The Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides significant funding to assist state and local governments in addressing the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. This includes $3,828,761,790 awarded to the Colorado State Government from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

This report addresses Colorado’s use of these funds during the period from July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
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Dear Treasury Secretary Yellen,

Colorado is experiencing one of the strongest economic recoveries in the country. After more than two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, our unemployment rate is at its lowest since 2020, we’ve recovered all the jobs that were lost, and our labor participation rate is one of the highest in the country, meaning that Coloradans are getting back to work. As we once did without hesitation, friends and neighbors spend time together, families gather to enjoy a meal, and we all celebrate together, especially for moments as special as the Colorado Avalanche bringing home the Stanley Cup.

As Colorado has turned this corner, my priority has been to protect our quality of life, improve affordability, and save Coloradans money, and that’s exactly what we’re doing with this funding. The pandemic revealed some of the systemic challenges we face as a state and nation, and it exacerbated challenges around cost of living. Too many hardworking Coloradans can’t get ahead because of economic forces beyond their control, including supply chain disruptions and soaring energy costs due to Putin’s war in Ukraine, making our work all the more urgent.

When we knew that Colorado would receive historic federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), we didn’t waste a minute. We launched an extensive yet rapid listening tour and held numerous stakeholder meetings to hear from folks across our state about the challenges they were facing. It was these early conversations that led us to identify housing, mental and behavioral health, and workforce development as key areas for transformational investment. We also made sure to direct our attention to spending our SLFRF appropriations in key areas to ensure that Colorado could recover faster and stronger. For example, by the end of April 2022, we had already obligated or spent more than 80% of SLFRF funds that had the earliest appropriation deadlines of summer 2022.

To maximize these historic resources, Colorado is working side by side with our local leaders, as well as partners in the private and nonprofit sectors. These dollars are going to mean more safe and affordable housing for Coloradans and their families. They will mean increased access to affordable mental health services, safe communities, and greater access to preventive services. They will mean more investments in our businesses,
connecting more Coloradans to the skills they need to build careers they love, and continuing our economic recovery.

During your visit this past spring to Mi Casa in Denver, you saw some of this work in action. Mi Casa is a recipient of a Workforce Innovation Grant, and they’ve used that funding to help job seekers re-skill and upskill.

Another example is the way we’ve invested in our Main Streets and downtown areas across Colorado, using SLFRF funding. We are working with local governments to prioritize projects that will increase safety and mobility in these areas, driving economic development and local activities in the heart of our communities.

To accomplish our bold vision, Colorado has continued to work in close collaboration with our legislative partners and state agencies to use American Rescue Plan Act funds in three key ways:

1. Fiscal Stability and budget stabilization
2. Recovery, relief, and job creation
3. Transformation change that will make Colorado an even better place to live, work, and raise a family

The $3.8 billion in federal SFLRF funds and accompanying $1.3 billion in other state General Fund stimulus investments were ultimately legislated for the following investments:

- **$1.4 billion** towards fortifying the state budget and maintaining fiscal integrity
- **$240 million** towards workforce development and education
- **$370 million** towards Colorado’s ongoing response to the COVID pandemic
- **$380 million** towards transportation and infrastructure, and parks and agriculture
- **$550 million** towards mental and behavioral health programs
- **$608 million** towards affordable housing and homeownership efforts
$757 million towards economic recovery and relief

$819 million towards General Fund Stimulus Investments that further support Colorado’s economic recovery (Not from Cash Funds) Stimulus Investments (Not from Cash Funds)

Throughout the process, Colorado has continued to engage diverse communities and stakeholders in the development of SLFRF investments. Before this past year’s legislative process, four primary task forces engaged in a review of transformative and equitable investments in Colorado’s recovery. Those included: Student Success and Workforce Revitalization, Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health, and Economic Recovery and Relief.

Colorado has made a significant effort to ensure we meet our goals and measures across programs, and monitor the equity of outcomes by building a Recovery Office to coordinate efforts across agencies and departments, provide transparency, and drive innovation and creativity.

At the end of our last legislative session, we had appropriated approximately 92% of the state’s total $3.8 billion in federal funds and have planned uses for the remaining funds. In addition to these funds, we have been able to directly support SLFRF investments with an additional $1.3 billion in one-time state investments.

These state and federal economic recovery funds are making a difference in the lives of every Coloradan, whether it’s ensuring fiscal prudence to ensure resilience for the future, or providing funding for youth mental health via our successful I-Matter program. I want to thank the US Treasury for your partnership and look forward to our continued work together.

Please find Colorado’s Annual Report for SLFRF enclosed.

Jared Polis
Governor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Colorado continues to build upon and implement the Colorado recovery framework developed through robust public input and bipartisan engagement and collaboration that led to early action on Colorado’s state stimulus while waiting for Congress to act. By combining the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) funding with one-time state funding, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and local matching funds, Colorado is maximizing resources to make transformative investments in our recovery and future.

Over the past two years, Colorado has strategically built the infrastructure needed to implement State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and has appropriated 92% of the $3,828,761,790 award to the State. The remaining funds are planned for future investments to stabilize Colorado’s budget and ensure we do not have to cut back on critical state services, such as education, housing, and employee compensation. Through investments appropriated both last year and this spring, Colorado is partnering with our local government partners, as well as those in the private and nonprofit sectors to further the Colorado comeback.

Building Upon Strong Collaboration and Community Engagement:

Colorado’s recovery planning began with a comprehensive internal process to assess the state needs in August of 2020 and continued through June of 2021, incorporating robust public input and bipartisan, bicameral engagement. This intensive outreach then provided the framework for the overall SLFRF strategy and plan.

Even before Congress acted to pass the American Rescue Plan Act, Colorado was already working to use one-time funding made available through improved state revenue projections made in the middle of the pandemic to help Colorado recover faster and build back stronger. Developed with bipartisan input from lawmakers, community partners across the state, and State agencies, Colorado developed plans and goals for building back stronger and correcting course towards a system that benefits ALL Coloradans.

Known as the Colorado Recovery Plan, Colorado’s leaders laid out five goals to meet the challenges at hand:

1. STRENGTHENING SMALL BUSINESSES
2. REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE
3. SUPPORTING COLORADO FAMILIES
4. INVESTING IN RURAL COLORADO
5. DEVELOPING OUR WORKFORCE
The Bipartisan Colorado Recovery Plan was announced before the American Rescue Plan Act, giving Colorado the opportunity to use ARPA funds for not just recovery and relief, but for transformational change.

In the Spring of 2021, as one step to help ensure these funds met the needs of Coloradans, Governor Polis, in collaboration with State Treasurer Young, State House & Senate Leadership, and legislators from both sides of the aisle convened a series of meetings to hear directly from Coloradans from across the State’s diverse communities, industries, and areas of interest on how to best use ARPA funds. Known as the “Building Back Stronger” tour, these meetings gathered input directly from thousands of Coloradans through seven regional meetings, ten audience or industry specific meetings, numerous meetings with state house and senate members, and input gathered online from hundreds more Coloradans.

Based upon this engagement, Colorado’s Governor, legislative leaders, and state agencies were able to work together to get bipartisan agreement on splitting the use of SLFRF funds in three major categories:

1. **Fiscal Integrity & Budget Stabilization**
2. **Transformational Change**
3. **Recovery, Relief, and Job Creation**

A common refrain from the listening tour was the opportunity to use this once in a generation funding infusion to make transformational change on the greatest challenges facing our state. That’s why Colorado developed plans and programs that will use more than a third of the money to tackle three of the most significant challenges facing our state:

1. Tackling our crisis in housing costs;
2. Combating our crisis in behavioral health, including mental health and substance abuse disorder;
3. Investing in our people through workforce development to provide Coloradans the skills they need to thrive in the new economy; and
4. Economic recovery and cost relief.

As one of the first states to reach this type of consensus, Colorado was able to designate ARPA funds to address the direct impacts of the pandemic, invest in long-standing issues, invest in transformational systemic change, and to begin building out the systems necessary to ensure the efficacy, sustainability, and performance of all of these critical investments.

During the past year, four task forces convened to build upon early investments and programs by engaging a diverse array of Coloradans in the development of proposals on how to best maximize ARPA funding designated for transformational uses. In the second half of 2021, interim legislative convened to study and examine the highest uses for ARPA funds to be appropriated during the 2022 legislative session to address housing costs, mental and behavioral health needs, workforce development resources, and providing further economic recovery and stimulus.
The Interim Committee Reports are as follows:

1. Student Success & Workforce Revitalization
2. Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force
3. Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force
4. Economic Recovery & Relief Task Force

Based upon continued collaborative work between the Executive and Legislative Branch, Colorado passed 101 bills that used either SLFRF or one-time State funding to make transformative investments in Colorado’s recovery and future.

Implementation of Existing Funds

Colorado’s Governor has taken a number of steps to support the efficient use of all stimulus funds and to maximize their impact on the state’s recovery. To ensure effective coordination across State government agencies, officers, and departments a number of steps have been taken including:

- Establishing a Recovery Office to coordinate efforts related to the implementation of stimulus funding including the ARPA and IIJA. Critical coordination continues between state agencies, the Office of the State Controller, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Governor’s Office of Operations and Cabinet Affairs, and the other critical Offices of the Governor.
- Hiring staff across the State to support the implementation, tracking, performance, and compliance needs of SLFRF. This includes the hiring of more than ten Recovery Officers to serve in agencies and departments receiving recovery funds who work to ensure programs are coordinated, reviewed for compliance, and are effectively implemented.
- Developing major program area performance goals to ensure the transformative goals of SLFRF and State one-time investments are implemented and tracked across agencies and programs.
- Promoting equity in the development of legislation and implementation of programs.
- Continuing implementation of Colorado’s strong evidence-based framework to assess programs and work to build stronger evidence.

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- $608 million towards affordable housing and homeownership efforts
- $757 million towards economic recovery and relief, including homelessness prevention
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- $819 million towards General Fund Stimulus Investments that further support Colorado’s economic recovery (Not from Cash Funds):
**Major Program Areas Goals**

As Colorado moves forward with implementation of new programs, major goals have been established across SLFRF and State General Fund investments to implement a comprehensive strategic vision that allows for the ongoing development and tracking of performance measures. Colorado continues to build out the data infrastructure and processes for larger performance management and the development and implementation of key program area goals allows our teams to work with agencies in maximizing the use of these combined funds.

During the 2022 legislative session, efforts were made to maximize both SLFRF and one-time State funds by ensuring the best funding source was used for each intended purpose. In some cases where SLFRF had been originally used as a funding source for 2021 legislation appropriations, and the SLFRF Final Rule made the program a better fit for State funds, SLFRF was replaced with State General Funds in the 2022 legislative session. By having major program goals that related to both SLFRF and State general funds, Colorado can maintain a comprehensive vision irrespective of where the funding for these transformative investments originates.

As outlined later in this report, each major program area has outputs and outcomes associated with each. Based upon this framework, our teams will continue to work with agencies to define more specific goals and methods for data collection, analysis, and evaluation.

Based upon the priorities established by Colorado’s outreach and policy framework, the major program areas that drive the implementation of SLFRF and one-time State investments are:

1. **Economic Recovery & Resilience**: Investing in the success of critical industries and the recovery from the effects of Covid and resiliency of Colorado’s businesses and environment, including an unemployment Insurance Trust Fund payment will lower the UI payroll premium paid for by an average small business with 10 employees of $2,000 over the next 4 years;  
2. **Workforce**: Supporting development of in-demand skills and connecting Coloradans to quality employment opportunities;  
3. **Public Health & Safety**: Helping vulnerable populations remain healthy by meeting basic needs for food, shelter, safety, and support as well as investing in our communities to prevent crime;  
4. **Behavioral & Mental Health**: Ensuring Coloradans have accessible, high quality care to address the impacts of the pandemic on behavioral and mental health;  
5. **Affordable Housing**: Revitalizing communities and providing safe, stable housing that Coloradans can afford;  
6. **Reducing Homelessness**: Supporting those that are unhoused through immediate and long-term support;  
7. **Capacity to Serve Coloradans**: Making infrastructure and process improvements so our state systems can deliver needed services more efficiently and effectively; and  
8. **Broadband**: Laying the infrastructure needed to provide broadband across the state.

**Continuing to Move Colorado Forward**

Colorado’s economy has experienced a robust recovery from the pandemic-induced decline, despite the headwinds from several surges in COVID cases. Measures of both the overall economy and consumer spending show that the economy has recovered from its steep decline. Colorado will continue to use the opportunities made available by SLFRF, IIJA, and one-time State funds to complete the Colorado comeback.
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COLORADO’S CURRENT AND PLANNED USES OF SLFRF:

With the announcement of many different sources of stimulus funding over the past two years, Colorado has been strategic and intentional in designing legislation and investments that leverage both State and Federal funds to maximize the impact of funds for those most affected by the pandemic.

Colorado’s Executive Branch and Legislative leaders have been intentional about ensuring stimulus funds are invested in ways that have both immediate or short-term impacts for the state’s diverse communities and individuals, as well as lay the groundwork for long-term systemic change and the underlying systems to ensure the quality and sustainability of those systems and changes. These stimulus funds total over $30 billion and have come from a number of sources, including the following:

**Total ARPA funding: over $25 billion**, with the majority of these funds sent directly to families, workers, small businesses, and local institutions through direct-to-beneficiary or pass-through programs by the Federal government. Estimates of some of the largest programs that have already made a difference for Coloradans include:

- $7.2 billion for individual stimulus checks;
- $2.4 billion for enhanced unemployment payments;
- $2.3 billion for local city and county aid; and
- $2 billion to expand the child tax credit program.

**Direct-to-agency stimulus funds: $3.3 billion** primarily from ARPA and H.R. 133 (The Consolidated Appropriations Act.) This includes funding for critical services such as:

- Over $600 million for emergency rent and mortgage payment assistance;
- Nearly $1 billion for continued public health response for pandemic response and prevention measures, including vaccinations, contact tracing, hospital preparedness, and grants to local public health agencies; and
- Nearly $600 million for child care services and stabilization assistance for providers hit hardest by the pandemic.
New infrastructure investment funding from IIJA: estimates from $3.2 billion - $6.6 billion. Colorado will receive a significant influx of new funds through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed into law on November 15, 2021.

Nationwide, the bill is projected to invest $550 billion in new funding for infrastructure projects around the country over the next five years, ranging from cleaning up lead and contaminants in our water systems, to building new roads and bridges, to expanding our national electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

- Initial estimates show that Colorado could receive between $3.2 billion and $6.6 billion in new funds from IIJA over the next five years, depending on evolving federal program guidance for the many new competitive grant programs created in the bill.

**ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF): $3.8 billion**, which was allocated for critical response and recovery state programs through legislative appropriation during the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions. The following pages detail further the process and programs used to implement this SLFRF funding.

**Additional one-time State General Fund: $1.3 billion**, appropriated by the Governor and the General Assembly between Colorado’s 2020 special session and the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, to supplement federal pandemic funding and bolster the Colorado Recovery.

The following pages further detail the process that Colorado used to legislatively appropriate the $3.8 billion in SLFRF and $1.3 billion in State General Fund for critical recovery programs and services over the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions.
THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR SLFRF IMPLEMENTATION

During the 2021 regular legislative session, the General Assembly adopted multiple bills that established an overall framework for use of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund money by transferring the money into cash funds with discrete purposes. For some of the funds, more specific uses were also determined during the 2021 session. Uses for the remainder of the funds were informed by the work of several task forces that were also established through bills adopted during the 2021 legislative session.

The following chart and table shows the initial allocation of all of the federal funds into state cash funds and the creation of the legislative task forces. As shown in the chart, all $3.8 billion of federal SLFRF received by Colorado were deposited into cash funds with designated uses during the 2021 legislative session. Funds for SB21-260, Sustainability of the Transportation System, are in a separate cash fund and categorized as “revenue replacement.”

Note: One piece of 2022 legislation, HB 22-1411, enacted multiple transfers between the cash funds in order to ensure that sufficient funds were available in each particular cash fund to implement the initial framework and recommended investments. For this reason, the below paragraphs outlining total appropriations from each cash fund may be different than this initial 2021 allocation, but the transfer actions did not change the total SLFRF funding that was ultimately appropriated.

*State General Fund dollars were also deposited into these three cash funds. The amounts shown include only federal funds deposited.
COLORADO’S INITIAL PLANS FOR SLFRF INVESTMENT & UPDATES ON APPROPRIATIONS

Through the larger bipartisan framework formed between the Legislative and Executive branches, over the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions Colorado appropriated $3.5 billion of SLFRF and an additional $1.27 billion of State General Fund to fund strategic one-time investments to help Coloradans complete the Colorado recovery and thrive in new ways.

Appropriations from these cash funds made over these two legislative sessions include:

**$1.4 BILLION**

**REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND:** $1.4 BILLION TO FORTIFY THE STATE BUDGET AND MAINTAINING FISCAL INTEGRITY

During the 2021 legislative session, a target amount of $1 billion of SLFRF funds was set aside to utilize revenue loss provision for the future provision of government services – including General Fund expenses in priority areas such as K12 Education, housing, employee compensation, and environmental sustainability – protecting funding in tight economic times. In the 2022 legislative session, approximately $657 million of that total has been appropriated to ensure budget integrity in future years, specifically for unemployment insurance and Colorado’s new paid family leave program, and another $316M remains available in the Revenue Loss Cash Fund for similar future budget integrity investments. Also during the 2022 legislative session, another $366 million was transferred into the Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund and appropriated for key state capital projects.

**$370 MILLION**

**ARPA CASH FUND:** $370 MILLION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND OVERSIGHT AND COVID-RELATED PROGRAMS

In the 2021 legislative session, $300 million in SLFRF funding was appropriated for continued support for public health response and ensuring there is proper spending oversight. Recognizing the ongoing nature of the pandemic and the public health impacts on Coloradans, the legislature further transferred another $70 million of SLFRF from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to this ARPA Cash Fund in the 2022 legislative session for ongoing public health response costs.

**$607.8 MILLION**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP CASH FUND:** $607.8 MILLION

In the 2021 legislative session, $165 million of SLFRF funds were appropriated for transformational investments in housing. In the 2022 legislative session, legislators refinanced some of the already-appropriated and planned ARPA programming as General Fund investments in order to ensure compliance with most updated Treasury guidelines for the use of SLFRF funds. This ensured that innovative new housing investments such as new revolving loan funds could be implemented in full
according to the recommendations put forth by the Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force Interim Committee. Ultimately, between the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, about $215 million in SLFRF funds and about $393M in General Funds were appropriated for a total of approximately $608 million in transformational housing investments.

**BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CASH FUND: $542.1 MILLION**

In the 2021 legislative session, roughly $100 million was appropriated in strategic investments to provide and expand needed behavioral health treatment in communities throughout Colorado, including specific funding for children and youth. Another $443 million in additional funding was appropriated or set aside for investments to continue to meet Colorado’s ongoing behavioral health needs in the 2022 legislative session, bringing total investments to nearly $550 million. (The remaining roughly $8 million in the cash fund will be used to cover ongoing costs of behavioral health investments in the Fiscal Year 2024-25.)

**ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND: $756.8 MILLION**

In the 2021 legislative session, roughly $166 million of SLFRF funds were used for strategic investments to support small business, provide needed assistance to families, ensure broadband access across Colorado, and fortify our public health capacity throughout the state. In the 2022 session, between SLFRF and General Fund dollars, close to $600 million in additional funding was invested for these purposes to help Coloradans continue to not only recover from the pandemic but thrive economically.

**WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND WORKFORCE CENTERS CASH FUND: $240 MILLION**

In the 2021 legislative session, $145 million was allocated to help students reconnect with their postsecondary options, support innovation in workforce development, and increase funding for existing effective programs that help to connect K-12, higher education, and industry. In the 2022 legislative session, an additional $87 million of SLFRF funds and nearly $8 million of General Fund dollars were allocated to further invest in our people to gain the skills needed for higher wage jobs in the new economy and help our higher education system adapt to better meet the needs of students and employers wherever and however they are learning and upskilling.
ARPA CASH FUND: $380 MILLION ON TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS AND AGRICULTURE

During the 2021 legislative session, $380 million was invested in Colorado’s transportation system to catalyze a modernization of transportation funding that will result in an over $5 billion investment in infrastructure over 10 years. In the 2022 legislative session, $36.5 million of these funds were replaced with state General Funds to ensure compliance with federal guidelines. The remaining SLFRF are categorized as “revenue replacement”.

ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME STATE INVESTMENTS: $819 MILLION

Between the 2020 Special Session, 2021 legislative session, and 2022 legislative session, an additional $819 million of General Fund investments were appropriated to complement and expand the recovery programs begun with stimulus dollars from the above ARPA cash funds. These investments focused on priority recovery areas such as shovel-ready key infrastructure projects, clean energy funds, small business loans, and affordable housing incentive programs.
INTERIM COMMITTEES FOR DEVELOPING THE FRAMEWORK FOR APPROPRIATING THE REMAINING SLFRF

As noted above, Interim Committees established by the Governor and Legislature made recommendations for appropriating most of the remaining SLFRF in the 2022 legislative session. These committees began their work in August of 2021 to coordinate a unified approach among the Governor and the General Assembly to help ensure an impactful, equitable, and efficient roll out of economic recovery dollars. Interim committees were established in the following areas:

**Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force:** HB21-1329 established the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund and directed the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. This task force, which included legislative and non-legislative members and a working group created to assist it, issued a report with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on policies to create transformative change in the area of housing using money from the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund.

Major Recommendations:

- Create a revolving loan fund to increase and maintain affordable housing supply in a sustainable, equitable manner;
- Create nonprofit and local government grants to spur affordable housing supply across the continuum of housing development;
- Increasing resident owned communities and investments in mobile home parks;
- Invest in innovative housing and building technologies through an incentive program;
- Invest in middle income housing; and
- Invest in continuum of response for persons experiencing homelessness through the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash fund.

**Behavioral/Mental Health Transformational Task Force:** SB21-137 established the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund and directed the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. This task force issued a report with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on policies to create transformative change in the area of behavioral and mental health using money from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund, with specific set asides for children and families.

Major Recommendations:

- Address residential behavioral health needs of Colorado’s Native American Tribes;
- Meet the needs of children, youth, and families through youth and family residential care, community services, and school and pediatric behavioral health care integrations;
- Invest in increased adult inpatient and residential care;
- Integrate primary care and behavioral health;
- Address gaps in the continuum of care through grants to local governments and community-based organizations;
- Ensure people aren’t arrested and jailed for their behavioral health conditions by using diversion, early interventions, and competency restoration;
• Expand and support Colorado’s behavioral health workforce; and
• Invest in Colorado’s behavioral health system through care navigation and coordination, and immediate pandemic relief.

**Student Success & Workforce Revitalization:** HB21-1330 directed the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to convene a task force to make recommendations concerning uses of ARPA money in the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund. The task force was composed of representatives from state institutions of higher education, local district colleges, and area technical colleges; the state workforce development council; private, nonprofit institutions; K-12 schools; the business community; higher education advocacy groups; and the commission. They issued a report with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on policies to address or mitigate the impacts of the public health emergency on educational disparities.

**Major Recommendations:**

• Create a learner-centered talent ecosystem through a Regional Talent Development Collaborative Grant Program;
• Enhance transparency of postsecondary and workforce data and student success measures;
• Update statewide success measures; and
• Develop stackable credential pathways to increase opportunities for credential attainment.

**Economic Recovery & Relief Task Force:** SB21-291 established the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund and directed the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, by resolution, to create an economic recovery and relief task force to meet during the 2021 interim. This task force issued a report with economic data and analysis which informed the ongoing development of policies that use money from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to provide a stimulative effect to the state’s economy, necessary relief for Coloradans, or to address emerging economic disparities resulting from the pandemic.

The recommendations made by these task forces were acted upon through legislation in the 2022 session using the SLFRF money set aside for this purpose in the 2021 session. Some of this 2022 legislation required adjustments to the appropriations and planned uses of SLFRF agreed upon in the 2021 session to maintain the highest and best use of funds and ensure programs utilized the most appropriate fund source and remained in compliance with ARPA guidelines. As a result, some funds were transferred between cash funds, and some of the task force recommendations were funded using the state General Fund instead of ARPA.

The table below shows the following:

• Initial amount that was transferred to the various cash funds during the 2021 legislative session;
• The amount of funds within each cash fund after the legislature transferred funds between the various cash funds during the 2022 legislative session, with numbers broken down by SLFRF and state General Fund;
• The appropriations made in both the 2021 and 2022 legislative session; and
• The remaining balance in the funds.
## Overview of SLFRF and State General Funds Balances within ARPA Cash Funds

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The approximately $316 million remaining in the Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund (RLR) will be used for stabilizing the budget in the future, allowing investment in preservation of Colorado’s long-term financial stability. Money remaining in the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund (ERR) and Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund (BMH) are planned for out-year costs of programs established with ARPA dollars.
COLORADO STATE SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY: SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

In addition to the $3.8 billion in Federal SLFRF dollars allocated to Colorado through ARPA, the Governor and the General Assembly allocated State General Fund money for supplementary investments in Colorado’s recovery from the pandemic.

**Colorado Recovery Plan Implementation**

Even before Congress acted to pass the American Rescue Plan Act and distribute SLFRF dollars, Colorado was already working to use the one-time State funding made available through improved state revenue projections made in the middle of the pandemic to help Colorado recover faster and build back stronger. Developed with bipartisan input from lawmakers, community partners across the state, and State agencies, Colorado developed plans and goals for building back stronger and righting the wrongs of an economy that disadvantaged working people and correcting course towards a system that benefits ALL Coloradans.

Known as the Colorado Recovery Plan, Colorado’s leaders laid out five goals to meet the challenges at hand:

1. Strengthening small businesses
2. Revitalizing our infrastructure
3. Supporting Colorado families
4. Investing in rural Colorado
5. Developing our workforce

These goals ultimately guided strategic State General Fund investments of approximately $57 million in the 2020 special legislative session, and another approximately $749 million in the 2021 legislative session, for a total of 45 high-impact programs to meet Colorado’s unique recovery needs as identified by the Governor, Legislature, State agencies, department leaders, and the people of Colorado.
Colorado Recovery Plan 2021 State General Fund Investments by Major Program Area

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Additional Recovery Focused State General Fund One-Time Investments

In addition to the Colorado Recovery Plan, the Governor and the General Assembly committed even more State General Fund money in the 2022 legislative sessions to further expand the scope and impact of SLFRF. Beyond supplementing SLFRF-funded investments, these state funds were also used to implement a comprehensive package of one-time investments in budget stabilization, fee relief, workforce development, unemployment insurance, air quality, and capital projects. Not all of these packages are captured here because they represent one-time investments aligned with the Governor’s priorities rather than a direct expansion of SLFRF-funded projects. However, all of these State General Fund investments contribute to the health and economic recovery of Colorado communities.

These one-time State investments utilized and expanded upon the existing SLFRF legal framework. Many of these funds were transferred into the three SLFRF cash funds: Economic Recovery and Relief; Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers; and Affordable Housing and Home Ownership.

During the 2022 legislative session, a total of $464.9 million in State one-time investments were made in SLFRF-related programs. This includes a significant increase in State General Fund money in the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund to allow for proper functioning of revolving loan funds, which the timeline restrictions on ARPA spending otherwise prevent, and replace ARPA funds the Joint Budget Committee chose to redirect towards state capital projects. Note that some General Fund was used to refinance 2021 stimulus programs originally funded by SLFRF funds, in order to ensure compliance with most updated Treasury guidelines for use of SLFRF funds.
# Colorado Recovery Plan 2022 State General Fund Investments by Major Program Area

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND PLANNED USES OF FUNDS BY TREASURY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

As Colorado continues to move through the eligibility review process for SLFRF, the expenditure categories may change for many programs to best fit with the US Treasury guidance. The sections below provide an overview of the current and planned uses of SLFRF funds by the major expenditure categories based upon the current understanding.

PUBLIC HEALTH (EC1)

To respond to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 and to meet the wide range of public health impacts and disparities, Colorado has appropriate transformative investment in behavioral health, local public health, school-based health, and victim assistance. Significant funds were also appropriated to ensure that Colorado can hire and train the workforce needed to address our behavioral health needs.

Recent Highlights: Colorado used ARPA dollars to fund a comprehensive, transformative package of behavioral health investments to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through HB22-1283, the State invested funding for youth and family behavioral health care to support intensive youth and family residential care by creating in-home and residential respite care in seven regions of the state for children and families; providing operational support for psychiatric residential treatment facilities and qualified residential treatment programs for youth; and providing funds to build and staff a neuro-psych facility in Colorado. HB22-1281 invests in grant funds for local governments and non-profit organizations to implement community-based programs to meet regional gaps and transform behavioral health outcomes across the state, and ensure there are care access points for youth and family-oriented care, especially in disproportionately impacted communities. In order to address our behavioral health care workforce shortage, SB22-181 funds the implementation and execution of a workforce plan to bolster, stabilize, and diversify the state’s behavioral health care workforce.

Colorado is committed to maintaining a level of preparedness and agility in order to keep Coloradans safe and healthy from COVID-19. HB22-1411 allocates additional funds for public health response so the State can ensure emergency and health systems are prepared to meet Coloradans’ ongoing needs.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (EC 2):

Supporting businesses, investing in the advancement of our workers, and supporting families to recover are fundamental to Colorado’s long-term future. By appropriating funding into workforce development and career advancement, and assistance to keep families housed and fed will provide the foundation for addressing long-standing disparities and providing a larger path for economic mobility. Affordable housing and access to higher education are key components of economic mobility within Colorado’s recovery. By providing local communities throughout Colorado with new incentives and funding, more comprehensive approaches can be developed to generate more affordable housing for all Coloradans. Investing in programs that led to equitable career advancement will also drive Colorado’s recovery.
Recent Highlights:

Homelessness and Housing: In order to address challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic on Colorado’s most vulnerable, HB22-1377 appropriates funding to help support local communities and fund a continuum of solutions focused on quickly connecting people experiencing homelessness to supportive services, treatment, temporary shelter or housing, and ultimately permanent housing. These investments will further help build a system to provide necessary resources and target those resources to those most in need, ensuring all Coloradans are fully recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and have the best opportunities to thrive in the future. HB22-1304 appropriates funding to increase affordable housing through transformative housing strategies aimed at increasing supply and sustainable, equitable growth.

Food Security: Colorado SNAP participants struggle to access affordable and nutritious foods. Prior to the pandemic, just under 10% of Coloradans reported food insecurity, and 33% of Coloradans continue to report food insecurity, with 43% of non-white and Latinx Coloradans struggling to put food on the table. Through HB22-1380, we invested ARPA dollars into food security programs that will streamline technology systems, reduce hunger, improve health for low-income Coloradans, while simultaneously supporting small food retail and small farmers.

Insufficient funding for streamlined technology also leads to a lack of integration of existing incentive and family support programs, a slow down in application review for public benefit programs and less families receiving fuel assistance benefits. The State invested SLFRF funds to create a community food access program within the Colorado Department of Agriculture that is responsible for operating as a food value chain coordinator to connect retailers to local farmers and small and large scale distributors.

Nonprofit Assistance: As the State is ensuring equal access to state programming via program guidelines and procedures, we must also ensure that historically underserved communities are actually made aware of our programs, how to navigate them, and help the organizations that serve these communities recover from the pandemic. HB22-1356 invests SLFRF funds creating the small community-based nonprofit infrastructure grant program to provide grants to certain small community-based nonprofit organizations that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 and will serve communities that were heavily impacted. The bill will also allow for investments in capacity building and infrastructure.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund (UITF): SLFRF will be used to shore up the solvency of the UITF and protect against potential future economic downturns. SB22-234 will save businesses money on premiums and provide certainty to workers who depend on unemployment benefits to continue paying for essentials like food, rent, and transportation while they search for new work. It also makes further improvements to ensure the unemployment system works better for Colorado families. By saving our small businesses money, we can allow them to invest in their growth, employees, and communities. This is a continuation of the enhanced unemployment benefits provided by the UI trust fund which allowed many Coloradans to sustain themselves and their families during the most challenging months of the pandemic.
PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY (EC 3):

Supporting the public workforce is critical to ensuring Colorado remains prepared for the public health response and economic recovery. Funds distributed through the Governor’s Office allocation provided in SB21-288 have been used to recruit and retain critical works in our state’s mental health institutions and public health staff critical to the COVID-19 response. Funds have also supported staff and capacity needed to connect Coloradoans to critical programs and benefits.

Recent Highlights:
The Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit outreach program works to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022 the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit. Funding is being used at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo to fund a program for medical and administrative staff. Specifically, these funds will be used for the continued use of contracted medical/administrative staff to address critical COVID-19 related functions.

PREMIUM PAY (EC 4):

Supporting the public workforce is critical to ensuring Colorado remains prepared for the public health response and economic recovery. Funds distributed through the Governor’s Office allocation provided in SB21-288 have been used to provide incentives for vaccine boosters and retention.

Recent Highlights: The Colorado Department of Human Services Booster Incentive project provided staff with up to 8 weeks of pay retention incentives and one-time vaccination bonuses for employees at 24/7 congregate care facilities run by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). These incentives intend to address staffing shortages and maintain safe facility operations as COVID-19 outbreaks and staff quarantines exacerbate already strained facilities. The Department of Corrections allocated funds for the use of hiring and retention bonuses at key facilities contingent upon continuous employment.

WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE (EC 5)

Access to broadband has a strong correlation with economic well-being. Nationwide, the impact it has on the communities it connects is real and measurable. Through the recently appropriated funds, Colorado will be able to connect communities and fuel economic growth in unserved areas across Colorado.

Recent Highlights: HB21-1289 appropriated funds to the Colorado Broadband Office to award grants that support broadband infrastructure development throughout Colorado. The bill includes: the Digital Inclusion Grant Program to increase broadband access, speeds, reliability, and affordability to one or more Indian tribes or nations for deploying infrastructure and devices and to one or more providers of telehealth services; the Interconnectivity Grant Program to award funding to local governments for projects focused on regional broadband infrastructure needs; and the Broadband Stimulus Grant Program to make grants for the deployment of broadband service in unserved areas of the state.
REVENUE REPLACEMENT (EC 6):

Using the formula and methodology established by the US Treasury for estimating how much revenue was lost during the Covid-19 pandemic, it is estimated that Colorado lost about $3.69 billion in revenue during the calendar years of 2020 and 2021. This calculation does not mean Colorado receives extra funding, but it does provide for more flexibility on allowable uses and reporting requirements. Colorado can categorize SLFRF money up to this amount as “Revenue Replacement” for purposes of expenditure reporting. This expenditure category provides the State with broad latitude to spend SLFRF funds on “government services.”

While this $3.69 billion estimate is close to the total of $3.83 billion in total SLFRF received, the state continues to match most programs with other enumerated categories. As implementation continues and eligibility and expenditure processes evolve, expenditure categories may change.

Under the category of revenue replacement, Colorado is funding government services in the form of staff to support the oversight of ARPA, IIJA, and other stimulus funds; critical transportation projects; water infrastructure; and investments needed to stabilize the state’s budget and ensure cuts are not made to critical areas. By the end of the 2022 legislative session, approximately $657 million had been appropriated for budget integrity, specifically to ensure sufficient funds in future years for unemployment insurance and Colorado’s new paid family leave program.

Recent Highlights: Water is one of our most sacred resources in Colorado. It supports key economic industries like agriculture and outdoor recreation. Colorado’s water resources are also one of the most frequently impacted after a wildfire, with the sediment and debris that is washed off the burned landscape, and with the risks of flooding and flash flooding that occur when trees and vegetation are no longer there to hold the soil in place. HB22-1379 invests funding that will support Colorado water projects across the state and invest in watershed restoration projects and improve the resilience of our water resources. Restoring these watersheds and making them more resilient before the next disaster is an investment that doesn’t just benefit our forests and public lands, it’s critically important to the people and communities that rely on them.

The State takes seriously the responsibility Colorado has as a headwaters state to balance our own water needs with our obligations to meet the agreements, compacts, and water rights of those downstream. SB22-028 invests SLFRF funds in groundwater sustainability and strengthens our state’s ability to continue thinking long-term, supporting the needs and well-being of our state’s farmers, ranchers and local communities, while ensuring we are meeting Colorado’s obligations.
Because Colorado leaders were able to strategically deploy SLFRF with additional state one-time investments, the following tables outline the important programs as categorized by major program area goals: Economic Recovery & Resilience, Workforce, Public Health, Behavioral & Mental Health, Affordable Housing, Reducing Homelessness, Capacity to Serve Coloradans, and Broadband.

**Funds in Table(s) Below:**
- AHHO: Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund
- ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund
- BMH: Behavioral Mental Health Cash Fund
- ERRTF: Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund
- WEWC: Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund
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IV. MOVING COLORADO’S COMEBACK FORWARD: IMPLEMENTATION

Colorado will continue to move forward quickly with implementing its comeback. Building upon our momentum, we will move forward with strategic outreach, analysis, and evaluation of the highest and best use of our remaining funds left to be appropriated. We will also implement a process for ensuring that stimulus funding is effectively managed and meets our intended outcomes.
OVERSIGHT TO DRIVE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

Colorado is building upon our existing infrastructure and creating new capacity to effectively manage and coordinate our recovery efforts. This coordination includes governance from the State Controller and various offices within the Governor’s Office, including the development of a Recovery Office charged with coordinating Colorado’s larger recovery efforts.

As a part of Colorado’s Recovery Office, Colorado has implemented a model of Recovery Officers, who are senior staff that are embedded within departments receiving stimulus funding and charged with leading a recovery response to address the economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that Colorado is creating and implementing economic policies and programs that enable a fast and robust recovery. Primary duties include implementation of eligibility and compliance review, and coordination of oversight of new or existing programs, which can include hiring, procurement, performance management, grants management, and more.

The Recovery Office coordinates the Recovery Officers embedded within each agency and leads the implementation plan and cross-functional teams focused in part on stakeholder engagement and community relations, communications, performance management, and fiscal reporting and compliance.
EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF STIMULUS FUNDING

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES
In August of 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order 2020 175 directing the Department of Personnel and Administration to lead State action on equity, diversity and inclusion for the State of Colorado. Among other things, the order directed State agencies to take a coordinated approach, led by DPA, to operationalize equity in systems, policies, and practice. In the Performance Management Guidelines, agency and department leaders are reminded that equity, diversity, and inclusion should be a lens applied to all WIGs and lead measures. The objective is for equity, diversity, and inclusion to be a consideration in all work done across state government and to collect the right data to track progress.

This has remained true within the implementation of SLFRF and one-time state investments.

*Embedding Equity into the Development of Legislative Programs*

The four task forces convened by the Legislature and Governor had improving equitable outcomes and achieving a more equitable economy as a focus of their deliberations, study, and recommendations.

A main goal of the **Student Success and Workforce Revitalization Task Force** was to support workforce equity and to recommend policies and investments that help support an education ecosystem that ensures that equity, inclusion, and belonging are at the core of every learners’ educational experience. One of the task force’s final recommendations specifically was to eliminate equity gaps in the state through various measures, including by requiring postsecondary institutions to submit a multi-year plan to eliminate racial, regional, and socio-economic equity gaps in credential attainment and other measures of student success. The task force held a commitment to educational equity as part of each of its recommendations. For example, its recommendation on the development of new educational success measures stated that the measures should provide information on progress toward addressing equity gaps in job placement and career attainment, while its recommendation for the continued development of stackable credential pathways stated that the pathways should aim to close economic opportunity and equity gaps.

One of the primary aims of the **Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force’s** recommendations was to promote more equitable access to homeownership and rental housing across the state. Specifically, one of the four strategic priority areas that the task force utilized to develop recommendations was ensuring equity and access to housing through prioritizing historically and disproportionately affected households and communities for investment, investing in statewide housing assessment and long-term strategies to evaluate and respond to housing inequities, and promoting equitable access to homeownership and rental housing that accounts for transportation, climate, and other community needs. One of the goals of the task force’s recommendation to provide grant funding to nonprofits and local governments for affordable housing development was to strengthen social and environmental equity in communities.

The **Task Force on Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund** also had equity concerns as part of its deliberations. The task force’s subpanel of economists provided research and analysis on the disproportionate impact that the COVID pandemic had on individuals, regions, and industries. Notably, the subpanel provided information to the task force on how the pandemic exacerbated
long standing racial inequities in the economy by disproportionately impacting families of color. The subpanel found that Black men and women and Latina workers in particular experienced disproportionately high declines in labor force participation and employment during the pandemic. These outcomes were likely connected with the distribution of these workers across different industries, with Latina and Black workers more highly concentrated in industries negatively affected by the pandemic. Additionally, the task force heard recommendations for funding programs intended to help individuals with systemic barriers to employment.

Improving equity in the state’s behavioral health system was a primary goal of the Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force. One of the six outcomes that helped guide the recommendations of the task force was to ensure that more equitable, culturally responsive, inclusive, effective, and high-quality services are available in all regions across Colorado. The task force ensured that regional gaps and needs were addressed when making recommendations for transformational changes to the behavioral health care system, including in rural areas across the state as well as for populations experiencing vulnerabilities.

**Equity within Implementation**

Colorado is working to address equity in the implementation of SLFRF programs through outcomes directed at closing equity gaps, outreach to ensure greater access to existing programs, and equity within the design of programs, such as cultural competency. The following examples provide context for these larger efforts. As Colorado begins to implement new programs passed in the 2022 legislative session, expanded efforts will be used to address equity in program implementation.

**Embedding Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion with Human Services**

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is committed to embedding equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) throughout its organization. CDHS serves Coloradans through bold and innovative health and human services and is on a mission to work together to empower ALL Coloradans to thrive. CDHS added additional capacity to their commitment to this work in 2020 by establishing an EDI Division and hiring their first EDI manager. Through deliberate actions to improve processes, organizational culture, and engagement of their employees and the communities they serve, they have seen remarkable progress in our six areas of impact: leadership; family and community engagement; policies and programs; learning and growth; communication; and employee lifecycle.

CDHS is approaching equity within SLFRF in three ways:

1. **Programs specifically targeting equity gaps in access:** For too many families across Colorado, a lack of preventative services such as behavioral health treatment exists, which has led to greater equity gaps. SLFRF funding is being used across areas to ensure proper access where there were existing gaps. For example:

   - **Crisis System for Colorado Residents** focuses on children, youth, and families in crisis, a historically underserved population that struggles to access resources. Crisis teams will receive training, and providers/ASOs will market to EDs for referrals. Referrals will also come from mobile teams and the walk-in centers. The anticipated outcome is to close the gaps from acute crisis stabilization to longer-term care.
   
   - **Residential Placement for Youth with High Acuity Needs** contracts for youth placements funded and is intended to serve persons with disabilities, specifically developmental and intellectual disabilities, and mental illness. The anticipated outcome is to reduce gaps in out-of-home placement and treatment services for children with disabilities.
2. **Providing messaging and outreach to close equity gaps:** Even where services may exist, larger outreach must occur to ensure that Coloradans from all communities are able to benefit from the services being offered through SLFRF. CDHS is creating targeted efforts that expand outreach through their programs by delivering services within communities, dedicating outreach to diverse populations, and running specific media campaigns to broaden access. For example:

- **Services provided to school-aged children and parents by community mental health center school-based clinicians and prevention specialists** aims to increase mental health services/support/resources for school-aged children and families that the Covid-19 Pandemic disproportionately impacted by providing services directly within the schools and communities.

- **Mental health awareness campaign, “Good For You”**, is a mental wellness campaign co-created in English and Spanish with fun, attention-grabbing mental health tips and tricks created to be culturally relevant for both English and Spanish-language speakers. These tips and tricks aim to make caring for your mental well-being approachable and fun regardless of your language.

3. **Overcoming stigmas and providing culturally competent services:** Stigmas and programs that are not responsive to the cultural needs of clients can too often prevent Coloradans from receiving the critical services they need. CDHS is working to overcome this through standards within their programs and specific messaging to overcome stigmas. For example:

- **The Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program** has a lens toward equity, cultural, and linguistic sensitivity. A core competency that all consultants must have is an understanding of how disparities impact the experiences of young children of color and children from other marginalized communities, specifically as it relates to their social and emotional development and school readiness.

- **Behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment for children, youth, and their families aims to provide children, youth, and their families with behavioral health (BH) and or substance use disorder (SUD) assistance using the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards to help the organization and programs consider cultural health beliefs, preferred languages, health literacy levels, and communication needs to help eliminate health care disparities.**

- **Mental health awareness campaign.** There has historically been a stigma around talking about mental health and wellbeing among many communities and cultures in Colorado but particularly well documented in Spanish-speaking communities. There are many barriers for Colorado’s Spanish-speaking communities seeking mental health care and learning how to care for their mental health independently. This campaign puts easy, clinically sound mental well-being tips into fun and approachable language for Spanish-speaking folks.

**Advancing Colorado’s Health and Protecting the Places Where We Live, Work, and Play**

The mission of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is “advancing Colorado’s health and protecting the places where we live, learn, work, and play.” To achieve this mission, this means advancing the health of all of Colorado’s residents and communities, especially those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic and those who have historically been subject to systemic inequities. To further this mission during a time of crisis brought on by the pandemic, CDPHE has designed the vast majority of its pandemic response programs to prioritize...
equitable outcomes. Several of the ARPA-funded programs at the agency are particularly focused on serving disadvantaged and disproportionately impacted communities.

CDHS is approaching equity within SLFRF in three ways:

1. **Services for those that are disproportionately impacted:** Certain public health programs are specifically designed to provide access to those that were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. For example:
   - *The Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund* addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund are located in a rural or frontier area. Further, this program supplies naloxone to agencies that are known and trusted in the communities they serve. In this way, CDPHE is able to support marginalized communities such as PWUD, minority populations, formerly incarcerated individuals, people who are homeless, and those affected by substance use disorder, by supplying the agencies that they know and trust with the resources they need.

2. **Providing services within communities without access:** It is essential to provide programs and services within the community and ensure easy access to critical services. For example:
   - *The School-Based Health Center (SBHC) programs* provide various resources and support to School-based Health Centers across the state of Colorado. It expands access to comprehensive health care services and health promotion through clinics based at schools, and addresses health equity by directing funding to SBHCs located at schools with a high proportion of low-income and/or uninsured students. The SBHC model ensures that regardless of where a young person lives, they can have access to critical services, including medical, behavioral, dental, and preventative care at their school site.

3. **Ensuring geographic access across the state:** Not all regions of the state have had access to the critical programs they need to address public health. Intentional focus on geographic disparities allows public health resources to reach all Coloradans. For example:
   - *The Distributions to Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) programs* provide a critical set of pandemic response services to LPHAs who serve disproportionately impacted communities. The framework for this project emphasizes equity by ensuring funds are being distributed to local public health agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic and emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs provide funding for vital services for LPHAs, including resources related to housing support, community health, lead remediation, social determinants of health, healthy childhood environments, and food assistance.

As Colorado continues to implement SLFRF programs, equity will continue to be a main outcome and consideration.
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Colorado’s overall performance management system is driven by the State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government Act, known as the SMART Act, enacted to create an accountable and transparent state government built on clear, measurable performance-based goals. The SMART Act requires that goals are developed annually and published publicly as performance plans, that agencies present those plans and prior accomplishments in front of the General Assembly, and that those goals are used during the development of the annual budget. The Governor’s Office of Operations coordinates and oversees the responsibilities and procedures as required by the SMART Act across the executive branch agencies.

In their recognition of Colorado, Results for America made specific note of the State’s alignment around the Bold Four, government-wide goals, the accountability of the Governor’s Dashboard, and the collaboration of cabinet working groups to move the needle towards accomplishing those goals.

As Colorado moves forward with implementation of SLFRF programs, major program area goals have been established across SLFRF and State General Fund investments to implement a comprehensive strategic vision that allows for the ongoing development and tracking of performance measures. Colorado continues to build out the data infrastructure and processes for larger performance management and the development and implementation of key program area goals allows our teams to work with agencies in maximizing the use of these combined funds.

During the 2022 legislative session, efforts were made to maximize both SLFRF and one-time State funds by ensuring the best funding source was used for each intended purpose. In some cases where SLFRF had been originally used as a funding source for 2021 legislation appropriations, and the SLFRF Final Rule made the program a better fit for State funds, SLFRF was replaced with State General Funds in the 2022 legislative session. By having major program area goals that related to both SLFRF and State General Funds, Colorado can maintain a comprehensive vision irrespective of where the funding for these transformative investments originates.

Each major program area below has outputs and outcomes associated with each. Based upon this framework, our teams will continue to work with agencies to define more specific goals and methods for data collection, analysis, and evaluation. We will continue to use this framework to advance the State’s larger performance management system and integrate measures across funding sources.

**Economic Recovery & Resilience**

Colorado took swift and serious action to not only address the health impacts of the pandemic, but also to the economic fallout. The State responded quickly to support businesses during the shutdown and the immediate aftereffects, providing nearly $450M in State General Fund support in the first 12 months of the pandemic to help many businesses and nonprofits weather the pandemic.

By reducing the costs of repaying loans for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, investing in infrastructure to support small-town main streets, and providing strategic grants and technical support for industries that took the brunt of the shutdown, Colorado is investing in our entrepreneurs and businesses to build a post-pandemic economy that is resilient, diverse, and uniquely Colorado.

Programmatic Highlights:

- **Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund** payment will lower the UI payroll premium paid for by an average small business with 10 employees of $2,000 over the next 4 years.

- **Small Food Business Recovery and Resilience Grant Program** will help small food retailers and
family farms purchase costly equipment, providing accounting and management support, and purchasing or updating sales systems.

The primary outcome of interest for our economic recovery and resilience major program will be building a healthy business environment, as measured through various county-level measures including: retail and restaurant sales, jobs postings by industry, unemployment rate, hotel occupancy, and traveler spending. The outputs that will be tracked for this major program group will include the geographic distribution of businesses that receive funding, the health of those businesses as measured by how many maintained operations at various intervals after award or assistance, and an estimate of the return on investment for tourism dollars to the state economy.

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**PROGRAMS:**

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- SB21-292, Round 2- Additional Funding to Anti-Domestic Violence Organizations
- HB22-1380, Grant for Small Food Business Recovery and Resilience Program
- HB22-1356, Grant Program for Small Community-based Nonprofits
- SB21-260, Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options (MMOF)
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Child Care
- SB21-292, Round 1: Local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Program
- SB21-291, Strategic Fund–Outdoor Industry Impacted Fund: Small Business
- SB21-291, Strategic Fund–Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Non-Profit
- SB22-213, Child Care Support Programs (ERR)
- SB22-234, Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund (UITF)
- SB22-182, Economic Mobility Program- Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
- SB21-260, Revitalizing Mainstreets
- SB21-260, State Highway Fund: Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Impacted Industries
- §21-75-226(4)(a)CRS, Child Tax Credit/Earned Income Tax Credit (CTC/EITC) Outreach
- SB21-291, Strategic Fund–Technical Assistance SBDC, SUCO, PTAC, ME & Others
- SB21-291, Strategic Fund–Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Tourism

**Workforce**

Colorado has been one of the fastest states to recover employment after the pandemic, achieving pre-pandemic employment levels in March of 2022. However, this job recovery has been uneven, and the “great resignation” has created a talent gap in many industries and regions. This is why Colorado is betting on its citizens by building a qualified and resilient workforce that can weather any hardships to come while making Colorado the state of choice for employers looking for a talented and resilient workforce.

The most acute industry impacted by the pandemic is the healthcare workforce, where the shortage
of nurses alone is estimated to be 10,000 by 2026. Colorado’s primary and secondary schools are facing an equally large shortage of qualified workers, over 3 times the vacancy rate of just three years ago.

Programmatic Highlights:

- The **Practice-Based Education Grants** (SB 22-226) will award grants to health professional training organizations (e.g., hospitals, community health clinics) that agree to increase the number of training slots available to health profession students from accredited Colorado training programs.

- The **Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation** (HB 22-1220) program seeks to increase the flow of new educators into schools through three interventions: 1) the Student Educator Stipend Program; 2) the Educator Test Stipend Program; and 3) a temporary educator loan forgiveness program for teachers who entered the profession on or after the 2019-20 school year.

The primary outcome of interest for our workforce major program will be maintaining the current low unemployment rate across Colorado. Our intermediate outcomes of interest are adding 54,000 healthcare workers by 2026, continuing the growth in post-secondary credential attainment rate, and reducing the unequal job-growth concentration through monitoring job advertisements by county.

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### Public Health & Safety

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted inequity in healthcare coverage experienced by Coloradans. COVID-19 positivity and death rates were higher in rural and minority communities. Access to care has therefore become the centerpiece of Colorado’s pandemic and public health response. In addition to supporting the ongoing pandemic response, Colorado is also investing ARPA funding into programs that expand access to general health care.

Access to basic needs and safety can reduce the need to visit a health care or emergency care provider and improve health outcomes for all Coloradans. The pandemic saw an unprecedented rise in demand for food assistance and basic needs aid. Colorado was also not immune to the increase in domestic violence. This is why ARPA funds were invested in food banks, energy assistance, non-COVID-19 immunization efforts, domestic and family violence support, and crisis assistance and response. These efforts all aim to address health inequities across the state.

Programmatic Highlights:

- The **Rural Healthcare Provider Expanded Access** (SB 22-200) project seeks to modernize and connect rural clinics and hospitals by providing grants that will allow rural Coloradans better access to life saving care.

- Expanded deployment of **school-based health centers** (SB22-147) that provide integrated health care, including behavioral health, primary medical care, and oral health services within schools or on school grounds with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program.

The primary outcome of interest is improved access to care, with intermediate pandemic outcomes being COVID-19 survival rates by demography and geography, and community hospital and ICU capacity. Other outputs focus on measures related to the availability of care.
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Behavioral and Mental Health

Colorado is using SLFRF to make a once in a generation investment in behavioral health that will streamline the system, save Coloradans money, and truly put people first. Our approach is to confront the challenges imposed by the pandemic on behavioral health by coming at the problem from every angle because no Coloradan deserves to struggle with these challenges on their own.

Colorado will leverage federal stimulus funds to increase Coloradans’ access to behavioral health services by increasing state beds for behavioral healthcare, decreasing distance to care for underserved and rural communities, and by providing crucial training and credentialing for Colorado’s behavioral health workforce.

Programmatic Highlights:

- **Community Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Gap Grants** (HB 22-1281) provide funding to local governments and community-based organizations to address identified behavioral health needs along the continuum of behavioral health care to meet regional needs. Specifically, investments in evidence-based programs providing prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, care navigation and coordination, transitional housing, supportive housing, and recovery homes.

- **Primary Care and Behavioral Health Statewide Integration Grant Program** to provide grants to physical and behavioral health care providers for implementation of evidence-based clinical integration care models.

The primary outcome of interest for our public health major program is improved access to care, with intermediate outcomes of interest being safety in state-run congregate care facilities, and the premature death rate. Output metrics will require programs to show quantifiable improvements in average or median distance to care, availability of care, and/or quality of care relative to the program design.

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- HB22-1326, Harm Reduction Grant Program
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- HB22-1326, Admin–Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention
- SB22-196, Behavioral Health Information Grants
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Affordable Housing

The influx of new residents and jobs has created rapid growth in our state, leading to rising costs and an unsustainable demand on our existing housing supply. Families struggle to live near the schools their children attend and too many in our workforce face challenges finding housing in the communities where they work.

Colorado will leverage federal stimulus funds to increase the number of affordable housing units in the state, and continue to incent local communities to invest time, money, and policies that reduce the housing burden for Coloradans.

Programmatic Highlights:

- **State Grants for Investment in Affordable Housing** (22-1304) to local governments and nonprofit organizations to make transformational affordable housing investments in their communities.

- **Local Government Planning Grant Program** (HB 21-1271) provides funding to local governments to assess housing needs or to make changes to local policies to become eligible for a **Housing Development Incentives Grant** (HDIG). Also funded by ARPA, the HDIG offers grants to local governments that adopt at least three policy and regulatory tools from a menu of options enumerated in the bill that incent the development of affordable housing.

The primary outcome of interest for our affordable housing major program is a reduction in the average housing burden of Coloradans, broken down by geography, with intermediate outcomes being a reduction in the number of evictions and the number of housing units per-capita in a given geographic area. The outputs of this major program will be the number and geographic distribution of affordable housing units constructed, and the number and distribution of households who receive housing aid.
### OUTPUTS
- Affordable Housing Units Added
- Households receiving assistance (ERA)

### OUTCOMES
- **Primary:** Reduction in Housing Burden
- **Intermediate:** Eviction Rate Reduction
- **Intermediate:** Increased housing units per capita

### PROGRAMS
- HB22-1304, Local Investments in Transformational Affordable Housing Grant Program
- HB22-1304, Infrastructure and Strong Communities Grant Program
- HB21-1271, Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program
- HB21-1329, Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant Program

- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance
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- HB21-1271, Local Government Planning Grant Program
- SB21-291, Strategic Fund–Colorado Community Revitalization Grant (CCRG)

### Reducing Homelessness

Mental health, homelessness, and housing costs were challenges before the pandemic, but these last two and a half years exacerbated the problem. Solving this problem will take a whole-of-government approach, a coordinated effort of state agencies, local governments, nonprofits, and businesses of all types. Colorado’s approach will blend state and local actions that invest in evidence-based projects that are delivering results.

The Office of Homeless Initiatives within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, has developed its **Playbook for Ending Homelessness** as a statewide strategy on this issue. Our SLFRF investments will be centered on three key playbook strategies: decrease inflow into homelessness, decrease time actively homeless, and double the rate of placement into stable housing.

Programmatic Highlights:

- Through the creation of the **Homeless Response Grants Program** (HB22-1377), local communities will be empowered to build out a continuum of solutions focused on quickly connecting people experiencing homelessness to supportive services.

- At the state level, Colorado will build off the success of the Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community opened in 2013 by adding two housing and addiction recovery campuses, supporting individuals without housing in their recovery from substance abuse (SB22-211 & HB22-1378).

The primary outcome of interest is reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness and the intermediate outcome of interest is improved ‘access to care’ capacity. The outputs focus on the delivery of critical services and communities adopting proven strategies.

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| • SB22-211, Repurpose of the Ridge View Campus |

### Capacity to Serve Coloradans

The pandemic caused great change in the way that State government functioned, creating many new hurdles and massive program delivery change in a very short period of time. The State recognizes that citizens look to the government in challenging times, and providing the right service at the right time in the right place is key to building trust and accountability. That is why we have made targeted, temporary, and one-time investments in expanding general government operations to meet this temporary expanded need. These investments keep vital services, such as our 24/7 facilities, operating and providing care and safety during a particularly challenging period, in addition to helping Coloradans navigate the quickly evolving services and processes necessitated by the pandemic.

Programmatic Highlights:

- The **Department of Revenue** added additional call center capacity for Coloradans seeking information about the many changes to the state and federal tax code implemented during COVID. These staff are aiming to keep wait times low and citizens informed about their benefits.

- The **Office of Information Technology** surged funding to expand the capabilities of the existing MyColorado app to add verified vaccination cards so people could get back out into the community shopping at small and large businesses, attending concerts and shows, and generally reengaging in the Colorado way of life after the initial shutdowns.

The primary outcome of interest for our capacity to serve major programs is the dollars saved by Coloradans by avoiding costly government delays, and risks to those in our care. Intermediate outcomes include keeping low the FTE to program ratio by hiring temporary staffing, the number of state facilities that did not have to close or reduce operations, and the successful implementation of ARPA funding to benefit all Coloradans. The outputs for this major program include the number of new FTE, new programs, and IT infrastructure added to the State.

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Broadband

The pandemic has permanently changed the way we interact, elevating the necessity of internet connectivity to all of our daily activities. The major shift of healthcare to telemedicine models, employment to work from home options, and even the weekly family phone call during the past two years has elevated high-speed internet as a necessity for all Coloradans. However, the Colorado way of life creates unique challenges to connecting every home and office to broadband.

Colorado is investing SLFRF funding in middle and last mile infrastructure, adding new towers to the network, and supporting community-led efforts to connect everyone. These projects are essential to success of many of our other major programs, from economic growth, to affordable housing and solving workforce shortages, connectivity is the heart of life in Colorado going forward.

Programmatic Highlights:

- **Rural health facilities’ broadband infrastructure** (HB 21-1289) program seeks to increase access to broadband services for healthcare providers, non-profits, correctional facilities and county jails, and other care providers who lack stable, reliable internet access for telehealth visits

- Broadband Development Board **Last Mile Grants** (HB 21-1289) provide funding to local governments, internet service providers, or other entities to defray the cost of laying the “last mile” of broadband cable, which is often the most expensive and has the lowest return on investment.
The primary outcome of interest for our broadband major program is to increase the percentage of households connected to high speed internet. The outputs for this program will be the number and geographic distribution of grants issued to build infrastructure, the total number of miles of cable laid, and the number of wide-reaching towers added to expand wifi access in very remote areas.

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Colorado continues to be a leader in the use of data and evidence in State government. Strong leadership, performance management, and continuous process improvement are critical pieces to this success and the strong, equitable outcomes it helps drive. In 2021, Results for America again recognized Colorado as a leading state for its use of data and evidence in key areas of governance. As part of the Governor’s existing agenda and to strengthen the strategic implementation of each program supported by investments from ARPA and the Colorado Recovery Plan, in 2021 the state made several additions to the use of data and evidence in the Colorado Performance Management Guidelines.

Colorado’s Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB) is committed to operationalizing and ensuring the State’s commitment to the use of evidence and to expanding the influence of EBP. The budget development process and the Governor’s budget submission systematically includes available information on the evidence for a program’s impacts and effectiveness. For several years, OSPB has used the Evidence Continuum, shown below, to help characterize evidence on program effectiveness and to help executive branch departments build more evidence on programs.

As we evaluate programs as investing in “evidence-based” programs, we have only categorized programs with a 4 and 5 on Colorado’s evidence standard as evidence-based.
To build capacity within the State government, the Governor’s Office conducted training for leaders from across State agencies on how to incorporate data and evidence into agency budget processes. The Governor’s Office has also partnered with Pew and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to provide training for State agency staff on using evaluations to assess program performance. The Governor’s Office will continue to look for opportunities to build capacity within the executive branch to use data and evidence to improve decision-making.

Over the past year, the Governor’s Office has worked with the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab at the University of Denver to promote the use of evaluation in the implementation of SLFRF and the development of legislative proposals. This partnership work has included:

- Direct assistance to agencies in developing evidence based practices and theories of change, development of evaluation RFPs, identification of data reporting needs and techniques, and working on how grantee reporting can align with evidence creation;
- Analysis of legislative programs that are strong for evaluation and work to integrate funding for evaluation into the program’s larger budget; and
- Ongoing guidance and support to develop evidence-building activities on SLFRF and related investments.

Colorado will continue to build upon these partnerships to use SLFRF to build out larger evidence-based practices.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Even before taking office, Governor Polis held a strong commitment that authentic community engagement was critical to effective public service and governance. In addition to the expectation that all agencies and departments regularly engage their stakeholders, consumers and constituents, the Community Engagement Department was created under the Polis Administration and is part of the Communications Team, focused on ensuring that various constituency groups are engaged in government and have regular correspondence and shared activity with the Administration. Members of Colorado’s legislature also engage regularly with their constituents through in-person and, during the pandemic, virtual town-halls, community input sessions, and opportunities for dialog.

In April of 2021, as Colorado state leaders continued their work to craft a stimulus bill as part of the economic recovery and officials in Washington, D.C. worked on the details of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a significant challenge was unfolding: How to maximize the impact of those funds. As part of preparing for that challenge, Governor Polis, in collaboration with State Treasurer Young, State House & Senate Leadership and legislators from both sides of the aisle convened a series of meetings to hear directly from Coloradans from across the State’s diverse communities, industries and areas of interest. The state leaders had a simple yet ambitious goal: Listen to and learn from thousands of Coloradans with unique perspectives and expertise to inform and help focus the use of state and federal stimulus funds.

The Build Back Stronger (BBS) listening tour was designed to gather this input and to help state leaders prioritize spending of the approximately $3.8 Billion in ARPA funds over which the state has a level of discretion (within federal guidelines). Build Back Stronger listening sessions were scheduled across seven geographical regions and ten additional audience or topic specific sessions were held.

The listening sessions were conducted via Zoom with options for dialing in by phone and to watch live-streams of the sessions on multiple online platforms including YouTube and Facebook. Each session included welcoming remarks from state leaders including the Governor, Treasurer, and state legislators followed by a presentation on state and federal stimulus packages by leaders from the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB) (See Addendum A for the presentation). Following the presentations, the majority of the time in each session was dedicated to listening and learning from attendees who were split into multiple smaller breakout groups.

During the breakout sessions, participants offered their thoughts on three questions:

1. *What is one big idea you think could contribute the most to the economic recovery?*

2. *What are the top 3 investments you think should be prioritized and how do you see them leveraging Colorado’s (or regional) unique contexts to support economic recovery?*

3. *If we maximize our use of federal + state programs and Colorado’s assets, what should the world look like for Coloradans in 2-5 years and beyond?*

These questions were selected and designed to help state leaders understand, from each participant’s and each group’s perspectives, how to leverage the stimulus funds to spur the recovery, what types of bigger system level changes were sought by the public and the aspirational vision of the future Coloradans have and believe progress toward reaching can be made by strategically investing the funds.

These listening sessions gathered the input of thousands of Coloradans directly and the public was invited to share additional thoughts through a dedicated website. That online forum generated thousands more comments, letters and suggestions while dozens more organizations, trade groups or industry associations submitted letters, reports or input. All of this public input was incorporated
into a 194 page report that was shared with the Governor, Treasurer, State House and State Senate and the general public. Following that report’s publication, members of the State House and Senate held a series of internal meetings, meetings with the Governor’s Administration and other state leaders to craft a spending agenda that is responsive to the input from and needs of the people of Colorado.

The robust community engagement that informed Colorado’s use of ARPA funds was not a “one and done” initiative but rather is part of the Governor’s approach to leadership nor was it an isolated example for state leaders across branches of government. As part of the legislative process and protocol, the Governor regularly holds signing ceremonies for key pieces of legislation in communities impacted by the legislation. In both 2021 and 2022, the Governor’s team collaborated with legislative staff to ensure these events were held in geographically, demographically and politically diverse communities all across the state and included bipartisan elected leaders as well as impacted stakeholders. This intentional approach and collaboration provided ongoing opportunities for community engagement and for Coloradans to share their stories, their input and their ideas with the Governor and other state leaders.

**Interim Committee Public Input Process**

The Interim Committees discussed previously are one of numerous continued efforts to ensure ongoing public and key stakeholder engagement as Colorado continues to make investments in the State’s recovery. The Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force and the Behavioral and Mental Health Transformational Task Force provide two examples of the ongoing input”

The Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force was sixteen members made up of a bipartisan cohort of ten legislators from Colorado’s General Assembly and six agency directors. A fifteen member subpanel of diverse affordable housing experts was appointed to advise the Task Force. Additional insights and input were provided through a public survey, stakeholder participation, and public testimony.

Building from the listening tour the previous year, the Affordable Housing Transformational Task force conducted a [public input survey](#) from September 29th - October 11th, 2021. This survey was sent out to the public, local governments, and stakeholder groups. Respondents were asked to evaluate the progress and direction of the task force to ensure the task force was addressing the housing needs of communities across the state. Respondents were asked to provide feedback and input based on four strategic priority areas established by the task force: expand affordable housing capacity, stabilize existing affordable housing, strengthen the safety net, and ensure equity and access to affordable housing.

The Behavioral and Mental Health Transformational Task Force was composed of legislators, executive branch representatives, and diverse behavioral health practitioners and experts. This Task Force and Subpanel undertook a deliberative and transparent process with public input. At the outset of their process, a [public input survey](#) was developed and deployed by the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Colorado to understand the priorities and concerns of the general public regarding Colorado’s behavioral health system. The survey was open from August 23 to September 15, 2021. Results were presented to the Task Force and incorporated into the development of recommendations. Public testimony was heard at each of the Task Force meetings.

Once the report of recommendations from each interim committee were submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly, the recommendations were transformed into legislation in the 2022
session. Each bill went through the legislative process which consisted of extensive public input and stakeholder meetings, in addition to legislative committee hearings.

In Colorado, every bill receives a public hearing by one of the legislature’s committees.

Public input is critical to this process and Coloradans had the opportunity to express their views and have them incorporated into the official legislative record and amended into the legislation.

As a part of implementation of SLFRF programs, several bills require the engagement of a steering committee in the design and implementation of the programs. For instance, HB22-1350, which creates a Regional Talent Initiative Grant Program to develop programs that creates intentional pathways between workforce development and education systems will have a steering committee composed of leaders from business, education, workforce development, and nonprofits. In addition, several agencies have engaged their existing commissions and committees to support the development of SLFRF programs. The Department of Local Affairs is engaging its Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) as they develop homelessness and housing programs funded through SLFRF.
LABOR PRACTICES

Colorado will use strong workforce and labor practices on infrastructure projects, particularly those projects that are funded in the SLFRF expenditure category labeled, infrastructure. For capital projects that were approved this session under BH22-1340 and will be categorized as government services, the Colorado State Architect is providing guidance on Davis Bacon requirements. We will work to include strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery on projects while supporting economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, Colorado passed Senate Bill 19-196, which implemented a Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship program for Public Projects that do not receive federal funds. Any construction contract awarded for $500,000 or more is subject to the requirements of prevailing wage and any public project construction in the amount of $1 million dollars or more is required to comply with the Apprenticeship utilization requirements of C.R.S. §24-92-115. As we move forward with SLFRF projects, we will continue to evaluate ways to implement these principles.
V. PROJECT INVENTORY

The following is an inventory of projects that have been submitted to US Treasury with expenditures occurring within the performance period of this report. It does not include projects that are still going through Colorado’s eligibility review process (i.e. projects that are in recently passed bills).
ARPA RESIDENTIAL YOUTH BEDS

Project ID: PHI190
Funding Amount: $11,891,605
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project funds an additional estimated 37 state-contracted specialized residential beds for children and youths with complex behavioral health needs. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the health outcomes for children with complex behavioral health needs and created a demand for additional bed capacity for children. This project will add residential bed capacity in the state, including specialized residential beds, psychiatric residential treatment, facilities, and a 21-day residential assessment program. The intended outcome of this project is to transition a portion of youth to lower levels of care upon discharge. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Oct 2021 - Dec 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this program is to secure an estimated 37 state-contracted specialized residential beds for children and youths with complex behavioral health needs. The effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency exacerbated behavioral health concerns for youth across the country, including Colorado. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the health outcomes for children with complex behavioral health needs and created a demand for additional bed capacity for children.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
ARPA-CSFG CDHS COMPETENCY BEDS ALLOCATION

Project ID: PHI200
Funding Amount: $26,950,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will 1) Expand the capacity at the State Mental Health Institutes by contracting with community partners to secure beds for civil patients from the Institutes; 2) Contract with a psychiatrist to provide consultation services to jail based medical providers and assist in addressing medication needs of acute individuals waiting for a bed and provide guidance on how to complete an emergency mental health hold; and 3) Expand a pilot program specific to restoration services for an additional year. This funding will ease the inpatient competency waitlist which has worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Oct 2021 - Sept 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to secure competency beds for work related to forensic services, including competency evaluations. In addition, these funds will cover a psychiatrist to provide consultation services. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and is part of the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo CMHIP.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATEWIDE CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Project ID: PHI110
Funding Amount: $26,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will develop coordination infrastructure for all Coloradans to identify and locate behavioral health services in their community. This effort will help Coloradans initiate care and navigate to the right behavioral health treatments, preventative care, and services that address social determinants of health. Specifically, this project will develop a website and mobile application and will serve as a centralized and cross-payer gateway. It will contribute to the following: a bed tracker tool, a central registry tool, a provider directory and care directory, a screening and referral system, a data warehouse, and an application programming interface. In partnership with the Office of e-Health Innovation, this project will establish the necessary infrastructure to create a front door for accessing services through the development of a portal website and mobile application that will include screening tools, navigation support, and resources through an easy-to-use, user-friendly app/website. The intended outcome of this program is to launch a web-based application for clients and providers to streamline access and connect to digital telehealth and in-person behavioral health resources and other community based organizations in order to reduce barriers to access. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this program is to develop coordination infrastructure for all Coloradans to identify and locate behavioral health services in their community. This effort will help Coloradans initiate care and navigate to the right behavioral health treatments, preventative care, and services that address social determinants of health. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Behavioral & Mental Health
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Project ID: PHI130
Funding Amount: $1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The purpose of the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services developed with this funding is to provide screening care navigation and care coordination services to children and youth with behavioral health disorders and to help them and their families access and utilize the most effective supports and services available. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of these funds is to address the behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment for children and their families. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and specifically had behavioral health needs for children, youth, and/or their families.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CORPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADDICTION COUNSELORS

Project ID: PHF340
Funding Amount: $1,700,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project aims to reduce health inequity caused by inadequate access to primary, oral, and behavioral health care services in Colorado. The Colorado Health Service Corps (CHSC) creates an incentive for primary clinicians to practice in Health Professional Shortage Areas by reducing education loan debt and providing scholarships to health care professionals in exchange for clinical service to low-income, publicly insured, uninsured, and geographically isolated people. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health and public health spending is to improve access to behavioral care for underserved Colorado communities.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of these funds is to address the need for behavioral health clinicians in communities across the state that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS - COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Project ID: PHI170
Funding Amount: $2,600,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will address unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19, including pay for additional staff time who are specifically providing mental health services and expanding telehealth services. The intended outcome of this project is to build Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) capacity to provide service during the pandemic and limit service interruptions. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado's Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to cover unanticipated mental health expenses related to COVID-19. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS - COVID-19 PPE

Project ID: PHI160
Funding Amount: $650,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.5-Personal Protective Equipment

PROJECT OVERVIEW
These funds address the unanticipated expenses for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds allow our CMHCs to purchase PPE cleaning supplies and protective barriers/shields as well as provide training on disease prevention and the use of PPE and enhanced cleaning procedures necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The intended outcome is to make CMHC pandemic responses more resilient by expanding PPE access to staff and clients.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to cover unanticipated mental health expenses related to COVID-19. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS - SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Project ID: PHI150
Funding Amount: Funding Amount: $2,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project provides schools and supporting community providers with additional resources and training to support teachers and school professionals to help students improve daily coping and problem-solving strategies, establish and enhance social skills, and improve functional abilities. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is to provide services and resources to school-aged children and parents by community mental health center school-based clinicians and prevention specialists. This initiative will help those who have mental health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Behavioral & Mental Health
COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES FOR GUARDIANSHIP

Project ID: PHI070
Funding Amount: $500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will provide additional guardianship services for individuals with severe mental illness and cognitive impairment who need to transition out of the Colorado Mental Health Institutes. Specifically, this program targets individuals who are severely mentally-ill, typically with co-occurring substance use or other health issues who are disadvantaged with little to no financial means and do not have a family support system that allows for a successful transition into the community. The intended outcome of this program is to remove the discharge barrier specific to guardianship services so patients can live in the least restrictive setting possible. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This project will support guardianship services for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) and cognitive impairment who need to transition out of the Colorado Mental Health Institutes. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
COUNTY-BASED BEHAVIORAL GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: PHI120
Funding Amount: $9,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This program matches local investments at county departments of human or social services for the expansion or improvement of local regional behavioral health disorder treatment programs. These funds can support peer training augmentation of direct therapy, acute treatment units, inpatient treatment programs, outreach and education, navigation or care coordination, capital investments in behavioral health center infrastructure services for non-english speaking individuals, culturally responsive and attuned services, suicide prevention and intervention crisis response withdrawal management, workforce development, or supporting regional service delivery. The intended outcome of this project is to increase the capacity for behavioral health services at the county-level through county partnerships. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this program is to provide matching grants to county departments of human or social services for the expansion or improvement of local or regional behavioral health disorder treatment programs. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19 and specifically had behavioral health needs at a more local level.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health
COVID-19 TESTING - DISEASE CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE DIVISION

Project ID: PHF280
Funding Amount: $62,656,322
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2-COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This program provides funding for COVID-19 testing throughout the state to increase testing capacity, including mass testing sites, providing over-the-counter testing to schools, contracts to purchase rapid antigen tests for unvaccinated state employees and long-term care facility staff, and funding for the state laboratory to increase testing capacity. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

The timeline for this funding is ongoing beginning in March 2021.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This program’s primary objective is to increase testing capacity across the state of Colorado related to COVID-19, including mass testing sites, providing over-the-counter testing to schools, contracts to purchase rapid antigen tests for unvaccinated state employees and long term care facility staff and funding for the state laboratory to increase testing capacity. This program aims to increase testing capacity and decrease the COVID positivity rate which are direct responses to the public health emergency.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
COVID-19 TESTING LAB CERTIFICATION-HEALTH FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Project ID: PHF300  
Funding Amount: $144,000  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2-COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This program supported the fees needed for 174 private labs to obtain required licenses and CLIA waivers to test for new COVID-19 variants. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Timeline: Oct 2021 - Dec 2021

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

This program provides a specific and targeted response to the need for more testing related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, this program focuses on supporting the fees needed for 174 private labs to obtain required licenses and CLIA waivers to test for new COVID-19 variants with the overall objective to maintain current testing levels through 2023.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Public Health & Safety
COVID-19 VACCINATION - DISEASE CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE DIVISION

Project ID: PHF270
Funding Amount: $46,134,670
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This program provides funding for COVID-19 vaccinations through the state, including contracts for vaccine points of dispensing, various vaccine related outreach payments to primary care physicians to increase vaccination uptake within their local communities, mobile vaccine clinics, vaccine outreach, and related translation services and contract for staffing costs. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care and that the State is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

The timeline for this funding is ongoing beginning in March 2021.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the program is to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by providers and is therefore a specific and proportionate response to the public health impacts of the pandemic. The program aims to achieve this objective through a variety of approaches including contracts for vaccine points of dispensing, various vaccine related outreach payments to primary care physicians to increase vaccination uptake within their local communities mobile vaccine clinics.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Public Health & Safety
CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUNDING

Project ID: PHR020
Funding Amount: $1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This funding will supplement fee revenue and federal grants to ensure the 22 local victim compensation boards have the funding needed to provide victim compensation such as medical and dental expenses; mental health expenses; economic support lost wages; loss of support to dependents; funeral/burial expenses; repair or replacement of doors locks and/or windows of residential property; and rekeying of a motor vehicle or other locks necessary to ensure a victim’s safety. It is expected that 4 of the 22 local boards will not have enough revenue to cover the approved applications for assistance. The goal of this program is to provide assistance to 100% of approved applications for assistance. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

This program allows Colorado to maintain or increase funding to support victims of crime that have unexpected medical mental health and financial needs as a result of their victimization through the victim compensation programs. A major need for victims of crime immediately after their victimization is financial assistance.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Public Health & Safety
CRISIS SYSTEM FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS

Project ID: PHI080
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will increase access to specialized crisis services to reduce the negative effects of untreated behavioral health disorders and family systems problems, including statewide access to crisis system services for children and youth. The intended outcome is to provide specialized in-home crisis resolution services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This funding will increase access to specialized crisis services to reduce the negative effects of untreated behavioral health disorders and family systems problems, including statewide access to crisis system services for children and youth. The intended outcome is to provide specialized in-home crisis resolution services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

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MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: AID TO IMPACTED INDUSTRIES

Project ID: PHF310
Funding Amount: $41,921
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. This project intends to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Project ID: PHF170
Funding Amount: $476,144
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation/Quarantine

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Nine local public health agencies opted to use this funding for establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID–19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs and other capital investments in public facilities to meet COVID–19-related operational needs. Projects include acquisition of cold and ultra-cold storage for vaccine and nursing related needs. Other capital investments may include operational space for Emergency Preparedness and Response staff, working on COVID-19 response functions, public COVID space redesign to create private testing and vaccination areas, remodeling workspace for additional staff needed for COVID, and safety upgrades to protect staff and monitor vaccine storage. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: July 1 2021 - June 30 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: MEDICAL EXPENSES

Project ID: PHF160
Funding Amount: $50,831
Project Expenditure Category: 1.6-Medical Expenses including Alternative Care Facilities

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to use this funding for medical expenses, including alternative care facilities. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: OTHER COVID-19 PH EXPENSES

Project ID: PHF030
Funding Amount: $767,274
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation/Quarantine

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. Eight local public health agencies opted to support expenses for communication related to COVID–19 vaccination programs and communication or enforcement by recipients of public health orders related to COVID–19. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: OTHER SERVICES

Project ID: PHF190
Funding Amount: $2,499,066
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Twenty local public health agencies have opted to use this funding for staff to assess the ramifications of COVID-19 to public health across all programs and services and re-assess the needs and priorities of their communities. Many are supporting staff who perform community health assessments and partnering with community organizations to assess the needs and inform local public health improvement processes. Many are also using this funding to perform COVID-19 community engagement work. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PPE

Project ID: PHF150
Funding Amount: $221,650
Project Expenditure Category: 1.5-Personal Protective Equipment

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency opted to use this funding for the acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: SUBSTANCE USE

Project ID: PHF180
Funding Amount: $104,841
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Three local public health agencies opted to use this funding to provide services for mental health treatment, substance misuse treatment, other behavioral health services, crisis intervention, overdose prevention, infectious disease prevention, and services or outreach to promote access to physical or behavioral health primary care and preventative medicine. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health and mental and behavioral health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: TESTING

Project ID: PHF130
Funding Amount: $137,893
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2-COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Six local public health agencies opted to use this funding for costs of providing COVID–19 testing and monitoring, contact tracing, and monitoring of case trends and genomic sequencing for variants. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: TRACING

Project ID: PHF140
Funding Amount: $139,982
Project Expenditure Category: 1.3-COVID-19 Contact Tracing

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Six local public health agencies opted to use this funding for costs of providing COVID–19 testing and monitoring contact tracing and monitoring of case trends and genomic sequencing for variants. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline Jul 2021 - Jun 2022.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: VACCINATION

Project ID: PHF120
Funding Amount: $272,188
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Three local public health agencies are using this funding for expenses related to COVID–19 vaccination programs and sites including staffing, acquisition of equipment, or supplies, facilities costs and information technology, or other administrative expenses. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
FAMILY VIOLENCE JUSTICE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: PHJ030
Funding Amount: $750,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Family Violence Justice Fund Grant Program awards grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations, providing civil legal services to indigent persons. Grantees provide a variety of services to victims of family violence including direct legal representation, educational clinics, legal information and advice, and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies (e.g. emergency assistance). Monies are distributed to organizations across the state based upon the number of persons living below the poverty line in each county or city and county as determined by the most recent US Census. SLFRF funds were awarded alongside State funding to meet the increased need for victims assistance support and to compensate for reduced revenues as a result of COVID-19 funding disruptions. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended program outcome is to meet the legal needs of indigent persons who are victims of family violence.

Timeline July 2021-June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Family Violence Justice Fund grantees provide a variety of services to indigent victims of family violence, i.e. a person whose income does not exceed 125 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines, including direct legal representation, educational clinics, legal information, and advice and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies, e.g. emergency assistance.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=fvjfgp

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Project ID: PHR010
Funding Amount: $3,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will expand the Colorado Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) & Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) program at UCHealth Memorial to add a Center of Excellence for Forensic Nursing at the Memorial Central campus, adding to the current robust forensic nursing program. The center will continue Memorial’s work in providing on-site training and technical support for SANE nurses as well as providing space for the telehealth nurse program to expand the number of sites by 50 to 15 sites that are receiving telehealth support. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline Jan 2022 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This program will allow Colorado to expand funding to training for those who support victims of sexually based offenses.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS TRAINING ON OPIOID RISKS AND ALTERNATIVES

Project ID: PHG010
Funding Amount: $1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will increase efforts for training and education of healthcare, behavioral health care, and public health professionals with a focus on reducing prescribed opioids, and will further promote the use of evidence-based models of care for treatment of pain and substance use disorders. The project will work to strengthen recovery support programs and services for individuals with an opioid or other substance use disorder in Colorado and will assist local organizations in obtaining state and federal funding through a grant writing assistance program. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This funding will allow the Center for Research into Substance Use Disorder Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Strategies to expand evidence-based opioid abuse treatment and prevention training and education for healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers as well as public healthcare professionals. The pandemic exacerbated behavioral health traumas for many Americans and nationwide the US saw an increase in the number of opioid abuse cases Healthcare professionals are on the frontlines.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
HIGH-RISK FAMILIES CASH FUND

Project ID: PHI050
Funding Amount: $3,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project aims to increase treatment capacity, including start-up costs and capital expenditures and/or to provide substance use disorder recovery and wraparound services, including the prenatal plus program and access to child care to high-risk families. This will be achieved through partnerships with vendors in the community and managed through Colorado’s Managed Services Organizations. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Jun 2021 - Jul 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to provide services to high-risk parents including pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders and for high-risk children and youth. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: PHF060
Funding Amount: $2,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This program will fund four types of HIV prevention interventions offered by the Colorado HIV/AIDS prevention program including 1) testing; 2) Broad-based selective interventions that raise awareness provide basic HIV education and encourage enrollment in further preventive services among people with increased risk for HIV acquisition with only minimal entry or commitment requirements; 3) Client-centered evidence-based selective interventions for populations whose risk will not be lowered through awareness and education. These interventions are consistent with evidence-based models and may be delivered one-on-one or to groups. They also encourage enrollment in further preventive services when warranted; and 4) Indicated interventions for individual clients at imminent risk of acquiring HIV. Examples include, but are not limited to retention services that promote access and adherence to PrEP and case management for individuals at highest risk. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
HIV prevention programs across the country were severely limited and suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Testing and prevention decreased significantly due to the closure of many community-based programs and the necessary COVID-19 focus in health care settings.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT FOR MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD)

Project ID: PHG030
Funding Amount: $630,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project aims to improve the adoption of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) by delivering practice consultation services to health-care providers who are eligible to prescribe MOUD; providing stipends to health-care providers who achieve certain benchmarks known to lead to an increased number of patients being managed with MOUD; distributing outreach materials designed for patients and developed with patient and practitioner input that increase awareness of MOUD; and supporting communication strategies between MOUD prescribers patients and referral sources. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. This program aims to reduce the number of opioid deaths in Colorado and ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number of healthcare providers who are prepared to prescribe medications for opioid use disorder. National surveys have shown that the need for opioid treatment has grown since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a greater need for treatment capacity.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
JAIL BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Project ID: PHI060
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will support jail-based behavioral health services to county jails that have over 400 beds to eliminate the use of restrictive housing for juveniles and adults with behavioral or mental illnesses. This funding will result in an increase in screening and service provision for the previously mentioned individuals. The intended outcome of this program is to decrease in restrictive housing for; 1) Individuals with serious mental illness; 2) Juveniles; and 3) Pregnant women. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The project will support jail-based behavioral health services at county jails with over 400 beds and keep those with behavioral health needs out of restrictive confinement. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATION
SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Project ID: PHI040
Funding Amount: $10,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will increase by 66% the resources available for regional Managed Service Organizations (MSOs) to implement locally developed Community Action Plans to address substance abuse. These plans aim to fill gaps in coverage for substance use prevention treatment and recovery capacity and utilize local needs assessments to guide investments. The intended outcome of this program is to address substance use through prevention and treatment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to develop substance use prevention treatment and recovery capacity and utilize local needs assessments to guide investments. This initiative will help those with behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Project ID: PHI090  
Funding Amount: $1,000,000  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project is a mental health awareness marketing and communications campaign to destigmatize conversations about mental health. Specifically the COVID-19 pandemic has had far-reaching behavioral health impacts on adults. To address these behavioral health needs and leverage the current behavioral health discourse, a campaign will be launched that educates audiences on common mental health challenges and ways to strengthen mental wellness and resilience and market the newly created behavioral health care directory. This campaign will target Colorado adults primarily as the Colorado Department of Human Services already manages robust marketing campaigns for youth and crisis services respectively. The campaign will speak to Coloradans who can manage their needs with self-directed guidance and tips. A secondary goal is to have more Coloradans that can better advocate for themselves or loved ones by improving behavioral health literacy. The outcome of this program is to successfully operationalize the Mental Health Awareness Campaign in order to destigmatize conversations about mental wellness and offer actionable steps to help Coloradans develop resilience. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality care.

Timeline: Jul 2021-Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this program is to address behavioral health needs and leverage the current behavioral health discourse utilizing a campaign that educates audiences on common mental health challenges and ways to strengthen mental wellness and resilience. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
MYCOLORADO COVID RESPONSE INITIATIVES

Project ID: PHE010
Funding Amount: $2,153,697
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Office of Information Technology (OIT) developed and deployed additional capabilities for the State’s myColorado app, a statewide digital wallet that provides convenient secure and up-to-date digital access to an individual’s state-held records. This enhanced capability allowed additional user licenses AWS capacity testing and user support to provide Coloradans with access to myVaccine Record and SMART® Health Card. These enhancements allowed users to produce secure and reliable vaccination information needed to enter businesses venues and government offices, while encouraging the greatest amount of safe economic activity and minimizing mass-spread COVID events. The intended outcome of the State’s economic recovery resilience programs is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible.
Timeline: Dec 2021 - June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Proof of vaccination has and continues to be required to participate in many social or non-physically distanced activities during COVID outbreaks but the paper cards issued by vaccine providers were often inconvenient, easily misplaced, and insecure.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
OPIATE ANTAGONIST BULK PURCHASE FUND

Project ID: PHF330
Funding Amount: $1,812,500
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund known as “The Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund” aims to make naloxone available to as many people who work with, support, live with, or interact with individuals at risk of an overdose as possible. This is achieved through targeted naloxone distribution to first responders, law enforcement, agencies, harm reduction, organizations, and other eligible entities. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Dec 2021 - June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund are located in a rural or frontier area.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project provides funding for staffing in hospitals and long term care facilities. Monoclonal Antibody Infusion mobile site supplies and various related activities and general public health expenses related to the Covid-19 response which were unbudgeted, including but not limited to lab supplies, media agreements, and employee travel reimbursements. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care and that the State is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This program provides a variety of support needed to quickly ramp up a public health response excluding vaccination, testing, and treatment activities.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY MENTAL HEALTH

Project ID: PHG020
Funding Amount: $333,334
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around mental health as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine health promotion chronic disease management and behavioral health services; and provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention treatment and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program is designed to address healthcare access deficiencies by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat mental health needs. This initiative will help those who have mental health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY OTHER COVID-19

Project ID: PHG050
Funding Amount: $333,333
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around other COVID-19 Public Health concerns as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine health promotion chronic disease management and behavioral health services; and provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention treatment and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat behavioral health needs. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY SUBSTANCE USE

Project ID: PHG040  
Funding Amount: $333,333  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around substance use as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine health promotion chronic disease management and behavioral health services; and provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention treatment and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat substance use health needs. This initiative will help those who have substance use needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Behavioral & Mental Health
ROUND 1 NALOXONE BULK PURCHASE FUND

Project ID: PHF050
Funding Amount: $1,546,330
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund known as “The Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund” aims to make naloxone available to as many people who work with, support, live with, or interact with individuals at risk of an overdose as possible. This is achieved through targeted naloxone distribution to first responders, law enforcement, agencies, harm reduction organizations, and other eligible entities. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund are located in a rural or frontier area.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR YOUTH WITH HIGH ACUITY NEEDS

Project ID: PHI010
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will create a new pilot program that will be initiated by the Division of Child Welfare for residential placement of children and youth with high acuity physical, mental, or behavioral health needs. This pilot will establish a residential treatment facility that will have higher levels of direct care, medical, and behavioral health care staff that will be able to meet the needs of this population. The intended outcome of this program is to maintain children in treatment services in Colorado and close to their home communities, specifically, increase residential children’s treatment capacity and the reduction of out-of-home placement. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this program will be to establish a residential treatment facility that will have higher levels of direct care, medical, and behavioral health care staff that will be able to meet the needs of this population. This initiative will help children whose needs were exacerbated or care was interrupted by COVID-19 and specifically had medical and behavioral health needs in a residential setting.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
SB21-292 LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL GOV’T SUPPORT

Project ID: PHJ010
Funding Amount: $1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Colorado’s decentralized local Victim and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) program is unique in the nation. Each judicial district has an independent VALE program overseen by a five-member board appointed by the district’s chief judge. Programs award grants to support domestic violence sexual assault and child victim programs among other purposes. The State awarded local VALE boards SLFRF funding based upon financial need compared to existing resources, resulting in 16 judicial districts receiving need-based awards. These additional funds are being used to provide aid to local government agencies in those districts that assist victims and witnesses of crime facing obstacles to recovering from victimization. Funding is specifically focused on assisting individuals whose victimization was made worse by the pandemic to support the additional need resulting from COVID-induced crime and victimization and reduced revenue streams seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of this program is to meet the immediate needs of victims in each participating judicial district. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: July 2021-June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
A national review of research literature found that domestic violence incidents across the country increased by more than 8 from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic violence survivors are also among the persons served by local VALE programs. These grants support local law enforcement’s ability to provide victims support services. SLFRF dollars aim to help address this pandemic-related service gap and help victims and witnesses receive much-needed services in their communities across CO.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/victims-programs/grant-funding-for-agencies/state-vale

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Project ID: PHF090
Funding Amount: $2,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding supports the expansion of behavioral and mental health care at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of free or reduced lunch utilization. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This project will increase the availability of behavioral health services for youth through short-term contracts with behavioral health treatment providers, improved provider training, and increasing salary time for behavioral health staff to expand hours for on-site service delivery. In FY 2022, mental health services funding was allocated to 13 SBHC program contracts via an amendment for operating SBHCs and allocated to planning grants for 4 SBHCs in FY2023. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health and public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado's Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Mar 2022 - July 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Health care utilization including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services, especially behavioral health and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g. telehealth). School Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services including testing and vaccine administration.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: OTHER

Project ID: PHF100
Funding Amount: $675,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding supports the rollout of COVID-19 testing at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This funding will support investment in SBHCs as part of the state’s critical public health infrastructure by purchasing clinic equipment and supplies, supporting personal service costs to resume prevention, primary medical care services following COVID-19-related disruptions in care among adolescents and children, and expanding SBHC telehealth service delivery as a mechanism to expand SBHC reach to additional youth and adolescent populations. In fiscal year 2022, other public health services funding was allocated to 13 SBHC program contracts via an amendment for operating SBHCs and allocated to planning grants for 4 SBHCs in fiscal year 2023. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Mar 2022 - July 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services, especially behavioral health, and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g. telehealth). School-Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services including testing and vaccine administration.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
PROJECT OVERVIEW

This funding supports the rollout of COVID testing at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. The intent of this short-term funding for the SBHC Program grantees is to provide additional support to administer COVID-19 testing activities, including staff time, materials, translation and interpretation of testing materials, and laboratory services. In fiscal year 2022, COVID-19 Testing funding was allocated to 8 existing SBHC program contracts via an amendment to support operating SBHCs. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.

Timeline: Mar 2022 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services, especially behavioral health, and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g. telehealth). School-Based Health Centers are also a safety-net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services including testing and vaccine administration.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Behavioral & Mental Health
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: VACCINATION

Project ID: PHF070
Funding Amount: $80,449
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding supports the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs), public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This funding is focused on increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates among children 5 through 20 years old. This funding supports staff time, vaccine informational materials, translation and interpretation services, refrigeration and storage, and staff vaccination training. In FY 2022, COVID-19 Vaccination funding was allocated to 8 existing SBHC contracts via an amendment to support operating SBHCs. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care.
Timeline: Mar 2022 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services, especially behavioral health, and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g. telehealth). School-Based Health Centers are also a safety-net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services including testing and vaccine administration.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
SCREENING BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT) PROGRAM

Project ID: PHU010
Funding Amount: $250,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13-Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidenced-based screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment practice to identify, reduce, and prevent the use of alcohol and other substances. Screening and brief intervention is recommended by the CDC, US Preventive Services Tax Force, American Academy of Pediatrics, SAMHSA, and the Veterans administration. When combined with community-level prevention strategies, SBIRT contributes to the prevention of disease, injury, and other negative consequences of alcohol and other substance use in individuals, families, and communities. This funding will support the expansion of the SBIRT training program contract with Peer Assistance Services and will be expended by the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program grant is awarded to an organization which provides training to healthcare providers. The training is about the clinical tool of Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). SBIRT is a preventive service for drug and alcohol use. Providers who receive the training will be better equipped to treat patients who are at-risk or who currently have a drug or alcohol use disorder.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://hcpf.colorado.gov/sbirt-benefit

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
STATE EMPLOYEE COVID-19 TESTING - ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Project ID: PHA030
Funding Amount: $895,500
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) received this allocation from the funds authorized through SB 21-288 for the implementing, administrating, and operating a COVID-19 State Employee Testing program between August 2021-September 2022. Funds were utilized for the hiring of temporary FTE and Vendor Staff and procurement of Tracking and Reporting Software including the following staff: Program Manager, Operations Technical Director, Communications Specialist, Customer Service Specialist [2], Vendor Provided Staff [4], and a Tracking and Reporting System. This program intends to provide a safe working environment and reduce the potential for COVID-19 exposure for State employees reporting in for in-person work. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.
Timeline: Sep 2021 - Sep 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
COVID-19 exposure amongst State employees and between employees and the general public when conducting required state business with state employees who were unvaccinated against COVID-19 risked the general public’s health

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
STATE VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (VALE) FUNDING

Project ID: PHR030
Funding Amount: $1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will supplement fee revenue to ensure the 22 local victim assistance boards have the funding needed to provide victim financial assistance as outlined in the Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act and other supports for victims. The goal of this program is to support 100 of the approved claims to victims. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This program allows Colorado to maintain or increase funding to support victims of crime that have unexpected medical mental health and financial needs as a result of their victimization through the victim compensation programs. A major need for victims of crime immediately after their victimization is financial assistance. The State VALE funding is intended to support victims of crime including domestic violence and sexual assault.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
YOUTH RAPID MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE I MATTER

Project ID: PHI290
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will provide free rapid mental health services including substance use disorder services to children and youth including those needs that may have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The program will continue a pilot program that established a web-based application as a portal to connect children and youth with up to six free telehealth, behavioral health appointments available from an existing network of providers. Additionally these services will connect to a continuity of care system so children and youth are connected to other resources as needed. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of the program is to provide rapid mental health and substance use services to children and youth to respond to identified mental health needs, including those needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The structure of the program includes the following: (a) a web-based application as a portal to facilitate services statewide, (b) the use of an existing network of providers and additional providers as needed, (c) the provision of up to three or more in-person or telehealth behavioral health sessions for children and youth, and, (d) continuity of care and other resource connections as needed.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Project ID: NEI010
Funding Amount: $701,379
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project provides additional funding to Domestic Violence Program-funded organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. The intended outcome of this funding is to maintain current programs and increase programs for adults and children in need of direct services. The intended outcome of the State’s public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to provide additional funding to Domestic Violence Program funded organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAM

Project ID: NED010
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This grant program provides adult education programs funding for adult basic education, adult education leading to a high school equivalency credential, English as a second language instruction, or integrated basic education and skills training. These services are provided by grantees as part of a workforce development partnership or education attainment partnership with the Colorado Department of Education. Half of the funds will be used to supplement the existing state grant to fully fund existing grantees at the levels of funding requested in their grant applications from spring 2021 for the 2021-25 four-year grant cycle. The other half of the funds will be used to run a new grant competition in fall 2021. This grant cycle will be from January 2022 - June 2025. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post-secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado's Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2025

PROGRAM WEBSITE
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/prospectivegrantees

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Project ID: NEI030
Funding Amount: $18,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project is a workforce development program to recruit, retain, and train the behavioral health workforce to ease the behavioral healthcare workforce shortage in Colorado. Specifically, the funds will be for: 1) developing an online training system that allows for accessible statewide training opportunities; 2) developing an online training curriculum for providers in rural and metro areas to increase competencies in mental health and substance use disorders that will support a high-quality trained culturally responsive and diverse behavioral healthcare workforce; 3) providing fiscal incentives for lower income individuals to obtain a degree in behavioral health with funding specifically targeted for rural areas of the State; 4) providing training to the existing behavioral healthcare workforce to be certified in federally reimbursed services; and 5) providing capacity-building grants to diversify the safety-net provider workforce and meet the requirements of the behavioral health safety-net. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care and the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this program is to develop a workforce program to recruit, retain, and train the behavioral health workforce to ease the behavioral healthcare workforce shortage in Colorado. This initiative will help the behavioral health workforce, which experienced an increase in needs due to COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will add to existing federal Perkins and State funds for Colorado’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program which aims to provide quality educational programs emphasizing core academic content, postsecondary Workforce Readiness (PWR) competencies, technical skills and seamless transition to further education or employment; and better prepare students including special populations to meet challenges of the workforce economic development and emerging occupations. This funding will be prioritized to expand equipment facility and instructional capacity in key CTE job demand areas. This funding seeks to increase the program capacity and get more students employed in CTE careers. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - Dec 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The program structure expands the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program capacity across the state to expand the number of credentials existing programs can offer each year. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher-income individuals and those without a credential experienced longer spans of unemployment as jobs returned than those without a credential.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/cte

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Workforce
COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT [CNFW]

Project ID: NEG050
Funding Amount: $15,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers: (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) displaced workers grant program, Back to Work program, prioritizes workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic helping them to reskill, upskill or complete industry-recognized credentials within the grant term. Support to displaced workers under the program includes post secondary scholarships, advising services, and connection to the workforce. The goal of this program is to increase the number of workers who attain a certificate/degree while keeping education debt below state average. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: May 2021-Dec 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The program structure expands programs that offer reskilling, next skilling and upskilling across the state to expand the number of credentials in existing programs available to workers who are changing careers. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher-income individuals and those without a credential experienced longer spans of unemployment as jobs returned than those without a credential.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - STUDENT SUCCESS

Project ID: NEG020
Funding Amount: $49,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will create the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) Finish What You Started FWYS grant program. Funds will be allocated and distributed to public institutions for direct and indirect support to students with some college no degree or those that enrolled in but did not attend a postsecondary institution during Academic Year 19-20 or 20-21. This program will increase the number of students who complete their academic programs and will limit accumulation of excessive educational debt held by these students to complete these programs. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Dec 2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This program aims to provide scholarships to individuals who left college due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. As unemployment rates increased during the pandemic, many individuals left higher education and training programs due to the financial burden of attending on themselves and their families. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes, more severely than higher income individuals and those without a credential or degree experience longer span.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-services/cosi-colorado-opportunity-scholarship-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT EXPANSION AND INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: NED020
Funding Amount: $1,750,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.27-Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This program provides grant funding to local education agencies, predominantly high schools, in order to expand access to and/or develop innovations to concurrent enrollment opportunities for K-12 students. Concurrent enrollment is defined as the simultaneous enrollment in both high school and college courses. Concurrent enrollment in CO is a central student engagement and pathways strategy to ensure that all K-12 students graduate postsecondary and are workforce ready. In order to address the lost instruction time, this program provides funding to schools to innovate how students are concurrently enrolled to meet the new needs of students after pandemic induced remote learning. The overall outcome of all of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans, as well as achieve the goal of 66% of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ceexpansiongrant

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Project ID: NEF080
Funding Amount: $184,717
Project Expenditure Category: 2.19-Social Determinants of Health Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. This is funding a mobile free health clinic and facilitating access to resources that improve health outcomes including services that connect residents with health care, resources for public assistance programs, and building healthier environments. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans’ access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES COMMUNITY HEALTH

Project ID: NEF030
Funding Amount: $268,421
Project Expenditure Category: 2.19-Social Determinants of Health Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to fund community health workers to help community members access health services and services to address the social determinants of health. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LPHA HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS: CHILD CARE

Project ID: NEF070
Funding Amount: $4,700
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11-Healthy Childhood Environments Child Care

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One rural local public health agency has opted to use funding for work with a local child care provider to expand capacity to serve more children at the center. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure the youngest Coloradans have the opportunity for social and academic learning. COVID-19 has been difficult on all childcare providers, and there are numerous impacts to the youngest children for which the COVID-19 pandemic has existed for all or most of their lives. This project intends to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: RENT MORTGAGE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Project ID: NEF060
Funding Amount: $1,500
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22-Household Assistance Rent Mortgage and Utility Aid

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency has opted to use funding to support individuals and families, especially BIPOC, elderly, low-income, rural individuals with limited access to transportation and/or migrant field workers with support for rent, mortgage, or utility assistance while they or their family members are recovering from COVID. This local public health agency serves a county with the second highest poverty rate in the state. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Affordable Housing
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: FOOD PROGRAMS

Project ID: NEF050
Funding Amount: $1,500
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21-Household Assistance Food Programs

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency has opted to use funding to support individuals and families, especially BIPOC elderly low-income rural individuals with limited access to transportation and/or migrant field workers to provide greater access to healthy food while they or their family members are recovering from COVID infection. This local public health agency serves a county with the second highest poverty rate in the state. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: HEALTHY CHILD HOME VISIT

Project ID: NEF010
Funding Amount: $25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.12-Healthy Childhood Environments Home Visiting

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This program is part of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency opted to provide home visiting programs that provide structured visits from health professionals to pregnant women or families with young children to offer education and assistance navigating resources for economic support, health needs, or child development. The intended outcome of the State’s public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic and emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: HOUSING SUPPORT

Project ID: NEF020  
Funding Amount: $105,942  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18-Housing Support Other Housing Assistance

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to provide housing services to support healthy living environments and neighborhoods conducive to mental and physical wellness. The intended outcome of the State’s public and behavioral and mental health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Affordable Housing
EVICTION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: NEJ010
Funding Amount: $1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.5-Household Assistance Paid Sick and Medical Leave

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant Program aims to address inequalities in the availability of legal counsel for low-income households facing eviction. The State awards grants to qualifying non-profit legal services organizations according to a statewide allocation formula based on the annual number of forcible entry and detainer petitions filed in each county or city. Grant recipients provide a variety of civil legal services for clients including direct legal representation, mediation services, educational clinics, legal information, and advice and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies. SLFRF funds were appropriated to the program and awarded to existing grantees based on the expectation that more low-income households would seek legal assistance once pandemic-instituted eviction moratoriums expired and court operations returned to normal.
Timeline: July 2021-December 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The Eviction Legal Defense Fund Fund was created by SB19-180 to address inequalities in the availability of legal counsel for low-income persons facing eviction. Statutes authorize the State Court Administrator’s Office (SCAO) to award grants from the Fund to qualifying non-profit organizations that offer civil legal services to indigent Coloradans. Grant funding is distributed to organizations across the State according to the number of forcible entry and detainer petitions filed in each county.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=eldfgp

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Affordable Housing
FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: NEI020
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project provided grants to food pantries/banks across the state in order to provide more food resources to Coloradans and bolster food pantries during a time of higher need and reduced donations. Food banks/pantries were awarded grants based upon need and available funding. The program utilized a third-party vendor to solicit vet awards and monitor the food pantry grants. The intended outcome of this program is to increase the amount of food available to Coloradans through food banks/pantries in order to address hunger in Colorado. The intended outcome of the State’s economic recovery resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to make grants for food pantries/banks across the state to provide more food resources to Coloradans and bolster food pantries during a time of higher need and reduced donations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance/food-assistance/food-distribution-programs

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
INVESTMENTS IN RESKILLING UPSKILLING AND NEXT-SKILLING WORKERS PROGRAM

Project ID: NEK010
Funding Amount: $25,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports, or incentives)

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will support individuals in need of reskilling, upskilling, or next-skilling including providing assistance to allow individuals to access and participate in short-term training to obtain an industry-recognized credential. Allowable uses are career counseling, career/academic exploration and planning, tuition, employer-provided training, need-based services, transportation, retention program implementation/administration/evaluation, and other purposes determined by the state council. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course as well as to increase the number of Coloradans’ achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.
Timeline: July 2021 - Dec 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The Colorado Workforce Development Council proposed use of the funds in two main categories as outlined by the requirements in the corresponding legislation. The first priority is the Reskilling, Upskilling, and Next-Skilling program which will support individuals to obtain industry recognized credentials. These persons are either unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic Community Impacted Households that experienced unemployment.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Project ID: NEN020
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.15-Long-Term Housing Security Affordable Housing

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Planning Grant Program provides grants to local governments to help them understand their housing needs and adopt policy and regulatory strategies to qualify for the Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program. Of note, the Planning Grant Program can fund housing needs assessments to help local governments guide their policy and regulatory approach to reducing barriers to affordable housing development, but the application for funding must also include work to adopt qualifying strategies from the options listed in the bill or novel creative or innovative incentives. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Coloradans have identified housing affordability as the biggest issue facing the state as one in every seven Colorado households is spending more than half of its income on housing according to a study by Shift Research Lab. The median home price to median income ratio has increased across markets all across the nation. As of 2019, the price-to-income ratio was considerably larger for renters than owners with the gap most significant in major metropolitan areas.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Affordable Housing
POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED STUDENTS ADMINISTRATION

Project ID: NEG060
Funding Amount: $685,270
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports, or incentives)

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project funds 20 term-limited FTE through the end of 2024 to support administrative accounting fraud prevention reporting and monitoring procurement and audit compliance related the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) oversight of SLFRF and direct to agency ARPA federal funds appropriated in HB21-1330, SB21-137, SB21-232, and HB21-1264. This administrative activity supports the workforce related initiatives charged to CDHE. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.
Timeline: Aug 2021 - Dec 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
This funding supports the administration of all workforce programs funded by SLFRF and administered by the Department of Higher Education, including the Displaced Workers Grant, the Re-Engaged Initiative, the Finish What You Started grants, and the expansion of the Career and Technical Education grants.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Workforce
RE-ENGAGED INITIATIVE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Project ID: NEG040
Funding Amount: $1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Re-Engaged (CORE) initiative allows 4-year institutions to award associate’s degrees to eligible students who enroll in a bachelor’s degree program, earn at least 70 credit hours, and withdraw from the institution prior to completing the degree. This funding will support a single administrative position and will provide grant support to 4-year institutions designing associate degrees; implement process improvements in the current reverse transfer program; and initiate a statewide marketing and outreach campaign for reverse transfer and CORE. This program aims to increase degree attainment without incurring additional educational debt. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: Jul 2021 - June 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

This project seeks to expand an existing program that allows individuals to convert an incomplete bachelor’s degree into an associate’s degree. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher income individuals, and those with some college but no degree experienced higher unemployment rates and lower pre-pandemic incomes than those with a completed associates degree.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/attending-college/core-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Workforce
RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Project ID: NEN010
Funding Amount: $30,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16-Long-Term Housing Security Services for Unhoused persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Funding will be utilized for acquisition and renovation of hotels and motels, and other funding sources will be used for rental assistance and supportive services. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Affordable Housing
LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM NON-PROFITS

Project ID: NEJ020
Funding Amount: $2,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Colorado’s decentralized local Victim and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) program is unique in the nation. Each judicial district has an independent VALE program overseen by a five-member board appointed by the district’s chief judge. Programs award grants to support domestic violence, sexual assault, and child victim programs among other purposes The State awarded local VALE boards SLFRF funding based upon financial need compared to existing resources, resulting in 16 judicial districts receiving need-based awards. These additional funds are being used to provide aid to local government agencies in those districts that assist victims and witnesses of crime facing obstacles to recovering from victimization. Funding is specifically focused on assisting individuals whose victimization was made worse by the pandemic to support the additional need resulting from COVID-induced crime and victimization and reduced revenue streams seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of this program is to meet the immediate needs of victims in each participating judicial district.
Timeline: July 2021-June 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, some local VALE programs reported as much as a 40% decrease in collections available for grants (i.e. surcharges on criminal and traffic offenses) and several of the metropolitan VALE programs had to significantly cut grants this past year by up to 50%. One judicial district was unable to award any VALE funds for 2021. SLFRF dollars aim to help address this pandemic-related funding gap and help victims and witnesses receive much-needed services.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/victims-programs/grant-funding-for-agencies/state-va

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SBDC SU CO
PTACME OTHERS

Project ID: NEE040
Funding Amount: $5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.3-Household Assistance Cash Transfers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will provide equitable access to capital for small business owners across the State. The program will consist of four major components: 1) Specialized access to capital training for small business 2.) Training programs and one-on-one technical support/consulting to help small businesses navigate available dollars/programs, assistance with subsequent applications, and follow-up with successful implementation of dollars 3.) The development of technology and tools to reach more small business owners 4.) Assistance in obtaining the needed designations and certifications, training on how to best leverage and market the certifications, and support in procuring new small business contracts. This project will lay the foundation for a long-standing technical support system in assisting small businesses with finding and securing the needed capital to start, grow, and succeed in their Colorado small business endeavors.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND PAYMENT

Project ID: NEK030
Funding Amount: $600,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.9-Unemployment Benefits

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will provide a $600M one-time payment to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund and will lower the UI payroll premium paid for by an average small business with 10 employees of 2000 over the next 4 years. This infusion of funding will pay down debt accumulated as a result of UI payments to unemployed Coloradoans made during the pandemic and will lessen the payments from businesses allowing our State’s employers to create more jobs and save Colorado workers money. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES

The economic impact experienced is tied directly to the increased cost to the State’s employers as a result of pandemic-induced unemployment. Particularly, businesses closed and/or lost revenue because of the pandemic, forcing many formerly thriving businesses to lay off workers and individuals to draw down UI benefits. Without this action, businesses would be forced to pay higher premiums to pay off this debt prolonging the economic recovery.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Economic Recovery & Resilience
**WORK FORCE INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM**

Project ID: NEK020  
Funding Amount: $35,000,000  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives)

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

This project creates a grant program distributed through a formula to workforce development boards to offer grants that promote innovation in order to improve employment outcomes for learners and workers including underserved populations by promoting partnerships and helping prepare Coloradans for well-paying quality jobs. The following activities will be utilized supporting employers and trade associations that operate in multiple counties in developing training programs; capacity building and technical assistance activities outreach and communication campaigns including to underserved and disproportionately impacted populations. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment. As implementation continues, we will continue to assess the levels of funding that meet Step 4 and 5 on Colorado’s Evidence Continuum. At this time, we cannot report funding at these steps.

Timeline: July 2021 - Dec 2023

**STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Workforce Innovation Grant program seeks to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.

**PROGRAM WEBSITE**

https://cwdc.colorado.gov/stimulus-policy/work-force-innovation-act-funding

**MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS**

Workforce
BROADBAND MAPPING AND ADMINISTRATION

Project ID: PSE010
Funding Amount: $1,109,823
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Office of Information Technology (OIT) will purchase mapping software and hire two specialists to manage the deployment of the software and the larger programmatic elements to local partners. This program will ensure that the OIT meets all federal and state requirements while providing services at adequate speeds and providing access to unserved and underserved households and businesses. The intended outcome of the State's broadband spending is to ensure that 99 of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.
Timeline: Oct 2021 - Dec 2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Local Government and vendor applicants for state and federal broadband funding often lack up-to-date information and technical support to understand which Coloradans lack broadband services sufficient to provide access to telehealth, remote work learning, and eCommerce. Without a centralized resource, State and federal funds may be deployed inefficiently or localities may miss opportunities that apply to their geographies without a centralized source.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Broadband
COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT PUEBLO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Project ID: PSI010
Funding Amount: $1,785,368
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will fund a program for medical and administrative staff at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo. Specifically, these funds will be used for the continued use of contracted medical/administrative staff originally hired using emergency funds in FY 2020-21 to address critical COVID-19 related functions in the current fiscal year FY 2021-22, as well as a new need for contracted positions at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to conduct COVID-19 related functions. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.
Timeline: Dec 2021- Dec 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project is to fund medical/administrative staff at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo CMHIP and the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to conduct COVID-19 related functions. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and institutionalized which created a greater need for increased safety precautions due to the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
PROJECT OVERVIEW
The project’s aim is to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022, the Child Dependent Care Tax Credit. This project 1) awards grants to IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance VITA sites; 2) awards grants to nonprofits local public health agencies family resource centers and/or early childhood councils for outreach and assistance; and 3) funds Department of Revenue DOR “train the trainer” sessions and sends targeted DOR mailers and/or pre-filled tax returns. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.
Timeline: Oct 2021 - Dec 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Outreach and tax filing assistance efforts geared towards increasing the number of Coloradans who claim the federal Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit on their federal income tax return as well as the analogous state tax credits on their state income tax returns. The focus of the initiative is on populations who can benefit most but are not claiming tax credits available to them. These groups include rural and non-English-speaking households.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
DISEASE CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

Project ID: PSF130
Funding Amount: $9,590,149
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project supports staffing for the disease control and public health division response 121.4 FTE including staffing to perform: Compliance and oversight of funding; Electronic Laboratory Reporting; Laboratory data management and reporting; Biological Sciences testing and research; Laboratory quality assurance and regulatory compliance; Immunization statistical analysis; Community action and engagement for Health Equity; Emergency Response regionally based staff; Increased epidemiology resources; Administrative staff including budget accounting contracts and HR to provide continued support to the increased capacity within multiple divisions. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
Additional FTE were distributed across the Disease Control and Public Health Response Division in all areas of the response efforts. The objective was to provide support for the main responding agency so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PAYROLL

Project ID: PSF160
Funding Amount: $5,718,526
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Twenty local public health agencies opted to use this funding for payroll and covered benefits expenses for public safety and public health staff who are providing services to mitigate or respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized that equity and funds are being distributed to local public health agencies.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
DMV PROGRAMMING BACKLOG REDUCTION

Project ID: PST020
Funding Amount: $2,519,110
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The COVID-19 public health emergency necessitated significant unprecedented changes in operations at the Division of Motor Vehicles to meet the ongoing need for driver licenses, vehicle registration, and titling while reducing the need for in-person contact. The creation of more self-service options and contactless interactions with the DMV brought unexpected demand for changes and enhancements to the DMV IT system.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Project ID: PSQ010
Funding Amount: $500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will conduct an evaluation of the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMH) model assess and support a full program implementation analyze outcome data to examine effectiveness conduct evaluation enhance the overall efficacy of the ECMH consultation program and provide needed resources towards an improved data collection process. As a statewide prevention and promotion program, the ECMH Consultation Program builds the capacity of adults including early childhood professionals to direct programs and systems to prevent, identify, treat, and reduce the impact of mental health problems among children from birth to age six and their families. The ECMH program offers confidential consultation with families and child care professionals; on-site or virtual support and training for child care professionals and families to promote social-emotional and overall development; workshops for families and caregivers to help them support social-emotional and overall development; and referrals to community services and resources.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program began in 2021 to increase the number of qualified mental health consultants supporting professionals who work with young children and to give guidance and support to families, caregivers, and providers in addressing the social-emotional developmental needs of children through age eight.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdec.colorado.gov/early-childhood-mental-health-consultation

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Behavioral & Mental Health
FINANCE SYSTEM INTEGRATION-BUILDING SIGNIFICANT FISCAL REPORTING FUNCTIONALITY

Project ID: PSK010
Funding Amount: $1,312,588
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project builds significant fiscal reporting functionality within MYUI. Prior to the pandemic, CDLE did not utilize MYUI for this purpose and relied on an intermediary system to receive the data from MYUI and translate it into reports for CORE entry. This has been identified by the department as a significant deficiency in the process specifically due to the increased complexity of Unemployment Insurance since the start of the pandemic. The intended outcome of the State’s workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential training and/or apprenticeship course of all Coloradans as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Project ID: PSJ010  
Funding Amount: $33,204,518  
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project seeks to upgrade critical IT infrastructure in the Judicial Department’s courts and probation operations, which supports various in-house and remote work technologies, e.g. hybrid workplace video conferencing, remote court reporting/interpretation, online connected applications, and other network and internet-based applications. The Department seeks to continue and expand its reliance upon remote work models which proved widely beneficial during the pandemic, but requires additional funding to support the infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate increased reliance on IT-based workflows. Anticipated outcomes include improved customer service through better network and AV system reliability and flexibility along with improved network security for staff and other users. This project is a critical component in the Department’s overall IT infrastructure modernization program, which aims to ensure Coloradans have equal access to justice via flexible up-to-date technologies.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Capacity to Serve Coloradans
STAFFING AND RETENTION EFFORTS

Project ID: PSI020
Funding Amount: $2,619,000
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will enable the Department of Human Services (CDHS) to meet staffing needs to run CDHS programs and serve the vulnerable people in the care of the Department. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected staff recruitment and retention at CDHS resulting in staffing shortages at critical levels. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jan 2022 - June 2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of this project will enable the Department to meet staffing needs to run CDHS programs and serve the vulnerable people in the care of the Department. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected staff recruitment and retention at many organizations including CDHS resulting in staffing shortages at critical levels. The US Treasury lays out in their guidance that human service agencies have been impacted by COVID-19.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
TAXATION DIVISION CUSTOMER SERVICE ENHANCEMENT

Project ID: PST010
Funding Amount: $1,035,708
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Department of Revenue seeks to continue and expand its reliance upon remote work models, which proved widely beneficial at both increasing access to the courts and improving safety during the pandemic, but requires additional funding to support the infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate increased reliance on IT-based workflows. Anticipated outcomes include improved customer service through better network and AV system reliability and flexibility along with improved network security for staff.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
YOUTH RAPID MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE
I MATTER - PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Project ID: PSI040
Funding Amount: $1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will promote the I Matter program PHI290 to raise awareness of the program and drive youth to sign up for free therapy sessions. The public awareness and outreach campaign will include the initial branding of the program, creative asset development, paid media strategy and execution, and community outreach to youth-serving organizations and schools. The I Matter communications campaign reaches youth with an emphasis on reaching youth in priority populations and parents/trusted adults with both English and Spanish communications via paid media tactics such as digital video, advanced TV streaming, audio terrestrial radio, out of home posters and pediatric office placements, social media, and search engine marketing. The intended outcome of the State’s behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES
The objective of the marketing campaign is to connect children and youth to rapid mental health and substance use services including those needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Public Health & Safety
CDHS BOOSTER INCENTIVES

Project ID: PPI010
Funding Amount: $6,045,200
Project Expenditure Category: 4.1-Public Sector Employees

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will provide staff up to 8 weeks of pay retention incentives and one-time vaccination bonuses for employees at 24/7 congregate care facilities run by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). These incentives intend to address staffing shortages and maintain safe facility operations as COVID-19 outbreaks and staff quarantines exacerbate already strained facilities. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsible and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline: Jan 2022 - June 2022

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFF SHORTAGE BOOSTER INCENTIVES

Project ID: PPC020
Funding Amount: $8,981,440
Project Expenditure Category: 4.1-Public Sector Employees

PROJECT OVERVIEW
To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing grants to employers that have eligible workers who are critical to protecting the health and wellbeing of state-mandated prison facilities. The Department of Corrections will allocate funds to CoreCivic for the use of hiring and retention bonuses in installments of $1,000/employee delivered at three points: November, 15, 2021; December 15, 2021; and February, 15, 2022 contingent upon continuous employment at CoreCivic. No more than $445,000 will be awarded per period and the final amount of funding awarded will be dependent on the number of employees who qualify for the bonuses. The intended outcome of this project ensures that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PREMIUM PAY

Project ID: PPF010
Funding Amount: $394,063
Project Expenditure Category: 4.1-Public Sector Employees

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Seven local public health agencies have opted to use funding for premium pay to public health staff who are performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.
Timeline Jul 2021 - Jun 2022

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
PRIVATE PRISON RETENTION BONUSES

Project ID: PPC010
Funding Amount: $1,335,000
Project Expenditure Category: 4.2-Private Sector Grants to other employers

PROJECT OVERVIEW
To respond to essential workforce needs during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing grants to employers that have eligible workers who were critical to protecting the health and wellbeing of state-mandated prison facilities. The Department of Corrections allocated funds to CoreCivic for the use of hiring and retention bonuses in installments of $1,000/employee delivered at three points: November 15, 2021, December 15, 2021, and February 15, 2022 contingent upon continuous employment at CoreCivic. No more than $445,000 was to be awarded per period and the final amount of funding awarded was dependent on the number of employees who qualified for the bonuses. The intended outcome of this project ensured that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
OIT BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BOARD

Project ID: INE030
Funding Amount: $35,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Funds will be used to provide fiber to connect communities across Colorado, including: Wadley Farms III, an island within Adams County; the tribal reservation of Towaoc located in Montezuma County; Greater Gunnison Gorge located is south and west of the City of Montrose in Montrose County and includes Bostwick Park the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Cimarron; areas within Montrose County; and areas south of Crawford in Delta County.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Broadband
BROADBAND GRANTS TO TRIBES

Project ID: RRE040
Funding Amount: $19,714,285
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Nations will each receive $98M for broadband planning and infrastructure deployment enabling them to serve 4,229 tribal members.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Broadband
BURNHAM YARD RAIL DEVELOPMENT

Project ID: RRH030
Funding Amount: $500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will secure this large land parcel in Central Denver and contribute to initial environmental review activities. The Department recently acquired Burnham Yard, a 59-acre rail yard just south of downtown Denver. The intent is to use the land to re-route an existing rail line that’s directly next to I-25 major highway, which would free-up space for a future expansion of the interstate. These funds will be used to help secure the property with fencing and provide protection of existing historic structures.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://www.codot.gov/programs/ctio/procurement/burnham-yard-security-services

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
EDO RECOVERY OFFICE ADMIN FUNDS-ARPA; GOV ADMIN

Project ID: RRN020
Funding Amount: $1,215,039
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project supports administrative costs for 25 FTE in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Executive Director's Office. EDO Recovery Office Staff will be responsible for financial monitoring and compliance; public communications and reporting; research evaluation and analysis; equity diversity and inclusion analysis and coordination; and any other work necessary to respond to the requests of the State Recovery Office. It will coordinate agency compliance with federal requirements, identify underserved populations, develop outreach strategies, and complete any other associated work needed by the DOLA Chief Recovery Officer. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.
Timeline: Aug 2021 - Dec 2024

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
EMPLOYEE MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM
EMRS HOSTING

Project ID: RRA020
Funding Amount: $25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will fund a contract with a third-party vendor for three years to provide the external hosting for the Employee Medical Records System, a necessary component of the Colorado State Employee Assistance Program (CSEAP). CSEAP is a free resource to all state employees for mental health counseling, leader consultation, critical incident response, mediation, or webinar and facilitation services. This program saw an increase in utilization following COVID, as well as expanded capabilities to support telehealth, necessitating expanded functionality for EMRS.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND

Project ID: RRK010
Funding Amount: $57,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will pay the State’s required payments as an employer as required by Proposition 118 passed in November, 2020 to the paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program administered by the Department of Labor and Employment. The FAMLI program ensures all Colorado workers including State employees have access to 12 weeks of paid leave in order to take care of themselves or their family during life circumstances that pull them away from their jobs. Both employers and employees will contribute premiums for the program and FAMLI will start providing benefits to employees beginning January 1, 2024 with premium payment collections beginning in 2023. This funding is expected to cover the premium payments for the State as an employer to the fund for about six years. These payments would otherwise be made with state tax or service fee generated revenues paid by Coloradans therefore allowing $57 million to be directed towards providing services across all government activities. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
GOVERNOR’S OFFICE- STIMULUS ADMIN

Project ID: RRE010
Funding Amount: $1,135,673
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Governor’s Office Term-limited staff, contracts, and operating costs. The project will provide for the proper oversight and implementation of stimulus funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
GOVERNOR’S OFFICE- STIMULUS OPERATIONS

Project ID: RRE020
Funding Amount: $1,348,410
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Governor’s Office-Operations Term-limited staff, contracts, and operating costs. The project will provide for the proper oversight and implementation of stimulus funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Capacity to Serve Coloradans
JUDICIAL RECOVERY OFFICER

Project ID: RRJ010
Funding Amount: $58,689
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Judicial Department Recovery Officer. The project will provide for the proper oversight and implementation of stimulus funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSE SYSTEM

Project ID: RRT010
Funding Amount: $2,250,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
These funds will be used to develop a mobile driver license, mDL system. Beyond simply visually displaying a photo of the user’s ID card, mDL technology enables an ID verifier, e.g. a police officer, bar, or TSA agent to send a digital request for the user to approve or deny. At the most basic level, mDL allows users to avoid having to hand over a physical ID card to a party seeking to verify their ID; in many cases users will not have to hand over or even visually display their phones. If the user has the necessary technology, users will be able to press a button to digitally transmit proof of identification directly to the verifier’s own device. This can occur at a distance with no person-to-person contact at all. Similarly users will also have the ability to transmit updated information at a distance to the DMV and vice versa. mDL will therefore enable a contactless experience for mDL users when sharing their credentials and greater control over the distribution of their personally identifiable information (PII).

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND MITIGATION OPTIONS MMOF

Project ID: RRH040
Funding Amount: $161,340,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will promote a “complete and integrated multimodal system” that benefits disadvantaged communities, rural areas, and provides safe routes to school for children. The funding for this program will be allocated for multimodal and GHG mitigation projects in the Southwest Chief La Junta Route Restoration Program and the newly created Front Range Passenger Rail District. A report will be produced at the conclusion of the program on the types of projects funded including Bike and Pedestrian; Travel Demand Management; Transit; Multimodal Studies.

PROGRAM WEBSITE
https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/mmof-local

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BUILDING PROJECTS

Project ID: RR9010
Funding Amount: $350,394,004
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Funding for capital projects that were funded as a part of the capital approval process of the Long Bill. All Capital Construction/Capital Renewal/Controlled Maintenance Projects funded in the FY2022-23 Long Bill were appropriated through the General Fund with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING STIMULUS ADMIN

Project ID: RRE030
Funding Amount: $2,127,305
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Governor’s Office-Planning and Budgeting Term-limited staff, contracts, and operations. The project will provide for the proper oversight and implementation of stimulus funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Project ID: RRA010
Funding Amount: $11,379,602.95
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will support staff at the Office of the State Controller to assist with the monitoring compliance and reporting of the American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF programs for the spending period. The vendor will assist the State in interpreting Treasury Guidance, communicating that guidance to agencies, monitoring SLFRF funds, and providing training on risk and compliance with Treasury requirements. The FTE will manage the vendor, develop communications, provide consultation and guidance to State agencies, assist with reporting, and perform other duties related to compliance monitoring and reporting as necessary. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
RECOVERY OFFICERS

Project ID: RRE100
Funding Amount: $1,557,761
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Recovery Office addresses the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response, and disaster recovery. It includes increased executive oversight needs and analysis, and the implementation of new federal funds through the performance period. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsible and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts

Timeline Jun 2021 - Dec 2024

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
REVITALIZING MAIN STREETS

Project ID: RRH020
Funding Amount: $22,160,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project is intended to help communities across the state implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and yield long-term benefits to community main streets. When defining a main street, CDOT is aiming to support areas in or adjacent to community-focused downtowns where people work, dine, and shop. These routes help form a specific region’s identity and act as the major economic hub in many towns and cities across Colorado.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

https://www.codot.gov/programs/revitalizingmainstreets

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
RURAL HEALTH FACILITIES BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE TELEHEALTH GRANTS

Project ID: RRE050
Funding Amount: $14,727,297
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will provide grants through the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to increase access to broadband services for providers, non-profits, correctional facilities and county jails, and other care providers who lack stable reliable internet access for telehealth visits.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Broadband
STATE HIGHWAY FUND SHOVEL READY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Project ID: RRH050
Funding Amount: $159,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will accelerate the implementation of shovel ready projects within the Colorado Department of Transportation’s 10-Year Vision plan ranging across the state from long-deferred resurfacing projects to large and complex expansion projects. This funding will advance work on major capital multimodal transit and rural paving projects.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Economic Recovery & Resilience
ADMINISTRATION OF NON ENTITLEMENT UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEUS

Project ID: ADN010
Funding Amount: $153,990
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project supports administrative costs and 1 FTE at the Department of Local Affairs to administer ARPA funds to non-entitlement units of local government. The division will use the funds during fiscal years 2021-23 to ensure compliance, distribute the first and second tranches of the recovery funds, and assist recipients in understanding federal requirements. These actions are required by the Treasury. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.
Timeline: Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
ARPA ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Project ID: ADU010
Funding Amount: $80,000
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Department of Health Care and Financing received funding to pay for start-up costs related to creating administrative infrastructure for ARPA-related projects. The funding was to hire a) human resources staff associated with the hiring of other positions associated with ARPA spending, b) accounting staff associated with tracking expenditures and developing reporting associated with ARPA spending, and c) procurement staff associated with writing and executing contracts associated with ARPA spending.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
ARPA INVESTMENT FUND MANAGEMENT

Project ID: ADW010
Funding Amount: $477,100
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will support increased staff time needs related to fund transaction management and access to investment analytics services necessary to manage the expanded state portfolio of SLFRF and other ARPA award amounts by the US Department of Treasury. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Timeline Feb 2022 - Dec 2024

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS

Capacity to Serve Coloradans
AUDIT COMPLIANCE- FUNDING FOR TERM LIMITED POSITIONS

Project ID: ADK020
Funding Amount: $556,752
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Audit Compliance- Funding for term limited positions to ensure Colorado Department of Labor Divisions are effectively complying with all grant reporting requirements and fiscal rules regardless of funding source as well as coordination of all audits and monitoring.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans
OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
COMPLIANCE EXPENSES

Project ID: ADA010
Funding Amount: $1,098,445
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This funding will support staff and contracted vendors at the Office of the State Controller to assist with the monitoring compliance and reporting of the American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF programs for the spending period. The vendor will assist the State in interpreting Treasury Guidance communicating that guidance to agencies monitoring SLFRF funds and providing training on risk and compliance with Treasury requirements. The FTE will manage the vendor develop communications provide consultation and guidance to State agencies assist with reporting and perform other duties related to compliance monitoring and reporting as necessary. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.
Timeline Jul 2021 - Dec 2024

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS
Capacity to Serve Coloradans