity at the existing location.
- Enhanced security measures, such as controlled access and fencing, will be implemented at the current stockpile location to safeguard supplies and equipment.
- Funding for the program has been allocated for 17 months to Cobb Emergency Management Agency, with completion progress currently at 61%.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### **Project**

**Project CI08:** Cobb District Attorney- Infrastructure /County Facility Request

**Funding amount:** \$242,480.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4, Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child Care Facilities.) \*

### **Project overview**

- The funds are designated for three projects aimed at enhancing physical spaces and improving structural capacity to meet operational demands within the District Attorney's office. These improvements are necessary to accommodate social distancing measures mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to create a modern, sanitary, and pleasant working environment for daily office operations.
- The projects include renovations across four key areas within the District Attorney's office. These include converting an existing office into a nursing room for new mothers, updating and renovating the employee breakroom with new furniture and appliances to ensure social distancing, safety, and comfort, renovating the entry lobby to facilitate social distancing for visitors while enhancing seating comfort and safety, and outfitting the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) with appropriate furnishings and equipment.
- Funding has been allocated to the Office of the District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit for a 30-month period, and the program has achieved 17% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from efforts to reduce the spread and burden of COVID-19.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### Project

**Project CI09:** Veterans Strengthening America

**Funding amount:** \$20,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.4, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Internet Access programs

### Project overview

- The funding is designated for broadband and digital equity initiatives aimed at enhancing community access and skills. The program will collaborate with community groups to conduct 60–90-minute Digital Literacy workshops using a curriculum developed by AT&T in partnership with the Public Library Association (PLA).
- Workshop topics will cover essential areas such as Internet Basics, Email Basics, Cyber Security Basics, Computer Basics, Mobile Device Basics, and Video Conferencing. Additionally, the program will provide assistance to households for internet access and support digital literacy programs.
- The initiative, funded for a three-year period, is administered through the American Legion Paul E. Kelley Jr. Post 296 Inc. However, the project has not yet commenced.

### Project

**Project ED01:** ARPA Project #1.10 GLOW (Growing Leadership of Women)

**Funding amount:** \$749,123.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

### Project overview

- Provides comprehensive support to youth by offering mentoring, leadership development, civic engagement, workforce development, and life skills training. These efforts aim to empower young individuals, enabling them to excel in their homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.
- The program is particularly focused on supporting economic development through training initiatives designed to aid individuals who have been negatively impacted by the

COVID-19 pandemic. It offers a variety of proactive services including mentoring, life skills training, workforce readiness, and leadership development tailored to the needs of underserved youth. These include youth of color, those facing economic disadvantages, and individuals with disabilities, especially those whose households have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

- Funded for a three-year period, the program is administered by GLOW (Growing Leadership of Women) and has achieved 53% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, youth benefit from childhood literacy or afterschool enrichment programs. Additionally, it enhances digital literacy and access.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2 impacted low- or moderate-income households (HHs) or populations.

### **Project**

**Project ED02:** Tommy Nobis Center Workforce Development Services for Cobb County

**Funding amount:** \$1,800,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10, Negative Economic Impacts- Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

#### **Project overview**

- The program provides essential support to adults and youth through job training, skills development, job placement assistance, and various other workforce development activities tailored for individuals with disabilities. It aims to deliver comprehensive and customized services to residents of Cobb County and their families who are living with disabilities or directly impacted by them.
- This project includes an accelerated expansion of workforce development services into Cobb County's most underserved and economically disadvantaged communities. The program specifically targets vulnerable populations with disabilities, ensuring increased accessibility to no-cost vocational training, community engagement opportunities, education, and job placement services.
- Funded for a two-year period, the program is administered by Nobis Works, Inc. and has achieved 37% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 5: Households (HH) that qualify for certain federal programs
2. 14: Disproportionately Low Households (HH) and Populations

## **Project**

**Project ED03:** Cobb Workforce Access Points, a CobbWorks and Cobb County

**Funding amount:** \$3,773,358.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

### **Project overview**

- The program, titled Workforce Access Points, is a collaboration between CobbWorks and the Cobb County library system. It aims to enhance access to workforce development resources and services for residents and employers through two main initiatives: renovating a new workforce service center in South Cobb and constructing a new Gritters Library in North Cobb.
- The project's goals and objectives include strengthening and improving Cobb County's talent pool by expanding jobseekers' access to employment, education, training, and support services. These efforts are designed to assist individuals in succeeding in the labor market.
- Funded for a two-year period, the program is managed by CobbWorks, Inc. and has achieved 32% completion."

## **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low Income Households (HH) and Populations
2. 14: Disadvantaged Low Households (HH) and Populations
3. 21: Disadvantaged small businesses operating in qualified census tract

## **Project**

**Project ED04:** Boss Young Professional Career Exploration Program

**Funding amount:** \$3,165,274.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

### **Project overview**

- The program aims to provide paid summer and year-round job opportunities to Cobb County youth, offering participants valuable work experience while assisting employers in building their talent pipelines. Over a span of two years, CobbWorks plans to provide these opportunities to 500 young adults aged 15-24.
- In collaboration with local employers, program participants engage in structured learning experiences designed to enhance their knowledge, awareness, and qualifications for securing career opportunities.
- Additionally, the program aims to support 100 individuals in completing their GED or Adult high school diploma programs, further preparing them for the workforce.
- Funded for two years, the program is administered by CobbWorks, Inc. and has achieved 27% completion."

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low Income Households (HH) and Populations
2. 14: Disadvantaged Low Households (HH) and Populations
3. 21: Disadvantaged small businesses operating in qualified census tract

### Project

**Project ED05:** Child Care Learning Center Employee Grant Proposal

**Funding amount:** \$4,950,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.29, Negative Economic Impacts- Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to address workforce challenges in childcare learning centers and family childcare learning homes by providing employee retention grants to legally registered companies in Georgia.
- The primary purpose of the grant is to alleviate the financial burden associated with retaining and recruiting workers within these childcare facilities.
- The initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Cobb Chamber/SelectCobb, CobbWorks, the Cobb Collaborative, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, and Cobb County Government. Together, they seek to support childcare providers in overcoming their current workforce challenges.
- Funded for an 8-month period, the program is administered by SelectCobb and has reached 99% completion."

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit through expanded availability or access to childcare.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 8: Small Businesses experiencing a negative economic impact

## Project

**Project ED06:** Hospitality & Tourism Workforce Employee Retention Grant

**Funding amount:** \$650,385.01

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35, Negative Economic Impacts- Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

### **Project overview**

- The project is a collaboration between Cobb County and the Cobb Chamber/SelectCobb to manage a grant program aimed at supporting four sectors heavily impacted within Cobb's hospitality and tourism industries: arts organizations, live entertainment venues, tourist attractions, and craft beverage makers facing workforce challenges. Specifically, the initiative focuses on Employee Retention- Hospitality & Tourism.
- Funded for a two-year duration, the program is overseen by Cobb Travel & Tourism and has achieved 68% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 12: Travel Tourism or Hospitality Sectors
2. 11: Classes of non-profits designated as negatively economically impacted.

## Project

**Project ED07:** Cobb County Business Boot Camp

**Funding amount:** \$3,965,700.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.30, Negative Economic Impacts- Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning

### **Project overview**

- The Cobb County Business Boot Camp aims to support minority small business owners in enhancing their operational processes and sustainability through improved business planning, marketing strategies, sales techniques, capital acquisition, processes optimization, and effective hiring and onboarding practices. This initiative seeks to empower minority business owners with the necessary training and resources to effectively plan and manage their enterprises.
- The program facilitates integrative networking opportunities, fostering collaborative solutions, and offers extensive skills development using diverse methods and languages to enhance the ability of minority businesses to attract and retain qualified personnel.
- Funded for a two-year period, the program is administered by the Business Innovation Team and has achieved 17% completion.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 8: Small businesses that experienced a negative economic impact
2. 25: Nonprofits operating in qualified census tracts
3. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations

### Project

**Project ED08:** South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All (*Part of SS35 and SS37 Public Health- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$64,800.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10, Negative Economic Impacts- Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

#### **Project overview**

- The project is crafted to address critical needs among vulnerable populations, particularly in neighborhoods severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its primary goal is to prevent homelessness by offering rental and mortgage assistance to individuals facing imminent eviction. Additionally, the project aims to empower individuals by providing workforce readiness training to enhance their employability and economic stability.
- The program includes provisions of healthy boxed meals, essential hygiene items, and access to affordable housing units for those in need. It emphasizes maintaining family

unity and stability by assisting families impacted by the pandemic to remain in their homes.

- Furthermore, the program offers specialized support through GED counselors and job readiness coaches. These services are tailored to help unemployed, underemployed, and low-income high school students secure employment opportunities that provide sufficient income to sustain livable housing in Cobb County.
- Funded for 18 months and overseen by the Family Life Restorations Center, Inc., the project is currently at 20% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity
2. 1: General Public
3. 15: Disadvantaged households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract.

## Project

**Project ED09:** Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance (*Part of ED10 Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning and SS44 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$963,737.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10, Negative Economic Impacts-Assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers

### **Project overview**

- The program utilizes an integrated economic mobility model to deliver essential services to individuals and families, focusing on meeting basic needs.
- Key services include addressing basic needs like housing and food security, alongside initiatives aimed at workforce development and supporting small business recovery efforts.
- A specific workforce pathway is created for certified nursing assistants in collaboration with WellStar, enhancing career opportunities in healthcare.
- The project targets populations residing in federally Qualified Census Tracts, with a focus on households experiencing persistent poverty rates of 25% or more, as well as those who are unemployed or underemployed.
- Funded for a duration of 3 years, the program is administered by The Urban League of Greater Atlanta and has achieved 23% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
3. 8: Small businesses that experienced negative economic impact

## Project

**Project ED10:** Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance (*Part of ED09 Negative Economic Impacts-Assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers and SS44 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$421,176.00

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

### Project overview

- The program utilizes an integrated economic mobility model to deliver essential services to individuals and families, focusing on meeting basic needs.
- Key services include addressing basic needs like housing and food security, alongside initiatives aimed at workforce development and supporting small business recovery efforts.
- A specific workforce pathway is created for certified nursing assistants in collaboration with WellStar, enhancing career opportunities in healthcare.
- The project targets populations residing in federally Qualified Census Tracts, with a focus on households experiencing persistent poverty rates of 25% or more, as well as those who are unemployed or underemployed.
- Funded for a duration of 3 years, the program is administered by The Urban League of Greater Atlanta and has achieved 23% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
2. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
3. 8: Small businesses that experienced negative economic impact

## Project

**Project ED11:** Pathways to Economic Mobility Entrepreneurship/Career

**Funding amount:** \$99,550.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

### **Project overview**

- The program focuses on supporting micro and solo business owners who have experienced a reduction in income, business closure, or are transitioning to seek employment opportunities.
- It offers personalized one-on-one training and coaching to assist participants in navigating their career transitions effectively.
- Utilizing the Google Technical Skills certificate program, the initiative provides access to workforce and job readiness skills training. Funding covers the costs associated with staff, technology, and materials required for the program.
- A primary goal of the program is to address the disparities in wealth distribution among historically underserved and marginalized individuals.
- The program targets low-net-worth populations with high debt and limited assets, as well as systemically under-resourced small businesses and individuals facing challenges in career advancement.
- Funded for a duration of 9 months, the program is managed by Greater Wealth Works (formerly the Edge Connection) and has achieved 57% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
2. 8: Small businesses that experienced negative economic impact

## Project

**Project PS01:** Interfund Public Safety (*Part of CH03 funding-community health*)

**Funding amount:** \$551,000.00

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

### **Project overview**

- The funding is designated for the purchase of six transport rescue vehicles capable of safely transporting patients to hospitals, distributed across the County with one unit per fire battalion. This initiative aims to improve response times and assist individuals adversely affected by COVID-19.
- The availability of ambulances in the county was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to delays at hospitals.
- Due to supply chain issues, the vehicles are expected to arrive within 18-24 months. Upon arrival, their anticipated useful lifespan is 8-10 years.
- Funding has been provided to Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services (CCFES) for this project, with 99% of the funding expended.

### Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

Impacted populations include:

- 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
- 8: Small businesses that experienced negative economic impact

### Project

**Project PS02:** Public Safety Project #1.40

**Funding amount:** \$10,490,596.33

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.1, Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities- Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

#### **Project overview**

- The program aims to address the significant loss of certified and sworn employees within Cobb County Public Safety and the Cobb County Sheriff's Office, which has been exacerbated by departures to other jurisdictions and other factors, such as declining applicant numbers. A detailed survey highlighted that many employees leave Cobb County due to better pay and retirement plans elsewhere.
- Key focuses of the program include implementing recruitment incentives for both lateral transfers and new hires, as well as revising the current lateral program to better support current employees who joined Cobb County through this pathway.
- Recruitment efforts are aggressive, targeting candidates both locally and out of state to fill these critical positions.
- The program commits to sharing its outcomes annually with the board.
- Funded for a two-year period, the program is overseen by the Public Safety and Sheriff's Office and has achieved 73% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities through job training, coaching, or support for small businesses.

### Project

**Project PS03:** 911 Clinician Proposal

**Funding amount:** \$474,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- A program has been established to station a mental health clinician at the 911 center for 12 hours daily. This initiative aims to improve responses to individuals with emotional or behavioral issues who require mental health support, thereby promoting alternatives to incarceration. In Cobb County, the 911 dispatch can direct calls related to mental health to the on-duty clinician. The clinician then collaborates with the individual to gather additional history and assess any prior engagements with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health, all while working alongside the co-responder team or patrol officers. This approach enhances their ability to manage the complexities of each call.
- The program, which is slated to be funded for three years, is designated to Highland Rivers Community Service Board, also known as Highland Rivers Behavioral Health, although it has not yet commenced.

### Project

**Project PS04:** Findhelp.org

**Funding amount:** \$100,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

#### **Project overview**

- The project involves procuring services to create findhelp.org, a website integrated into the Cobb County website that consolidates mental health and other support service resources. This initiative aims to enhance equitable access to available resources while enabling the county to track resource usage, thereby improving service delivery for Cobb residents. The platform will serve as an online resource to assist citizens in navigating various social service organizations and finding critical resources to meet their needs.
- The scope of work includes planning for a future interface with the 311/Customer Relationship Management System, enhancing efficiency in service delivery.
- Funded for a duration of 4 years and supported by Cobb County Government, the program has reached 23% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from enhanced health and safety through case management or counseling for mental illness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity
2. 1: General Public
3. 15: Disadvantaged households and populations residing in qualified census tract.

## Project

**Project PS05:** Recovery Navigators

**Funding amount:** \$1,177,607.18

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The project establishes four case manager positions and one licensed clinician position to provide support for individuals dealing with mental health and substance abuse challenges within Cobb County's judicial and emergency room systems.
- Implemented under the Recovery Navigators program, this initiative aims to address the increasing demand for mental health services by facilitating linkage, connection, and engagement for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders who interact with emergency care, State Court, Superior Court, Probate, and Magistrate Courts in Cobb County. Highland Rivers Behavioral Health will oversee four case managers supervised by two licensed clinicians to navigate the court and emergency room systems.
- Funded for a duration of 3 years and administered by Highland Rivers Community Service Board, also known as Highland Rivers Behavioral Health, the program has achieved 4% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from enhanced health and safety through case management or counseling for mental illness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 15: Disadvantaged households and populations residing in qualified census tract.

## Project

**Project PS06:** Cobb Co-Responder Program for Behavioral Health Emergencies

**Funding amount:** \$2,741,174.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The project involves embedding co-responder units in mental health crisis hot spots and providing case managers to support diversion services aimed at offering alternatives to incarceration for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Co-Occurring Disorders (COD).
- Cobb County Department of Public Safety (CCDPS), in collaboration with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health (HRBH), will expand behavioral health units by adding three police officers, five paramedics, and 12 sheriff's deputies. HRBH will hire six licensed clinicians and two case managers to oversee and manage the co-responder teams.
- Specialized training in de-escalation techniques and responding to behavioral health emergencies will be provided to the co-response teams and all first responders by CCDPS.
- The co-responder teams will collaborate with substance use treatment partners to conduct follow-up visits with individuals who have experienced overdoses, offering opportunities for peer counseling and access to naloxone.
- CCDPS plans to partner with a local university to evaluate the effectiveness of the co-responder program.
- Funded for 2 years, the program is administered by Cobb County Department of Public Safety and has reached 16% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

Through this project, individuals benefit from enhanced health and safety through case management or counseling for mental illness and substance abuse treatment.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 3: Households that experienced unemployment

## Project

**Project PS07:** Unified Court COVID Recovery Project A Case Backlog

**Funding amount:** \$1,959,848.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

### **Project overview**

- The initiative aims to address Cobb County Courts' case backlogs by increasing court personnel, recovering lost revenue, and acquiring equipment to facilitate court proceedings.
- Temporary employees will be hired across three of Cobb County's five courts: Superior, Magistrate, and Juvenile Courts. This includes one additional full-time case manager for Superior Court, two intake officers for Juvenile Court, and one full-time and one part-time judge for Magistrate Court, with the goal of reducing or eliminating the court backlog throughout the project's duration.
- Project funds will be allocated towards purchasing equipment and supplies to manage the influx of warrant requests and civil matters, supporting in-person, hybrid, and virtual meetings as required.
- The project will cover fifty percent of all juror fees over a two-year period.
- The program, which is funded for 27 months and currently 33% complete, is dedicated to supporting the Superior, Juvenile, and Magistrate Courts of Cobb County.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

Through this project, the justice system experienced increased efficiency due to reduced backlog of untried cases.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### **Project**

**Project PS08:** Cardiac Monitors for First Response

**Funding amount:** \$1,500,000.00

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

### **Project overview**

- The project aims to enhance emergency care capabilities by acquiring advanced cardiac monitors for first responders, which include virtual monitoring features.
- Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services (CCFES) is procuring 30 of these monitors to replace automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) currently installed on 29 fire engines.
- All CCFES personnel will undergo comprehensive training to effectively use the new equipment.
- The expected lifespan of these monitors is 10 years.
- This initiative, funded by Cobb County Government for four years, is nearing completion with 99.9% of the project accomplished.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project support improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to health crises.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households
3. 3: Household that experienced unemployment

## Project

**Project PS09: Manual Chest Compression Devices for Licensed 911**

**Funding amount: \$197,216.00**

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

### **Project overview**

- The project involves purchasing and installing mechanical chest compression devices on all 911-licensed Puckett EMS, LLC ambulances.
- Specifically, 12 LUCAS 3 chest compression devices are being deployed, and accompanying medical protocols for their use are being developed.
- Comprehensive in-house training is provided to all field personnel on the operation and utilization of the mechanical CPR devices.
- Puckett Emergency Medical Services, LLC is tasked with collecting and analyzing data to assess the effectiveness of the mechanical CPR devices.
- This initiative, funded for 3 months to Puckett Emergency Medical Services, LLC, is currently 89% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project supports improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to health crises.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project PS12: CoResponder Expansion Proposal**

**Funding amount: \$1,887,874.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services**

### **Project overview**

- The program aims to expand the co-response team by embedding co-responder units in mental health crisis hot spots and enhancing the Cobb Cares program with additional case managers.
- Highland Rivers Behavioral Health will lead efforts to embed co-responder units in crisis hot spots and provide case management through Cobb CARES.
- The program advocates for alternatives to incarceration for individuals facing serious mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring disorders (COD). It supports the development and accessibility of high-quality mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services.
- Highland Rivers Behavioral Health has received funding for 1 year to implement this program and it is currently 0.71% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project supports improved health and safety for individuals in crisis and responders to health emergencies. It also benefits individuals through enhanced health and safety protocols, including case management or counseling for mental illness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 15: Disadvantaged households and populations residing in qualified census tract.

### **Project**

**Project SS15:** CFR Short-term Housing Program

**Funding amount:** \$219,880.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

#### **Project overview**

- The project supports the Center for Family Resources (CFR) in bolstering its shelter program for homeless families and expanding services to accommodate the growing number of homeless families in Cobb County.
- It aims to temporarily house families experiencing homelessness in various unsheltered situations, including those on the streets, in cars, exiting shelters, or temporarily housed in hotels/motels by charitable organizations without means to secure subsequent housing on their own.
- The project expands the shelter capacity from 5 apartment units with 20 beds to 12 apartment units with 48 beds. This expansion allows for the temporary housing of unsheltered families, provides support in addressing underlying issues contributing to housing instability, and equips them with skills and resources necessary to attain

stable housing. Families can participate in the shelter program for up to 60 days and benefit from housing and employment case management services.

- This initiative is funded for one year to The Center for Family Resources (CFR) and has achieved 87% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals facing homelessness through shelter provision and addresses basic needs.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS16:** Team 58 Food Pantry

**Funding amount:** \$400,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

#### **Project overview**

- The project allocates funding for food, fuel, transportation, and related payroll expenses to expand the capacity of the Reflections of Trinity Food Pantry, which serves marginalized and vulnerable populations. The food pantry operates every Saturday morning, distributing nutritious boxes weighing between 85-100 lbs. containing fruits, vegetables, bread, meat, snacks, and canned goods.
- The program facilitates weekly deliveries to one of eight local Senior HUD Communities.
- Additionally, the program supplies food to four local schools (three in Cobb County) when they are open, offering supplementary weekend food support.
- This initiative is funded for four years to Reflections of Trinity and has achieved 51% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of providing food and meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS17:** CFR Choice Pantry Program

**Funding amount:** \$359,500.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

### **Project overview**

- The project transforms The Center for Family Resources (CFR)'s traditional food pantry into a Choice Food Pantry and supports its operation for 12 months, including budgeting and nutrition education.
- The program offers a weekly personal shopping experience aimed at educating beneficiaries on nutrition and savvy shopping to maximize their food budgets. Families are empowered to select their own foods using a points-based system, similar to shopping at a local supermarket. Volunteers assist shoppers throughout the process.
- Additionally, the program hosts quarterly group activities for participants, featuring cooking demonstrations and other educational events addressing food insecurity.
- Despite some improvements since the onset of Covid-19, levels of food insecurity remain higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- This initiative is funded for one year to The Center for Family Resources (CFR) and has reached 21% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of providing food and meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS18:** CFR Rental Assistance Program

**Funding amount:** \$86,950.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

### **Project overview**

1. The project provides rental assistance to low-income households with dependent children residing in Cobb County and help households identify goals to address the cause of their housing insecurity.
2. Program will help beneficiaries for up to 3 months to prevent eviction allowing to household to maintain stable housing with the average value of assistance being set at \$2,500.00.
3. The program provides a case manager who works with impacted households to identify the issues causing the housing insecurity and develops a plan to address the issue. Other supportive services include food support, employment services, financial empowerment educational courses, budgeting, credit, landlord and tenant relationships, addressing unhealthy relationships, goal setting, and addressing consumer issues may be provided.
4. Program requires that beneficiaries reside in Cobb County and have a lease in their name. They must also meet income and any other requirements as determined by funding source. The case manager processes the supporting documents and issues a check directly to the landlord. Follow-up is completed by the caseworker in 90 days to confirm whether the beneficiaries were able to retain their housing and makes additional referrals as required.
5. Project funded for 1 year to The Center for Family Resources (CFR) and is 71% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of providing rent, utility, or mortgage assistance to those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 3: Households (HH) that experienced unemployment

### **Project**

**Project SS19:** Food Distribution by MUST Ministries, Inc., Cobb Food Fleet

**Funding amount:** \$250,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- The project addresses the ongoing food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities exacerbated by the enduring health and economic impacts of the pandemic. MUST

Ministries ensures access to both shelf-stable foods and fresh produce, offering healthy options to individuals and families reliant on pantry assistance.

- Distribution occurs through various key programs: MUST Client Service Centers in Marietta and Smyrna, the Neighborhood Pantry Program, Mobile Pantry Program, Summer Lunch Program, and Senior Food Program.
- The program emphasizes providing shelf-stable foods alongside fresh produce to meet the nutritional needs of individuals and families facing food insecurity.
- Funding supports the purchase of produce at discounted rates from the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) or Athena Farms if ACFB supply is insufficient.
- The project collaborates with Cobb Food Fleet to acquire food at minimal costs and distribute it to communities with the highest need.
- This initiative, funded for four years to MUST Ministries, Inc., has achieved 33% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of providing food and meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS20:** Housing Navigation Project

**Funding amount:** \$502,539.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

#### **Project overview**

- The project supports The Center for Family Resources (CFR) in enhancing its existing shelter program for homeless families while expanding to accommodate the growing homeless population in Cobb County. Open Doors collaborates with local nonprofit organizations to provide housing navigation services, assisting individuals in locating suitable housing and negotiating acceptance barriers with property managers.
- The initiative involves The Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care (COC), which partners with Open Doors to secure lease agreements and locate units for homeless residents participating in housing initiatives sponsored by COC agencies and

stakeholders. The Open Doors Property Navigation program leverages relationships with public and private partners to facilitate placements into permanent and stable housing.

- Program funds are allocated to contract Open Doors, covering unit hold fees, a property navigator, team leader, and portfolio director. Open Doors utilizes endorsements from the Atlanta Apartment Association to access a network of over 370 property management companies overseeing 400,000+ apartment homes, thereby expanding participation from rental communities.
- This project, funded for one year to The Center for Family Resources (CFR), which serves as the collaborative applicant for the Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care, is currently 19% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of shelter and/or rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 16: Disadvantaged households that qualify for certain federal programs
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households (HH) and populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS21:** Building Affordable Housing for Cobb Residents

**Funding amount:** \$4,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.15 Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

#### **Project overview**

- The project aims to develop 14 single-family affordable homes for homeownership by Cobb County families earning at or below 65% of the area median income (AMI).
- These homes will be a combination of acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction, each estimated at \$362,725, with the goal of narrowing the racial wealth gap and promoting equity among homeowners.
- Additional funding for the project will be contributed by Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta and Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership to ensure full project funding.
- Habitat for Humanity owns a parcel of developable land on Hillcrest Drive at Ridgefield Road, zoned for 12 units, and has access to a list of tax-blighted, delinquent, or condemned parcels in unincorporated Cobb County.
- Preference for purchasing these homes will be given to Cobb County employees, veterans, teachers, and other essential workers. Habitat has established plans for pre-construction, post-construction, and buy-out phases.

- Project funded for 4 years to Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta, Inc. and is 6% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations

### **Project**

**Project SS22:** Food Distribution by NBA Storehouse Ministries, Cobb County

**Funding amount:** \$284,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

#### **Project overview**

- The project addresses the ongoing food insecurity among families and children in underserved Cobb communities, exacerbated by the prolonged financial impacts of the pandemic.
- It focuses on procuring food at minimal to no cost, minimizing waste and overhead costs.
- Storehouse Ministries utilizes its network of 27 food pantries and 25 volunteers to efficiently distribute food and resources, supporting 650 families and 2,133 individuals monthly.
- Program funds are allocated towards purchasing staple food items included in distributed food boxes.
- This initiative is funded for four years to Noonday Baptist Association (NBA) and has reached 27% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of providing food and meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
2. 2: Low- or moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS23:** CDPH EH Septic System Repair/Maintenance and Public Sewer Co

**Funding amount:** \$855,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.5, Infrastructure- Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure

### **Project overview**

- The project aims to support low-income homeowners in Cobb County by covering the expenses associated with repairing failing septic tanks and pumping septic systems. It also encourages owner-occupied properties to maintain their septic tanks by offering a water bill credit. Specifically:
  - Low-income homeowners (at 185% of the poverty level) will receive full coverage for a one-time septic system repair or connection to public sewer, up to \$15,000 per resident.
  - The project provides two levels of funding:
    - Full coverage of septic tank pumping for 200 low-income homeowners.
    - A \$250 water bill credit for up to 1,200 other Cobb County residents after septic tank pumping by an approved vendor.
- The project has two primary components:
  - Fully funding septic system repairs or pumping for low-income homeowners.
  - Encouraging other owner-occupied properties in Cobb County with on-site sewage systems to pump their tanks regularly, with a \$250 water bill credit upon proof of service.
- Program funding will support 52 septic system repairs or sewer connections and 200 tank pumping services for low-income homeowners, as well as the pumping incentive for 1,200 residents over four years.
- The project is funded for four years by the Cobb County Board of Health (Cobb & Douglas Public Health, CDPH) and has yet to commence.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project benefits individuals through strengthening public infrastructure, including safe drinking water, power, and broadband access.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

### **Project**

**Project SS24:** Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA 1 (*Part of SS25 Household Assistance*)

**Funding amount:** \$475,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

**Project overview**

- The project offers comprehensive support services including homeless assistance, rental and mortgage aid, and food security initiatives aimed at fostering stability among low-income families and individuals.
- Rental, utility assistance, and food aid programs specifically target housing stability and food security for families, individuals, and veterans.
- The program extends homelessness prevention assistance to individuals below 30% of the area median income (AMI) and others at risk of homelessness.
- A dedicated case manager initiates contact with potential participants, schedules appointments, and guides them through the application process. Eligibility assessments are conducted during initial consultations, with thorough documentation and review for benefit duplication. The case manager then collaborates with recipients to create personalized action plans, coordinates access to necessary support services, maintains records, conducts follow-up discussions, and concludes with recipient exit interviews.
- This project is funded for one year to Zion Keepers Inc. and has achieved 30% completion.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 3: Households (HH) that experienced unemployment
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

**Project**

**Project SS25:** Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA 2 (*Part of SS24 Household Assistance*)

**Funding amount:** \$725,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

**Project overview**

- The project offers comprehensive support services including homeless assistance, rental and mortgage aid, and food security initiatives aimed at fostering stability among low-income families and individuals.

- Rental, utility assistance, and food aid programs specifically target housing stability and food security for families, individuals, and veterans.
- The program extends homelessness prevention assistance to individuals below 30% of the area median income (AMI) and others at risk of homelessness.
- A dedicated case manager initiates contact with potential participants, schedules appointments, and guides them through the application process. Eligibility assessments are conducted during initial consultations, with thorough documentation and review for benefit duplication. The case manager then collaborates with recipients to create personalized action plans, coordinates access to necessary support services, maintains records, conducts follow-up discussions, and concludes with recipient exit interviews.
- This project is funded for one year to Zion Keepers Inc. and has achieved 30% completion.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 3: Households (HH) that experienced unemployment
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### Project

**Project SS26:** The Salvation Army| Financial Emergency Assistance & Homeless Service Center

**Funding amount:** \$330,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

#### **Project overview**

- The project supports The Salvation Army's Financial Emergency Services (FES) program, which offers short-term rental assistance and aids the Homeless Service Center (HSC) by providing essential supplies and meals to homeless individuals.
- The Homeless Service Center (HSC) operates as a day shelter serving homeless individuals primarily in Marietta, focusing on a local homeless population where 90% of clients are African American men, as well as homeless families.
- The program includes a robust Homelessness Prevention program and Financial Emergency Services program designed to prevent homelessness by offering rental assistance. The FES program provides immediate financial support to Cobb County residents, aiming to stabilize families experiencing crisis.

- Participants can receive up to three months of rent assistance to alleviate financial strains caused by the pandemic, unemployment, health issues, or rent increases.
- This project is funded for one year by The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation, and has reached 56% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households (HH) and populations
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS27:** Cobb County Lawyer in the Law Library

**Funding amount:** \$330,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.1, Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities- Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

#### **Project overview**

- The project facilitates legal clinics hosted in the courthouse law library, offering legal advice and consultations, along with informational sessions covering family law, income maintenance, health, probate, housing, and consumer issues. The Lawyer in the Library initiative by Legal Aid provides free general legal information and personalized advice on matters crucial to housing stability, income maintenance, public benefits access, family law, and consumer rights.
- The program collaborates with the law library to conduct annual legal consultations and monthly legal information sessions, utilizing local resources and referrals, including connections to private attorneys through the Cobb County Bar Association.
- The initiative supports the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's presence at the library, enabling coordination with library staff to ensure seamless service delivery.
- Participants receive referrals to appropriate resources for further assistance or representation as necessary.
- The program works closely with law library staff to register Cobb County residents for legal consultations and gather necessary documentation for grant eligibility.
- This project is funded for three years to Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., and has achieved 15% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals supporting vulnerable populations with legal assistance.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households (HH) and populations
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 20: Disadvantaged other households (HH) or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact.

## Project

**Project SS28:** Equitable Access to COVID Mitigation for All Cobb County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

**Funding amount:** \$1,822,814.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12, Public Health- Mental Health Services

### **Project overview**

- The program aids domestic violence victims in escaping violence and recovering by providing essential services to facilitate relocation, secure new housing, and access mental health support. LiveSafe Resources (LSR) is the sole provider of comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Cobb County. •
- The project offers 350 victims' access to free mental health counseling, accommodates 23 families in shelters, and provides income-based rental assistance to 34 families.
- The program faced challenges in retaining in-house counseling staff due to below-market salaries. Funding is allocated to increase counselor salaries to attract and retain two full-time counselors at LiveSafe Resources (LSR).
- Program funds are utilized for medical appointments and medications for individuals requiring intensive care.
- Additional program funding supports the retention of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Support Specialist. This role handles increased caseloads and facilitates more sexual assault examinations, meeting heightened demand from individuals ineligible for LSR's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing programs, which adhere to stringent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.
- This project is funded for four years to LiveSafe Resources, Inc., and has reached 25% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project enhances health and safety for individuals by providing mental health services, including counseling and case management.

Impacted populations include:

1. 4: Households that experienced increased food and housing insecurity
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 5: Households that qualify for certain federal programs

## Project

**Project SS29:** Giving Kitchen Assists Food Service Workers in Crisis in Cobb County

**Funding amount:** \$420,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

### **Project overview**

- The project offers financial and emergency assistance to low-income food service workers, covering utilities, rental, and mortgage expenses. It also operates the Stability Network referral service program, connecting these workers with vital resources including housing, employment opportunities, wellness programs, mental health support, substance misuse services, and social services.
- Direct client services are provided through financial assistance (FA) and referrals to partner organizations and pro-bono care offered by a network of individual providers. Cobb ARPA funds are specifically allocated to provide FA to food service workers (FSWs) in Cobb County employed in restaurants, catering, concessions, cafeterias, bars, tap rooms, and food trucks.
- The project includes mental health training and programming tailored for food service workers and their employers.
- Financial aid is distributed based on applicants' needs arising from circumstances like injury, illness, or natural disasters such as fires or floods.
- This project, funded for three years to The Giving Kitchen Initiative, has achieved 34% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS30:** H.O.P.E. Family Resource Center inc.

**Funding amount:** \$36,250.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

**Project overview**

- The project focuses on addressing heightened food security issues exacerbated during the pandemic, specifically targeting those affected by the public health emergency.
- The program collaborates with the Cobb Food Fleet to procure food at minimal to no cost, effectively maximizing the value of each allocated dollar.
- Food distribution occurs on a weekly and monthly basis from a single location, facilitated by volunteers who assist in receiving and organizing donated non-perishable food. This volunteer support is crucial for the daily operation of distributing food boxes to the community.
- This project, funded for two years to H.O.P.E Family Resources Center Inc., has reached 31% completion.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Households that experienced unemployment
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

**Project**

**Project SS31:** North Cobb C.A.F.E (Family Resource Center) Launch to Mitigate Pandemic Impacts (*Part of CH11 Mental Health Services*)

**Funding amount:** \$2,054,990.45

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

**Project overview**

- Project provides services to the expanding Latino population impacting the metro Atlanta area. It provides wraparound family programming through C.A.F.E. which provides for the mental health and wellbeing of Latino youth and their families through a

comprehensive family plan model that address needs of all members through assessment, case management, and provisions of services.

- Program services approximately 1,500 individuals with mental health services, 1,500 with case management needs, 1,000 families with food assistance, 310 families with rental/mortgage assistance, 150 victims of domestic violence with services to prevent homelessness, and 750 youth with programming promoting overall mental health and wellbeing.
- Funding will be used to implement the National Family Resource Center model in North Cobb County. The project will focus on mental health support, food assistance, and mortgage/rent assistance for Latino families.
- Ser Familia, Inc. has received funding for a 3-year period and has completed 52% of the project.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project directly contributed to:

- Instances where individuals suffering from mental illness received improved health and safety through case management or counseling, as well as enhanced health and safety through substance abuse treatment.
- Instances where individuals facing homelessness were assisted through rent, utility, or mortgage support.
- Instances where food insecurity was reduced through the provision of food or meals.

Impacted populations include:

1. 6: Services to address lost instructional time in K-12 schools
2. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS32:** Cobb County Shelter Development Project

**Funding amount:** \$25,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

#### **Project overview**

- The project collaborates with MUST Ministries to oversee and streamline the expansion and enhancement of the MUST Hope House, a critical facility providing shelter and support services to homeless individuals in Cobb County.
- It coordinates with the construction community to leverage resources and increase the capacity of local nonprofit housing organizations.

- The project focuses on renovating and equipping an existing 30,000 square foot building on MUST Ministries' new campus, designated as the Must Hope House. This facility will serve as the administrative hub for residents, offering intake services, support programs, and training sessions.
- Project funding will cover the purchase of materials that HomeAid Atlanta, Inc. cannot secure through donations due to escalating construction costs.
- This initiative, funded for 12-14 months to HomeAid Atlanta, Inc., is currently in the planning phase and has not commenced.

## **Project**

**Project SS33:** Food Distribution by YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Cobb Food Feet

**Funding amount:** \$543,900.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

### Project overview

- The program aims to enhance food security for over 2,400 low-income individuals throughout Cobb County. The Northwest Cobb YMCA's food security initiative operates weekly, including pop-up markets at five sites where families can select food items themselves. This approach empowers families to manage their resources better, allowing them to prioritize other essentials such as housing, utilities, transportation, and healthcare.
- The project primarily covers operational costs rather than purchasing food directly.
- The program supports hunger relief services provided by the Northwest Cobb Family YMCA, specifically targeting children who rely on free and reduced-price lunches during the school year. It ensures that 120 children aged 3-18 maintain food security throughout the year.
- Operating for approximately 15 weeks annually to align with local school schedules, the program relies on food donations from YMCA members through the Y It Matters campaign. Additional food purchases supplement these donations as needed.
- Food distribution focuses on areas where there is a higher concentration of eligible students, including mobile home parks and extended stay motels.
- As part of the initiative, the McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA in Marietta has expanded its year-round efforts to ensure consistent food security across the county, benefiting 600 families weekly and supporting a total of 2,400 individuals of all ages annually.
- This project, funded for 2 years by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc., is currently 29% complete.

## **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 14: Households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households or populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS34:** Sweetwater Mission, Inc.

**Funding amount:** \$750,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- The program addresses the heightened demand for food among families and children in underserved Cobb communities, exacerbated by the ongoing financial impacts of the pandemic.
- Components of the program include an onsite food pantry offering drive-through services, a mobile food delivery initiative, and a summer food distribution program specifically for children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.
- Funding allocated to Sweet Water Mission supports the expansion of their existing food distribution model, primarily enhancing direct service capabilities with minimal increases to administrative support.
- Over the initial 12 months of the grant period, the program aims to serve approximately 15,000 residents of Cobb County, including 6,300 children and over 8,000 families.
- This project is funded for 4 years by Sweetwater Mission, Inc., and currently stands at 57% completion.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public

## Project

**Project SS35:** South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All (*Part of ED08 Negative Economic Impacts- Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers and SS37 Public Health- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$55,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Public Health- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

**Project overview**

- The project is crafted to address critical needs among vulnerable populations, particularly in neighborhoods severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its primary goal is to prevent homelessness by offering rental and mortgage assistance to individuals facing imminent eviction. Additionally, the project aims to empower individuals by providing workforce readiness training to enhance their employability and economic stability.
- The program includes provisions of healthy boxed meals, essential hygiene items, and access to affordable housing units for those in need. It emphasizes maintaining family unity and stability by assisting families impacted by the pandemic to remain in their homes.
- Furthermore, the program offers specialized support through GED counselors and job readiness coaches. These services are tailored to help unemployed, underemployed, and low-income high school students secure employment opportunities that provide sufficient income to sustain livable housing in Cobb County.
- Funded for 18 months and overseen by the Family Life Restorations Center, Inc., the project is currently at 20% completion.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged Households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract
2. 1: General Public
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

**Project**

**Project SS36:** Home Repairs and Modifications for Seniors, Veterans, and Low-Income Homeowners of Cobb County

**Funding amount:** \$2,704,012

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.23, Negative Economic Impacts- Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties

**Project overview**

- The program offers no-cost home repair services ranging from minor to major repairs for older adults, veterans, and low-income homeowners.

- It provides essential gap services that enhance residents' independence and create healthier living environments, ensuring economic stability by relieving financial burdens associated with critical home repairs.
- Eligible residents undergo a home inspection before applying for repair services. Meals on Wheels Atlanta (MOWA) assesses and prioritizes projects based on their potential benefit to the resident.
- The project is executed by one of fourteen contractors, with each project expected to be completed within approximately fifteen workdays.
- Funded for a period of 3 years, the project is managed by Meals on Wheels and has achieved 32% completion thus far.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by providing housing support.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged Households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-income households (HH) or populations
3. 14: Disadvantaged low-income households and populations

### Project

**Project SS37:** South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All (*Part of ED08 Negative Economic Impacts- Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers and SS35 Public Health- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$37,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

#### **Project overview**

- The project is crafted to address critical needs among vulnerable populations, particularly in neighborhoods severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its primary goal is to prevent homelessness by offering rental and mortgage assistance to individuals facing imminent eviction. Additionally, the project aims to empower individuals by providing workforce readiness training to enhance their employability and economic stability.
- The program includes provisions of healthy boxed meals, essential hygiene items, and access to affordable housing units for those in need. It emphasizes maintaining family unity and stability by assisting families impacted by the pandemic to remain in their homes.
- Furthermore, the program offers specialized support through GED counselors and job readiness coaches. These services are tailored to help unemployed, underemployed, and low-income high school students secure employment opportunities that provide sufficient income to sustain livable housing in Cobb County.

- Funded for 18 months and overseen by the Family Life Restorations Center, Inc., the project is currently at 20% completion.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged Households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract
2. 1: General Public
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS38:** Workforce Development Services and Supports for the Adults and Youth of the Franklin Gateway Area

**Funding amount:** \$35,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

#### **Project overview**

- The program provides year-round childcare along with limited rental assistance.
- It includes rental and mortgage assistance, aiming to support at least 5 families with up to \$2,000 per family. Additionally, childcare with enrichment activities for elementary and middle school students is offered.
- Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc. (YELLS) focuses on providing rental and mortgage assistance specifically to Cobb County families residing on Franklin Gateway to alleviate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funded for a duration of 42 months, the project is managed by YELLS and has achieved 27%

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged Households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### **Project**

**Project SS39:** Meals of Compassion Ministry

**Funding amount:** \$10,670.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

**Project overview**

- The program provides breakfast services to the MUST Hope House homeless shelter and participates in the MUST Summer Lunch program.
- It delivers a hot breakfast to 50-55 guests at the MUST Hope House homeless shelter twice a month for 12 months.
- Additionally, the program supports the MUST Summer Lunch Program by supplying 500 children with bagged groceries that cover breakfast and lunch for 5 days during the summer months of June and July.
- Funded for 1 year, the project is managed by Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC) and has not yet started.

**Project**

**Project SS40:** First Presbyterian Church Food Outreach Ministry

**Funding amount:** \$282,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

**Project overview**

- The program enhances its Food Outreach Ministry by expanding capabilities in technology, food distribution, transportation, and personnel. This includes upgrading program technology, food storage and distribution equipment, and covering staff salaries. Weekly groceries will be provided to food-insecure families.
- Weekly, the program distributes grocery items and consumables to families in need.
- The program aims to support at least 150 families each week, offering fresh produce, nutritious food, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. It targets residents facing poverty and food insecurity due to challenging circumstances.
- Additionally, the program provides food kits and essential items to homeless individuals who frequent the church.
- Funded for 4 years, the project is managed by First Presbyterian Church of Marietta and is currently 13% complete.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 15: Disadvantaged Households (HH) and populations residing in qualified census tract
2. 3: Households that Experienced Unemployment
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS41:** Sweetwater Mission’s AARPA Housing Program 2023

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

### **Project overview**

- The program offers comprehensive assistance to Cobb residents affected by unemployment and under-employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including rent relief, rental deposits, hotel vouchers, and utility support.
- It specifically targets families with children under 18, providing rental assistance for those who don't qualify for other grants, issuing hotel vouchers for temporary housing, and covering security deposits for families facing eviction. The goal is to prevent eviction, address past due rent or mortgage, settle utility bills, and support homeless families with extended stays.
- The program also aids individuals struggling with utility bills or needing help with monthly costs.
- Eligibility is assessed for all applicants, who must engage in monthly case monitoring to track their progress and fund usage.
- Funded for 1 year, the project is managed by Sweetwater Mission, Inc. and is currently 76% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Household that Experienced Unemployment
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS42:** Latino Homeless Prevention Program (*Part of SS46 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs*)

**Funding amount:** \$30,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

**Project overview**

- The program offers stabilization support to families at risk of homelessness, addressing urgent needs such as housing and food assistance.
- It focuses on Latino families by providing emergency financial aid for rent, mortgage, utilities, and security deposits, as well as shelter placement, housing referrals, food, clothing, and domestic violence support. In Georgia, 68% of Latinos live below 200% of the federal poverty level and face higher rates of food insecurity compared to white non-Hispanic households. The program's goal is to empower Latino individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Funded for 1 year, the project is managed by the Latin American Association (LAA) and is currently 64% complete.

**Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 1: General Public
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 14: Disadvantaged low-income Households (HH) and populations

**Project**

**Project SS43:** Grow Cobb Initiative (GCI)

**Funding amount:** \$2,700,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

**Project overview**

- The program provides support in housing and mortgage assistance, small and minority-owned business assistance, and workforce development.
- Funding will cover direct assistance costs such as application fees, security deposits, renter's insurance, rent, and utility payments, as well as payroll, supplies, materials, and professional services including administrative support. The Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) will oversee and implement Cobb County's program objectives, which include: 1) offering rental, utility, and/or security deposit assistance to Cobb County residents; and 2) creating a network of specialists to ensure seamless access and entry points for assistance.
- The project will also develop a virtual platform to streamline and enhance the efficiency and compliance of the application process for both applicants and reviewers.

- Funded for 36 months, the project is currently 67% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Household that Experienced Unemployment
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

### Project

**Project SS44:** Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance for Black Families in Cobb County Impacted by the Pandemic (*Part of ED09 Negative Economic Impacts-Assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers and ED10 Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning*)

**Funding amount:** \$637,731.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

#### Project overview

- The program utilizes an integrated economic mobility model to deliver essential services to individuals and families, focusing on meeting basic needs.
- Key services include addressing basic needs like housing and food security, alongside initiatives aimed at workforce development and supporting small business recovery efforts.
- A specific workforce pathway is created for certified nursing assistants in collaboration with WellStar, enhancing career opportunities in healthcare.
- The project targets populations residing in federally Qualified Census Tracts, with a focus on households experiencing persistent poverty rates of 25% or more, as well as those who are unemployed or underemployed.
- Funded for a duration of 3 years, the program is administered by The Urban League of Greater Atlanta and has achieved 23% completion.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Household that Experienced Unemployment
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations

3. 8: Small businesses that experienced a negative economic impact

## Project

**Project SS45:** Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID-19 (*Part of SS48 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid*)

**Funding amount:** \$630,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

6. The program expands an existing initiative to include support for families affected by cancer, ensuring they remain housed and have access to food assistance. This support is crucial for individuals navigating their cancer journey, particularly those who must isolate due to compromised immune systems exacerbated by the pandemic.
7. The program will provide housing assistance to 50 families and food assistance to 100 families. Specifically, LACO will offer up to \$1,800 per month for housing assistance to 50 families for up to three months annually, and food vouchers of up to \$300 per month for up to six months each year to 100 families.
8. The project, funded for 3 years to Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc., is currently 17% complete.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households (HH) or populations
2. 3: Households that Experienced Unemployment
3. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project SS46:** Latino Homeless Prevention Program (*Part of SS42 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs*)

**Funding amount:** \$30,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- The program offers stabilization support to families at risk of homelessness, addressing urgent needs such as housing and food assistance.
- It focuses on Latino families by providing emergency financial aid for rent, mortgage, utilities, and security deposits, as well as shelter placement, housing referrals, food, clothing, and domestic violence support. In Georgia, 68% of Latinos live below 200% of the federal poverty level and face higher rates of food insecurity compared to white non-Hispanic households. The program's goal is to empower Latino individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Funded for 1 year, the project is managed by the Latin American Association (LAA) and is currently 64% complete.

### Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households (HH) or populations
2. 1: General Public
3. 14: Disadvantaged low-income Households (HH) and populations

### Project

**Project SS47:** Marcus Mission Center

**Funding amount:** \$32,786.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs

#### **Project overview**

- The program enhances an existing food pantry initiative by adding a new staff member, acquiring equipment to improve operations, and providing gas cards to volunteers.
- The Marcus Mission Center, a food and clothing pantry in Marietta, Georgia, operates in partnership with Turner Chapel AME Church. This collaboration has been serving the community for over 25 years, and from January 2022 through June 2022 alone, it distributed 22,961 lbs. of food to 324 families (comprising 922 individuals). The funding will support a part-time salary for the Pantry Coordinator, provide \$10 weekly gas cards to volunteers, purchase essential equipment, and increase the food budget.
- The project is funded for 1 year to Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC) and has not yet started.

### Project

**Project SS48:** Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients (*Part of SS45 Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Food Programs*)

**Funding amount:** \$481,388.20

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.2, Negative Economic Impacts- Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

### **Project overview**

9. The program expands an existing initiative to include support for families affected by cancer, ensuring they remain housed and have access to food assistance. This support is crucial for individuals navigating their cancer journey, particularly those who must isolate due to compromised immune systems exacerbated by the pandemic.
10. The program will provide housing assistance to 50 families and food assistance to 100 families. Specifically, LACO will offer up to \$1,800 per month for housing assistance to 50 families for up to three months annually, and food vouchers of up to \$300 per month for up to six months each year to 100 families.
11. The project, funded for 3 years to Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc., is currently 17% complete.

### **Performance Report Contribution**

This project serves individuals by meeting the basic need of rent, utility, or mortgage assistance for those facing homelessness.

Impacted populations include:

1. 3: Household that Experienced Unemployment
2. 2: Low- or Moderate-Income Households or Populations
3. 4: Households that experienced increased food or housing security

### **Project**

**Project SS49:** Restore House

**Funding amount:** \$162,949.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.8 Household Assistance: Survivor's Benefit

### **Project overview**

- The program, run by Restore House, will offer fully furnished transitional housing to support families in making a successful new start. This initiative reinstates a previous program that provided transitional housing for individuals affected by domestic violence.
- The project aims to provide a safe haven and essential resources to support the transition and empowerment of women and children who have experienced domestic violence.
- Participants will be referred to the program after completing a 90-day stay at a local or nearby shelter. They can reside in the transitional home for up to six months.

Historically, 98% of participants successfully achieved their goals by the end of their stay at Restore House.

- The project is funded for 1 year to Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC) and has not yet started.

## Project

**Project ARRP:** West Oak Parkway and West Oak Circle

**Funding amount:** \$10,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 7.1-Administrative Expenses

### **Project overview**

- The project involves acquiring a building in Cobb County for the retention, retrieval, destruction, and storage of official County records.
- The property will be used to manage the destruction of records in accordance with retention schedules outlined in the Georgia Records Act, aiming to free up space in County-owned facilities. This need has increased due to the higher volume of documentation processed by the County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funding was provided to Cobb County's Finance Department and is 82% complete.

## Project

**Project AR22:** Front Door Produce

**Funding amount:** \$20,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- The project involved purchasing 1,000 boxes of 20 pounds of fresh produce to address ongoing food insecurity among Cobb County residents.
- The goal was to provide fresh produce to individuals experiencing food insecurity. Two non-profit organizations were engaged to distribute these boxes to those in need.
- Funding was provided to non-profit service agencies, and all funds have been fully expended.

## Performance Report Contribution

This project serves individuals by addressing food insecurity through the provision of essential food supplies.

Impacted populations include:

1. 4: Households (HH) that experienced increased food or housing insecurity

## Project

**Project AR15:** Powers Ferry Bridge Rehabilitation

**Funding amount:** \$4,050,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.1-Surface Transportation Projects Receiving Funding from DOT

**Project overview**

- To allocate funding for the repair and rehabilitation of bridges.
- Powers Ferry Rd and Interstate North Pkwy Bridge
- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, but work has not yet commenced.

**Project**

**Project AR16:** I20-Factory Shoals Rd Multimodal Study

**Funding amount:** \$500,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.2- Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (streamline framework)

**Project overview**

- To develop safe, connected, multimodal and cost-effective solutions for the Interstate 20/Factory Shoals Road improvements.
- Factory Shoals Pedestrian Bridge over I20 Scoping Study
- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, but work has not yet commenced.

**Project**

**Project AR17:** Allatoona Creek Greenway Trail

**Funding amount:** \$625,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.2- Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (streamline framework)

**Project overview**

- To create safe, connected, multimodal, and cost-effective solutions for the project trail, and to evaluate the feasibility of alternative trail alignments. The trail will offer a secure, alternative transportation link between schools, parks, and cultural amenities in NW Cobb.
- Allatoona Creek Greenway Trail Scoping Study

- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, but work has not yet commenced.

## Project

**Project AR18:** Kennesaw State/Town Center Transit Oriented Development Study

**Funding amount:** \$500,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.2- Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (streamline framework)

### **Project overview**

- To explore the development of a transit solution addressing mobility needs in the Northwest Atlanta Corridor.
- Town Center Busbee Park-n-Ride Transit-Oriented Development
- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, but work has not yet commenced.

## Project

**Project AR19:** East-West Connector Corridor Improvements

**Funding amount:** \$825,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.2- Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (streamline framework)

### **Project overview**

- Study to evaluate surface transportation improvements aimed at enhancing vehicular and pedestrian safety and increasing road capacity.
- East-West Connector Corridor Improvements Scoping Study
- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, and the project is 5% complete.

## Project

**Project AR20:** Cumberland Transfer Center

**Funding amount:** \$1,000,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 9.1-Surface Transportation Projects Receiving Funding from DOT

### **Project overview**

- To expand and relocate the transfer center.
- Cumberland Transfer Center
- Funds have been allocated to the Department of Transportation, but work has not yet commenced.

## **Project**

**Project AR21:** Non-Profit Allocations

**Funding amount:** \$2,480,000.00

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2-Negative Economic Impacts-2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- To offer support to households through non-profit subrecipients for those facing heightened food or housing insecurity.
- Non-profit allocations
- Funds have been allocated to non-profit service agencies, but work has not yet commenced.

## **Project**

**Project ED00:** Economic Development

**Funding amount:** \$178,896.99

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2-Negative Economic Impacts-2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

### **Project overview**

- Mableton Redevelopment
- Supports economic recovery by enhancing business sector opportunities and workforce development. Focuses on workforce development, small and minority-owned businesses, employee retention, and the hospitality and tourism industries.
- Funds have been allocated to non-profit service agencies, but work has not yet commenced.