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Recovery Plan Performance Report

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress, signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related economic challenges. First proposed on January 14, 2021, the package builds upon many of the measures in the CARES Act of 2020, and in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, including \$350 billion in state and local aid to municipalities and counties through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to support immediate pandemic response, address economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

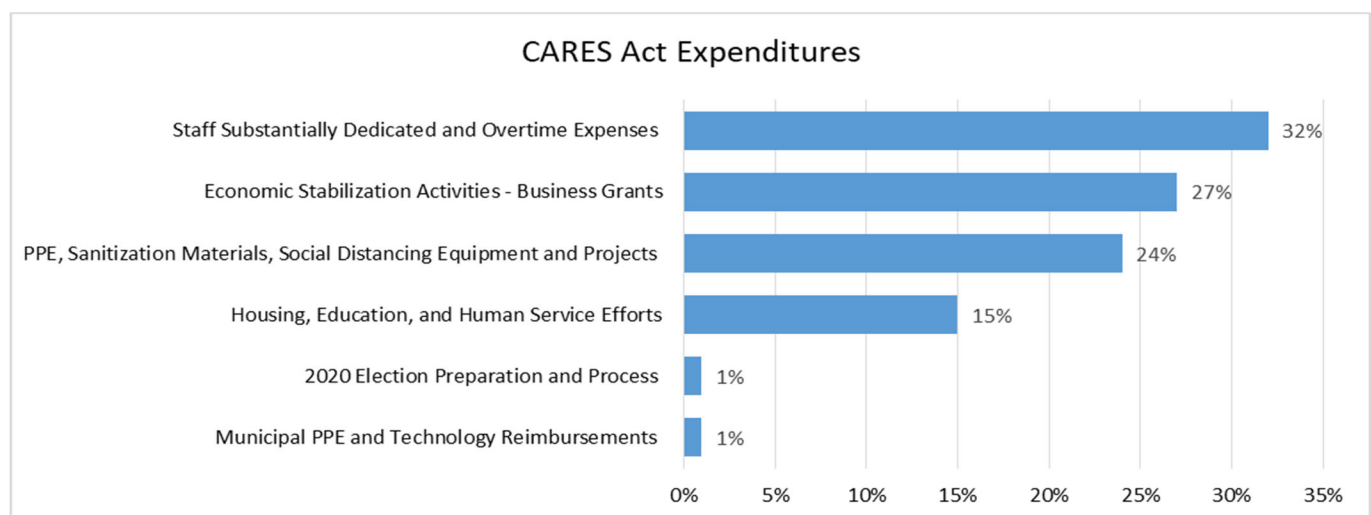
Bucks County government was awarded \$122,034,082 of SLFRF and received the first 50 percent payment of \$61,071,041 on May 19, 2021, and second 50 percent payment of \$61,072,041 on July 5, 2022. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 21, 2026. This project is being supported by Federal Award Number (FAIN SLFRP0222) awarded to the County of Bucks by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

County Recovery Plan Report

Bucks County is committed to utilizing ARPA funding in an innovative and equitable manner. We heard from our residents, community and business partners, and researched best practices and leveraged all other financial resources to develop impactful initiatives and investments that will have a long-term, measurable and sustainable impact. The plan contains detailed information on funding allocations and eligible expenditures, program initiatives and outcomes, and service level indicators for pandemic relief efforts provided to residents and businesses alike.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (2020) Recovery Efforts

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners, along with its County Department of Health, Emergency Services, Housing and Community Development, Workforce and Economic Development, and Human Services agencies, have deployed millions of dollars in federal, state, and local assistance to address the impact of the pandemic on residents, businesses, and organizations throughout the County. The chart below provides an aggregate of the funding utilized in these efforts:



While much work has been accomplished through the use of CARES Act funding, Bucks County is appreciative of the financial resources through the ARPA to continue to address the many challenges it faces in managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The public will be able to follow our initiatives and expenditures through this report, to learn the programs developed and how investments will provide a positive and long-lasting impact in our community.

Uses of Funds

The County intends to use its allocation of ARPA funds in the following areas as prescribed wherein:

- **Public Health:** The County aims to bolster its response to the pandemic and enhance public health initiatives. These efforts include funding for vaccination and healthcare services to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Negative Economic Impacts:** Funds will be utilized to mitigate the adverse economic effects of the pandemic on individuals, businesses, and communities. Support will be provided to affected industries, job training programs, and initiatives to revitalize the local economy.
- **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities:** The County is committed to providing targeted assistance to underserved communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Initiatives will be developed to address disparities in healthcare, education, and social services.
- **Premium Pay:** Essential workers who played a critical role in responding to the pandemic will receive premium pay to recognize their dedication and efforts during challenging times.
- **Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure:** Funds will be invested to improve water and sewer systems and expand internet access to ensure communities have essential utilities and digital connectivity.
- **Revenue Replacement:** The County will use funds to replace lost revenue due to the pandemic, ensuring essential services and programs are continued.

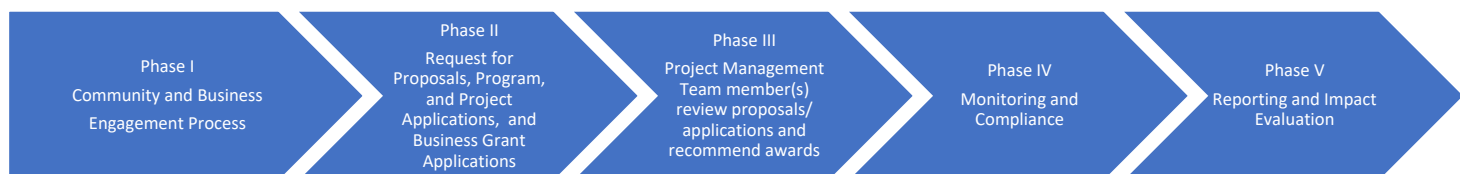
Project and program plans within each of the above categories have been identified and included in this plan. As required by County procurement policies and procedures, each project or program will be approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by resolution.

The plan will remain flexible and be revised as additional Treasury guidance is received, information is obtained, and priorities are identified. Program expenditures will be evaluated on a regular basis throughout the grant program period between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024. Program obligations will be reevaluated by the U.S. Department of Treasury deadline of December 31, 2024, and adjusted if warranted.

The County will use its accounting consultant and internal Project Management Team to provide fiscal administration and eligibility compliance in use of ARPA funds as it relates to program and project ideation, review and implementation to ensure that a comprehensive assessment of each program and project results in achieving County initiatives. The Project Management Team consists of representatives from the following County offices/departments:

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| - Office of the Chief Operating Officer | - Health Services Division |
| - Office of the Chief Financial Officer | - Human Resources Department |
| - Communications Department | - Human Services Department |
| - Community Services Division | - Information Technology Department |
| - Controller's Office | - Law Department |
| - Department of Corrections | - Purchasing Department |
| - Emergency Services Division | - Treasurer's Office |
| - General Services Division | |

The County's Project Management Team follows the phases outlined below to ensure efficient administration and oversight of all ARPA funded initiatives:



The County's SLFRF program, guided by these strategies and collaborations, aims to foster an equitable recovery, supporting various communities, populations, and individuals within the jurisdiction and building resilience against future challenges.

Programs Using Other Federal Recovery and State Funds

Department of Health

The following grants were provided to the County Health Department to fund increased efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH)

Grant: Public Health Preparedness (ELC CARES)

Purpose: Provide states with resources needed to detect, respond, and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Amount: \$1,380,118 Term: 3/1/2020-3/31/2021

Grant: Public Health Preparedness (ELC ED)

Purpose: Provide critical resources to state, local, and territorial health departments in support of a broad range of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities.

Amount: \$15,809,378 Term: 7/1/2020-11/19/2022

Grant: Bureau of Communicable Diseases (SAF funds)

Purpose: Federal increase funds in the health immunization grant for COVID related work

Amount: \$4,745,350.96 Term: 7/1/2020-6/30/2021

Grant: Public Health Preparedness (SAF funds)

Purpose: Provide expanded services to strengthen information management and community resilience.

Amount: \$1,707,953 Term: 7/1/2021-6/30/22

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Grant: NACCHO, MRC RISE, COVID-19 Award

Purpose: Provide resources to the MRC Network to support COVID-19 resource efforts

Amount: \$25,000 Term: 12/31/2022

Housing and Community Development Office

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program makes funding available to assist households unable to pay rent or utilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two separate federal programs were established: ERA1 provided up to \$25 billion under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020, and ERA2 provided up to \$21.55 billion under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021. The County Housing and Community Development Office provides administrative and financial oversight of the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (BERA). BERA program activities to date are provided below:

- \$63,852,386.87 has been spent in financial assistance to households and \$7,116,484.96 in administrative/housing stability services to total \$70,968,871.83 spent through all ERAP sources to date
- 6,194 households served with financial assistance through the program
- 33% (2,070) of households served are under 30% area median income (AMI)
- 33% (2,024) of households served are Black or African American, 51% (3,171) White, 7% (416) Multi-Racial, 1% (83) Asian, less than 1% (57) American Indian or Native Hawaiian, and 7% (443) refused or data not collected
- 12% (730) of households served identify as Hispanic/Latino
- 67% (4,134) of households served have a female head of household

Neshaminy Manor

The County's nursing home facility, Neshaminy Manor is a non-profit funded in part by the taxpayers of Bucks County, and the Federal and State government. The 360 bed sub-acute/skilled care facility provides short- and long-term care. Below are grants received to fund increased efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long-term Care	\$3,142,988.07
Health Resources and Services Administration	\$2,399,975.60

Emergency Services

The County's Emergency Services department received the following grants to fund increased efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:	\$12,994,055.97
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Department of Area Agency of Aging

The following grants were provided to the County Area Agency of Aging to fund increased efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

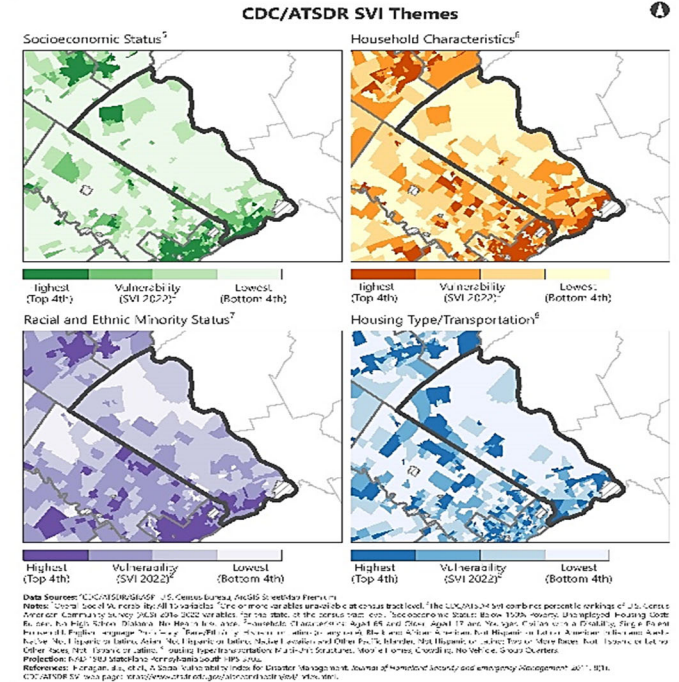
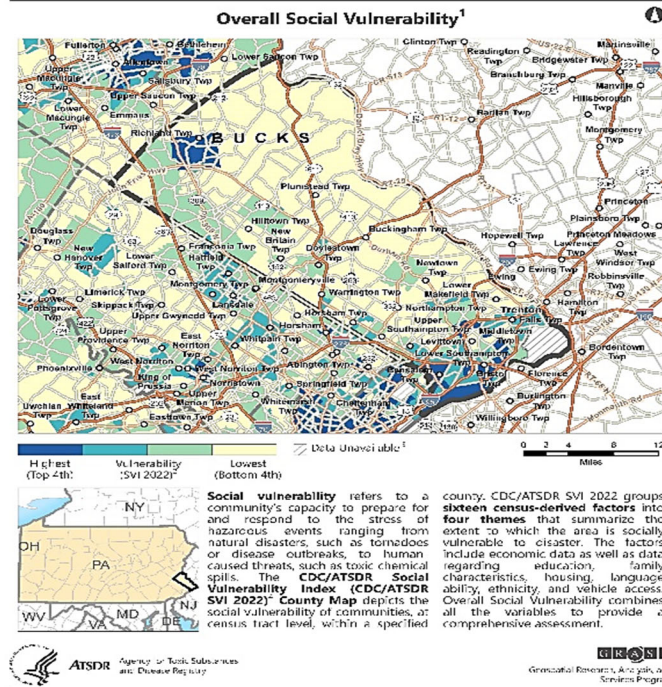
PA Department of Aging Cooperative Agreement	\$790,340.00
CFDA 93.045 ARPA Home Delivered Meals	\$358,947.00
CFDA 93.044 ARPA Support Services – as defined by OAO, ACL Title IIIB	\$191,575.00
CFDA 93.045 ARPA Congregate	\$239,818.00

Initiatives and Services that were funded by the above included: Senior Connect program for increasing electronic connectivity access for seniors; Fresh Produce box distribution; Emergency Meal supplies bi-annually for all home delivered meal consumers; Emergency food supplies for congregate meal sites; Increased nutrition services due to increased eligibility and participation by home delivered and congregate site consumers; Nutrition service equipment reimbursement to sub-contract senior centers.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Bucks County programs will be designed to promote equitable outcomes, advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities and vulnerable populations, specifically communities within social vulnerability tracts shown below and defined by the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (CDC SVI). Accordingly, communities must prepare for and respond to natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks. Reducing social vulnerability can decrease both human suffering and economic loss. Several factors, including poverty, lack of access to transportation and housing may weaken a community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in a pandemic or disaster. These factors are known as social vulnerability. CDC SVI uses U.S. Census data to determine the social vulnerability of every census tract. Census tracts are subdivisions of counties for which the Census collects statistical data. CDC SVI ranks each tract on 15 social factors and groups them into four related themes. Each tract receives a separate ranking for each of the four themes as well as an overall ranking (see graphic on next page).

Bucks County will focus its efforts on providing services and programs to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic which have been most severe among low-income, high-poverty populations through strategic targeted programs and improvements to existing services within identified areas of most need utilizing the CDC SVI. Outcomes will be achieved and reported accordingly.



Community and Business Engagement

Community

The County issued a COVID-19 needs assessment survey to its diverse nonprofit service provider network in early June 2021. Roundtable discussions were held with the providers to review survey results and prioritize current and future human service funding-based needs in the County. Below is a listing of the highest areas of concern discussed at these sessions:

- Behavioral Health & Developmental Support
- Affordable Housing
- Premium Pay
- Substance Use Treatment
- Increase Salaries of Social Services Staff
- Health Disparities
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Employment Support
- Education Disparities
- Homelessness
- Lost Revenue
- Technology/Internet Upgrades

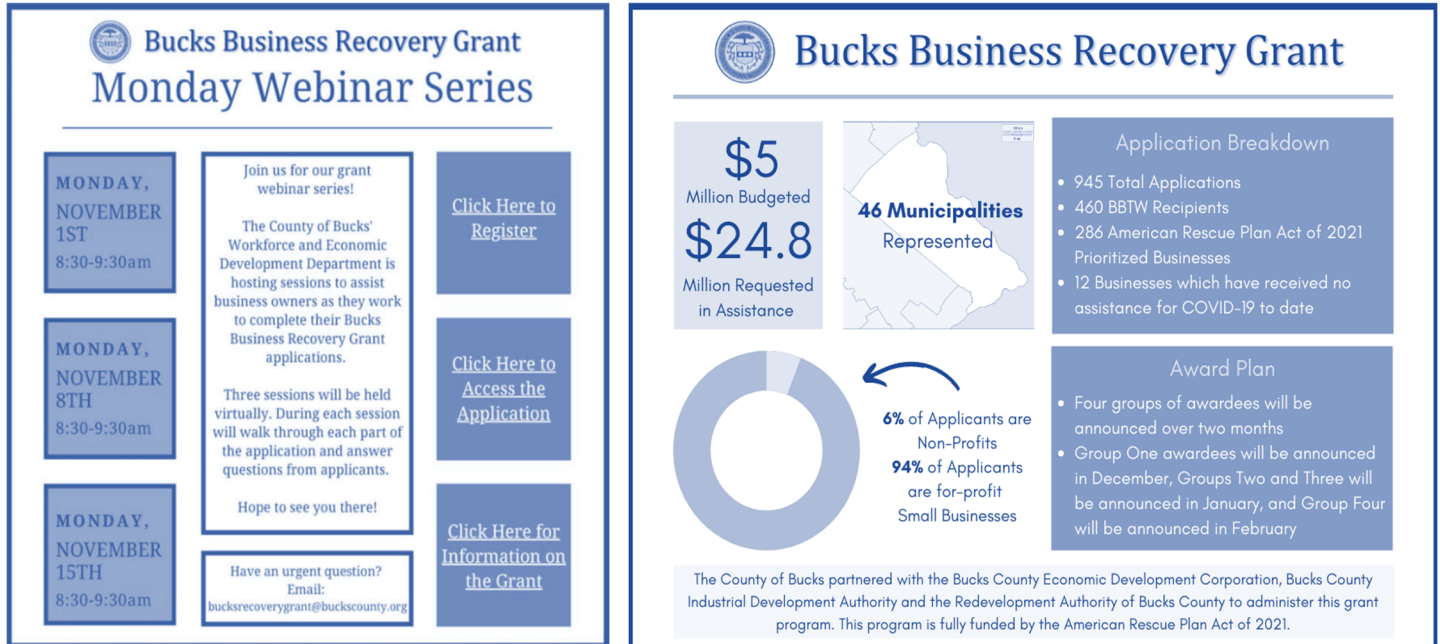
- Child Welfare and Foster Care
- Domestic Violence
- Food Security
- Healthcare for Children
- Healthy Childhood Environment
- Additional Training for Workers
- Negative Economic Impacts from COVID
- Re-entry of the Incarcerated
- Translation Services
- Schools
- Vaccine Incentives
- Juvenile Probations Office/Community Based Supports
- Credit Rating Support
- Facility Improvements

Funding Framework

Our community non-profit service providers developed program and project funding proposals based on the above identified areas of need. Proposals were evaluated and funded according to criteria developed to serve individuals with significant barriers to services, including people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficiency populations, and other underserved individuals with barriers.

Small Business

In addition, the County hosted a roundtable event in September 2021, for the small businesses and nonprofit community to discuss current economic recovery efforts as well as eligibility criteria to access the County's "Bucks Recovery" \$5mm business grant program. A webinar series was held for businesses to assist business owners with applications to the Bucks Recover Grant Program. Program metrics are provided below:



In 2025, Bucks County continues its commitment to community and business engagement efforts by promoting equitable outcomes and actively involving non- and for-profit service providers as well as small businesses in decision-making activities. The County recognizes the importance of addressing ongoing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and fostering economic recovery in an inclusive and impactful manner.

Labor Practices

Workforce practices and labor standards in place by the county will result in high-quality infrastructure projects. These practices and standards were in place in the County prior to receipt of the ARPA funds and will continue to be utilized in the execution of this plan. Davis-Bacon and related Acts, legally required for all federally funded projects, will be applied to infrastructure projects constructed using ARPA funds. The County has historically used Davis Bacon wages in all federally funded contracts with contractors and subcontractors. Davis-Bacon as well as our Responsible Contractor's Ordinance language will be incorporated into contracts where applicable so that employees performing work on ARPA funded projects are receiving required wage rates for their labor.

Use of Evidence

Informed by evidence-based principles, the County recognizes the value of program evaluations in shaping effective public programs and services. Evidence-based evaluations enable the application of scientific, tested, and proven methods of service delivery, allowing for the assessment of intended outcomes. As part of its responsible allocation of funds, the County continues to evaluate the best potential use of resources and adheres to "Use of Evidence" requirements. Going forward, all partner providers, sub-recipients, or contractors involved

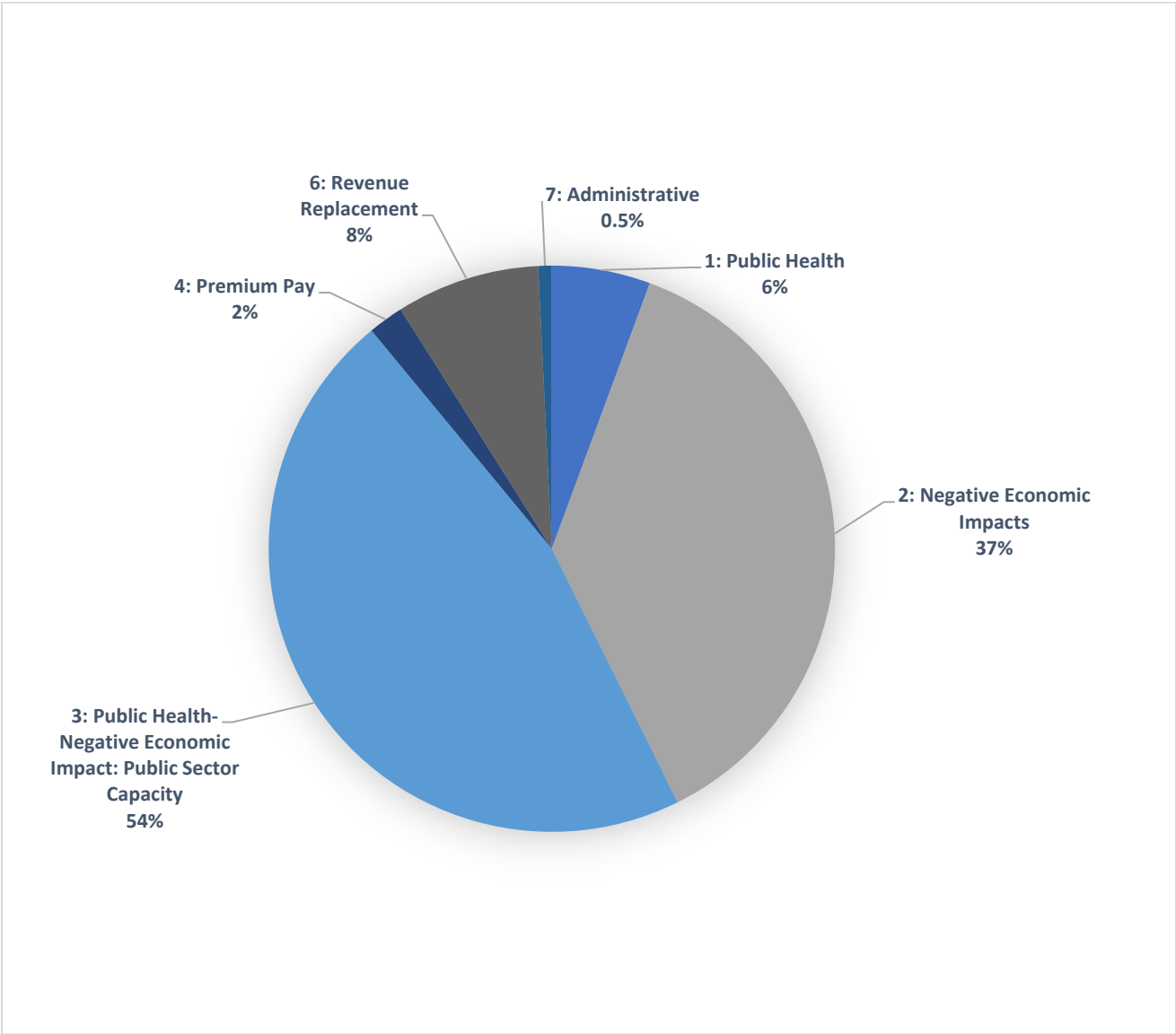
in ARPA-funded projects will be required to describe goals, evidence basis, and projected outcomes for the awarded project(s). This approach ensures that investments are targeted towards initiatives with proven efficacy, promoting transparency, and accountability in resource utilization.

By combining robust labor practices and evidence-based decision-making, Bucks County strives to maximize the impact of ARPA funds and deliver tangible benefits to its community. These principled approaches contribute to the successful execution of projects and the advancement of equitable and sustainable outcomes across the County.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

The use of ARPA funds will include support for Bucks County’s public health response, areas of negative economic impact, premium pay for essential workers, and water and sewer infrastructure with primary focus on services to disproportionately impacted businesses and communities. The chart below breaks down county expenditures by percentage and the table presented on the following pages include expenses by expenditure category. This chart and table will be updated as projects commence, and funds are expended in the applicable categories.



Expenditure Category		Budgeted Programs	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Obligated Funds
	1: Public Health	6,871,165.94	6,664,656.06	206,509.88
	COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention			
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination^ - Bucks County Vaccination Program	608,918.84	608,918.84	-
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Childcare facilities, etc.)*^ - Medical Care in Corrections Facilities	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	-
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)^	1,106,679.60	1,106,679.60	-
	Community Violence Interventions			
1.11	Community Violence Interventions*^ - Co-responders Program	240,000.00	190,810.29	49,189.71
1.11a	Community Violence Interventions*^ - Bucks County District Attorney Domestic Violence Investigations Program	300,000.00	142,679.83	157,320.17
	Behavioral Health			
1.12	Mental Health Services*^ - Mental Health Court Recovery House for Women	300,000.00	300,000.00	-
	Other			
1.14	Other Public Health Services^ - Vaccine Incentive Program (COB Workforce and Resident - Gift Cards)	115,567.50	115,567.50	-
	2: Negative Economic Impacts	45,208,935.41	30,338,758.94	14,870,176.47
	Assistance to Households			
2.10	Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)*^ - Workforce and Economic Development Programs	3,298,418.58	2,772,044.93	526,373.65
2.15	Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing*^ - Housing & Community Development Projects	11,146,210.20	3,335,794.28	7,810,415.92
2.18a	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^ - Housing & Community Development Housing and Homeless Services Projects	4,064,159.72	1,638,870.82	2,425,288.90
2.18b	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^ - Bucks United Flood Recovery Program (BUFR) renovation & mold remediation	2,408,663.26	2,408,663.26	-

2.18c	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^ - Children and Youth Housing Pathways Program – Home Purchase	447,203.75	447,203.75	-
2.23	Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties^ - construction of the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center	4,900,000.00	1,980,198.91	2,919,801.09
	Assistance to Small Businesses			
2.29	Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship^ - Bucks Small Business Recovery Program	4,874,000.00	4,874,000.00	-
2.30	Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning*^ - Technical Assistance to Businesses provided by County Economic Development Agencies	194,000.00	194,000.00	-
2.32	Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance*^ - Startup Bucks	48,419.34	48,419.34	-
	Assistance to Non-Profits			
2.34	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^ - Human Service Agencies	5,768,466.83	4,744,525.09	1,023,941.74
2.34a	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^ - Senior Centers	610,276.41	610,276.41	-
2.34b	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^ - Emergency Medical Services	5,238,929.83	5,146,807.42	92,122.41
	Aid to Impacted Industries			
2.35	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality^ - Visit Bucks County	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
	Other			
2.37a	Economic Impact Assistance: Other*^ - Fresh Farm Food Program	44,687.49	44,687.49	-
2.38	Education Assistance: Other*^ - Bucks County Community College Veteran's Education Program	165,500.00	93,267.24	72,232.76
	3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	56,540,426.71	56,540,426.71	
	General Provisions			
3.1	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers - County Corrections Salaries	55,477,968.25	55,477,968.25	-

3.4	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery - Election Program Investments (e-Poll Books)	328,973.51	328,973.51	-
3.5	Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs - Bucks County Justice Center Network Project	733,484.95	733,484.95	-
	4: Premium Pay	2,474,312.82	2,474,312.82	
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers - Human Service Agency Partners	2,474,312.82	2,474,312.82	-
	6: Revenue Replacement	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	
6.1	Provision of Government Services	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	-
	7: Administrative	939,241.12	354,785.34	584,455.78
7.1	Administrative Expenses	939,241.12	354,785.34	584,455.78
Total Budgeted/Expended		122,034,082.00	106,372,939.87	
Total ARPA Funding/Obligated		122,034,082.00		15,661,142.13

*Denotes areas where recipients must identify the amount of the total funds that are allocated to evidence-based interventions.

^Denotes areas where recipients must report on whether projects are primarily serving disproportionately impacted communities.

Project List and Performance Reporting

Listed below are the projects the County has funded during this reporting period and performance indicators.

1: Public Health		1
Expenditure Category:	1.1 - COVID - 19 Vaccination^	
Project:	Covid-19 Vaccination Program	
Description:	Covid-19 Vaccination program	
Budget:	\$608,918.84	
Expended to Date:	\$608,918.84	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	9,996 vaccinations administered at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. Please click here for COVID-19 vaccination information for County residents. Click here for a video on the county's homebound vaccine program.	



1: Public Health		2
Expenditure Category:	1.4 - Prevention in Congregate Settings*^	
Project:	Medical Care in Correction Facility	
Description:	Provision of health care in correctional facilities.	
Budget:	\$4,200,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$4,200,000.00	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: The Relationships of Prison Climate to Health Service in Correctional Environments: Inmate Health Care Measurement, Satisfaction and Access in Prisons		
Source: Ross, M. W., Liebling, A., & Tait, S.		
Description: “Abstract: Correctional institutions which are characterized by authoritarian organization may control access to health care services through filtering requests through correctional staff, or conversely by using staff to identify and facilitate inmate medical care. We investigated the relationship between inmate-assessed prison social climate and satisfaction with health care in over 4,800 male and female inmates in 49 English/Welsh correctional institutions (ranging from high to low security).”		
Type: Ross, M. W., Liebling, A., & Tait, S. (2011). The relationships of prison climate to health service in correctional environments: inmate health care measurement, satisfaction and access in prisons. <i>The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice</i> , 50(3), 262-274. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1468-2311.2011.00658.x		
Name of Study: Correctional Health Care: A Public Health Opportunity		
Source: Glaser, J. B., & Greifinger, R. B.		
Description: “Abstract: The approximately 1.2 million inmates in U.S. correctional institutions have a high prevalence of communicable diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, tuberculosis, hepatitis B virus infection, and gonorrhea. Before their incarceration, most inmates had limited access to health care, which, together with poor compliance because of lifestyle, made them difficult to identify and treat in the general community.”		

Type: Glaser, J. B., & Greifinger, R. B. (1993). Correctional health care: a public health opportunity. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 118(2), 139-145. https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/abs/10.7326/0003-4819-118-2-199301150-00010	
Performance Report:	Expenditures in this category are for an increased level of medical care necessary in the prison as a direct result of COVID-19. There were 1807 COVID tests performed (about 35 were positive) to date. The County's contracted healthcare provider, Prime Care staff tested positive as well during some heightened outbreaks.

1: Public Health		3
Expenditure Category:	1.6 - Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)^	
Project:	Medical Expenses	
Description:	COVID-19 medical expenses.	
Budget:	\$1,106,679.60	
Expended to Date:	\$1,106,679.60	
Percent Complete:	100%	

1: Public Health		4
Expenditure Category:	1.11-Community Violence Interventions*^	
Project:	Co-responders Program	
Description:	The co-responder program provides an integrated approach for individuals living with a mental illness, intellectual disability, autism, and/or co-occurring disorder during law enforcement encounters to prevent the situation from rising to the level of law enforcement custody.	
Budget:	\$240,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$190,810.29	
Percent Complete:	Completed 50% or more	

Use of Evidence:	
Name of Study: Exploring and Evaluating the Effectiveness of Greeley's Mental Health Co-Responder Program and "Squad 1" Source: Angiuli, M Description: "Abstract: Law enforcement officers are often the de facto emergency response for mental health crises despite having little to no mental health training. With nearly 20% of U.S. adults reporting experiencing a mental illness and recent police reform movements bringing attention to alternative policing practices and policies, there is arguably a need for comprehensive mental health treatment and emergency response in the U.S. (Mental Health America, n.d.)." Type: Angiuli, M. (2023). Exploring and Evaluating the Effectiveness of Greeley's Mental Health Co-Responder Program and "Squad 1". https://digscholarship.unco.edu/theses/279/	
Name of Study: Optimal Care Pathways for People in Suicidal Crisis Who Interact with First Responders: A Scoping Review Source: Kerr, K., Heffernan, E., Hawgood, J., Edwards, B., & Meurk, Description: "First responders play a vital role in attending to people in suicidal crisis and influencing their care. Aims: To examine existing care pathways and models of care that could be used for people in a suicidal crisis who have come to the attention of first responders." Type: Kerr, K., Heffernan, E., Hawgood, J., Edwards, B., & Meurk, C. (2022). <i>Optimal care pathways for people in suicidal crisis who interact with first responders: a scoping review. International journal of environmental research and public health</i> , 19(18), 11510. https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/18/11510	
Performance Report:	The Bucks County Co-Responders served 2270 individuals and conducted over 10,000 encounters and follow-ups that law enforcement did not have to complete on their own since December 2020. During that same timeframe the co-responders from Bristol Township, Bristol Borough, and

	Tullytown Police Department served 350 and conducted 2034 encounters and follow-ups. During this time frame, the co-responder program went from working with Bensalem Police Department to work with the Police Departments of Bensalem, Falls, Middletown, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Tullytown, Quakertown, Bedminster, Dublin Borough, Pennridge Regional, Perkasie, Richland Township, Springfield, Hilltown, Tinicum, Warrington, Warwick, Warminster Yardley, Lower Makefield, Morrisville, Upper Makefield, Newtown Borough, and Newtown Township. There is also more to come in 2025.
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Bucks County Co-Responders Program

1: Public Health		5
Expenditure Category:	1.11 - Community Violence Interventions*^	
Project:	Domestic Violence Investigations Program	
Description:	The Bucks County District Attorney Domestic Violence Investigations Program aims to prevent and address domestic violence within the county. The program involves collaboration between the Bucks County District Attorney's office, local law enforcement agencies, and community partners to provide resources, training, and support to victims of domestic violence. The program also aims to enhance the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence cases by providing specialized training and expertise to law enforcement personnel. Finally, the program aims to improve the safety and well-being of individuals affected by domestic violence in Bucks County. Click here for program information.	
Budget:	\$300,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$142,679.83	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programs: A Proposal for Evidence-Based Standards in the United States		
Source: Babcock, J., Armenti, N., Cannon, C., Lauve-Moon, K., Buttell, F., Ferreira, R., & Solano, I.		
Description: “In the United States, the judicial system response to violence between intimate partners, or intimate partner violence (IPV), typically mandates that adjudicated perpetrators complete a batterer intervention program (BIP). The social science data has found that these programs, on the whole, are only minimally effective in reducing rates of IPV. The authors examined the social science literature on the characteristics and efficacy of BIPs. More than 400 studies were considered, including a sweeping, recently conducted survey of BIP directors across the United States and Canada.”		
Type: Babcock, J., Armenti, N., Cannon, C., Lauve-Moon, K., Buttell, F., Ferreira, R., & Solano, I. (2016). Domestic violence perpetrator programs: A proposal for evidence-based standards in the United States. Partner abuse, 7(4), 355-460.		
https://connect.springerpub.com/content/sgrpa/7/4/355.abstract		

The Domestic Violence Investigations (DVI) program collaborates with various partners, such as law enforcement, mental health, medical, and victim services, to create a comprehensive approach to addressing domestic violence. Through evidence-based interventions, we provide crucial insights that inform decisions on charging, sentencing, and supervising domestic violence offenders.

Our program integrates evidence-based practices by meticulously compiling reports that adhere to rigorous evidence standards. These reports encompass a comprehensive history of incidents, medical records, statements, and other sources. This approach enhances the prosecution of offenders and bolsters victim support.

Moreover, our commitment to evidence-based practices extends to ongoing program evaluation. We assess criminal justice outcomes for specific offender ranges, allowing us to continuously refine and optimize our interventions. Cases like Com. V. Abesain Horta, Jr. and Com. V. Michael Leedom underscores the program's efficacy through informed sentencing decisions.

Performance Report:	From 3/1/2022 (start of our contract agreement) until present there have been 147 DVI investigations. Charges against defendants that caused the DVI requests in that timeframe include Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Simple Assault, Burglary, Stalking, Kidnapping, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.
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1: Public Health		6
Expenditure Category:	1.12 - Mental Health Services*^	
Project:	Mental Health Court Recovery House for Women	
Description:	Mental Health Court Recovery House for Women	
Budget:	\$300,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$300,000.00	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration for People with Mental Health Needs in the Criminal Justice System: The Cost-Savings Implications Source: Cloud, D., & Davis, C. Description: “This report examines the cost savings resulting from the use of treatment alternatives to incarceration for mentally ill offenders.” Type: Cloud, D., & Davis, C. (2013). Treatment alternatives to incarceration for people with mental health needs in the criminal justice system: The cost-savings implications. <i>Vera Institute of Justice</i>. https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/treatment-alternatives-incarceration-people-mental-health-needs-0		
Name of Study: Does gender matter? Exploring mental health recovery court legal and health outcomes Source: Kothari, C. L., Butkiewicz, R., Williams, E. R., Jacobson, C., Morse, D. S., & Cerulli, C Description: “Based upon therapeutic justice principles, mental health courts use legal leverage to improve access and compliance to treatment for defendants who are mentally ill. Justice-involved women have a higher prevalence of mental illness than men, and it plays a greater role in their criminal behavior.” Type: Kothari, C. L., Butkiewicz, R., Williams, E. R., Jacobson, C., Morse, D. S., & Cerulli, C. (2014). Does gender matter? Exploring mental health recovery court legal and health outcomes. <i>Health & justice</i>, 2, 1-11. https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s40352-014-0012-0		
Performance Report:	Property acquisition accomplished during this reporting period. Metrics will be reported in future reports. This originally started with an ARPA contract back in November 2022 to provide Co-Mans, Inc. with \$300,000 of funding for Down Payment, Closing Costs, and Inspections for the new Women’s Wellness House. The ARPA funding was fully used in Nov/Dec	

	2022. Ongoingly, the BH/DP dept funds operations of the program with Human Service Block Grant funds. It opened with 4 beds and served 4 women in FY 23-24.
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1: Public Health		7
Expenditure Category:	1.14 - Other Public Health Services^	
Project:	Vaccine Incentive Program	
Description:	Covid-19 vaccine incentive program - \$50.00 gift cards	
Budget:	\$115,567.50	
Expended to Date:	\$115,567.50	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Total number of gift cards provided to vaccinated employees - 2,300	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		8
Expenditure Category:	2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers*^	
Project:	Workforce & Economic Development Programs	
Description:	Project will support unemployed or underemployed workers in Bucks County through various workforce programs, including job training. A key component of the program will be acquisition of a Workforce on Wheels vehicle to offer pop-up CareerLink Services, bringing job fairs and resources directly to residents throughout the county.	
Budget:	\$3,298,418.50	
Expended to Date:	\$2,772,044.93	
Percent Complete:	Completed 50% or more	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Health and Unemployment Source: Dooley, David, Jonathan Fielding, and Lennart Levi. Description: "ABSTRACT: This paper reviews the relationship between health and inadequate employment, especially unemployment. Poor physical or mental health can lead, via poor work performance, to job loss; however, studies that control for such selection effects are still scarce except for a few health outcomes. For example, aggregate-level studies typically find a positive association between unemployment and suicide rates over time. At the individual level of analysis, panel surveys of laid-off workers tend to find increased psychiatric problems such as depression and substance abuse. Few studies have evaluated interventions to prevent or reduce the adverse health effects of job loss. There have been even fewer studies of the health effects of other types of inadequate employment such as the increasingly prevalent forms of underemployment." Type: Dooley, David, Jonathan Fielding, and Lennart Levi. "Health and unemployment." Annual review of public health 17.1 (1996): 449-465. https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.pu.17.050196.002313?journalCode=publhealth		
Name of Study: Do job fairs matter? Experimental evidence on the impact of job-fair attendance Source: Beam, E. A Description: "Abstract I estimate the causal impact of attending a job fair on employment outcomes and labor market perceptions, using a randomized encouragement design to induce individuals in the rural Philippines to attend a nearby job fair for domestic and overseas work." Type: Beam, E. A. (2016). Do job fairs matter? Experimental evidence on the impact of job-fair attendance. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 120, 32-40. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0304387815001303		
Performance Report:	See Appendix A for a list of programs/projects and outcomes.	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		9
Expenditure Category:	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing*^	
Project:	Affordable Housing	
Description:	Affordable housing projects in Bucks County. Click here for County housing information.	
Budget:	\$11,146,210.20	
Expended to Date:	\$3,335,794.28	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Housing Is Health: A Renewed Call for Federal Housing Investments in Affordable Housing for Families With Children		
Source: Bovell-Ammon A, Yentel D, Koprowski M, Wilkinson C, Sandel M.		
Description: “A stable, affordable home in communities connected to opportunity is a prescription for good health. Unfortunately, this medication is not found on the shelves of pharmacies. This means pediatric providers and health care systems must work together across multisector partnerships and with policy makers to ensure all children live in homes that support healthy growth and development while also promoting health equity.”		
Type: <i>Academic Pediatrics</i> , vol. 21, no. 1, 2021, pp. 19–23., https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acap.2020.06.141		
Name of Study: Providing Affordable Family Housing and Reducing Residential Segregation by Income.		
Source: Anderson LM, Charles JS, Fullilove MT, Scrimshaw SC, Fielding JE, Normand J; Task Force on Community Preventive Services		
Description:		
Type: <i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i> , vol. 24, no. 3, 2003, pp. 47–67., https://doi.org/10.1016/s0749-3797(02)00656-6 .		
Performance Report:	See Appendix B for a list of programs/projects and outcomes.	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		10
Expenditure Category:	2.18a - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^	
Project:	Housing and Community Development Projects	
Description:	Homeless service support program in partnership with county service providers.	
Budget:	\$4,064,159.72	
Expended to Date:	\$1,638,870.82	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Homelessness during COVID-19: challenges, responses, and lessons learned from homeless service providers in Tippecanoe County, Indiana		
Source: Rodriguez, N.M., Lahey, A.M., MacNeill, J.J. et al.		
Description: “The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare some of the United States’ most devastating health and social inequities faced by people experiencing homelessness. Homeless populations experience disproportionate rates of underlying health conditions, stigma and marginalization that often disenfranchise them from health and social services and living conditions that potentiate the risk of COVID-19 transmission and adverse outcomes.”		
Type: Rodriguez, Natalia M., et al. "Homelessness during COVID-19: challenges, responses, and lessons learned from homeless service providers in Tippecanoe County, Indiana." BMC Public Health 21.1 (2021): 1-10. https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-021-11687-8		
Name of Study: Homelessness: Programs and the People They Serve. Summary Report. Findings of the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients.		
Source: Burt, Martha R., et al.		

Description: "The National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients (NSHAPC) was conducted to provide information about the providers of homeless assistance services and the characteristics of homeless clients who use them. This survey was conducted for use by federal agencies and other interested parties responsible for administering homeless assistance programs."
Type: Burt, Martha R., et al. "Homelessness: Programs and the People They Serve. Summary Report. Findings of the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients." (1999).
<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED438347>

Performance Report: See Appendix B for a list of programs/projects and outcomes.

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Expenditure Category:	2.18b - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^
Project:	Bucks United Flood Recovery Program
Description:	Bucks United Flood Recovery Program (BUFR) is a partnership between United Way of Bucks County and the County of Bucks to help implement services in support of the recovery from severe flooding on July 12, 2021. Services provided under the BUFR program may include emergency repairs mold mitigation and/or remediation rebuild rehabilitation and other services that ensure that the dwellings of low- and moderate-income Bucks County residents are safe, secure and sanitary. Click here for program flyer and application information.
Budget:	\$2,408,663.26
Expended to Date:	\$2,408,663.26
Percent Complete:	100%
Performance Report:	Services provided under BUFR program may include, but are not limited to 1) Emergency Repairs, 2) Mold mitigation and/or remediation, 3) Rebuild and rehabilitation and/or other services that ensure that the dwellings of low- and moderate-income Bucks County residents are safe, secure, and sanitary, and that exposure to health risks posed by COVID-19



	are reduced. In response to the coronavirus crisis, the within funding will aid those impacted by the flooding that established the Declaration of Disaster Emergency in Bensalem, Bristol Borough, and Bristol Township. Expenditures during this period have assisted a total of 22 households including a congregate care facility. Thirteen households are below 65% AMI, four were eligible for unemployment, eight receive Medicaid or other medical assistance, four receive food stamps, and one is eligible for women, infants, and children (WIC).
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2: Negative Economic Impacts		12
Expenditure Category:	2.18c -Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^	
Project:	Children and Youth Housing Pathways Program - Home Acquisition	
Description:	Pathways Program Property Acquisition	
Budget:	\$447,353.75	
Expended to Date:	\$447,353.75	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Property acquisition accomplished. Property will serve Children and Youth involved families.	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		13
Expenditure Category:	2.23 - Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties^	
Project:	Demolition of Women's Center for the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center (DART)	
Description:	Demolition of the County's former Women's Center and construction of the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center.	
Budget:	\$4,900,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$1,980,198.91	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Performance Report:	The demolition of the Women's Correction Center was completed in the spring of 2023 at which time the demolition contracts were closed out. Construction of the new DART Center officially began (notice to proceed given to contractors) on October 20,2023. Construction of the project is ongoing and is 75% complete as of July 31, 2025, with an anticipated 100% completion date in December 2025.	



2: Negative Economic Impacts		14
Expenditure Category:	2.29 - Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship^	
Project:	Bucks Small Business Recovery Grant Program	
Description:	Grants to Bucks County small businesses to recover economically from the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.	
Budget:	\$4,874,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$4,874,000.00	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Total number of COVID-19 grants provided to small businesses or nonprofits to date - 776	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		15
Expenditure Category:	2.30 - Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning*^	
Project:	Bucks Small Business Recovery Grant Technical Assistance	
Description:	Technical assistance provided to process Bucks Recovery Grant program. Click here for information about County Economic Development Agencies and COVID-19 resources.	
Budget:	\$194,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$194,000.00	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Does Post-Disaster Recovery Funding Promote Mitigation in Small Businesses? Source: Kim, S & Chandrasekhar, D. Description: "A key opportunity for increasing the focus on mitigation funding for small businesses during recovery is to coordinate disaster recovery and regular economic development programs, which offer key resources for small business planning, and which can improve business resilience overall." Type: Kim, S & Chandrasekhar, D. (2022). Does Post-Disaster Recovery Funding Promote Mitigation in Small Businesses? Natural Hazards Center Mitigation Matters Grant Report Series, 14. Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. Available at: https://hazards.colorado.edu/mitigation-matters-report/does-post-disaster-recovery-funding-promote-mitigation-in-small-businesses		
Name of Study: Small business disaster recovery: a research framework Source: Marshall, M.I., Schrank, H.L. Description: "A new dynamic research framework for small business recovery is proposed which allows for a shared framework and vocabulary" Type: Maria Marshall & Holly Schrank, 2014. "Small business disaster recovery: a research framework," Natural Hazards: Journal of the International Society for the Prevention and Mitigation of Natural Hazards, Springer; International Society for the Prevention and Mitigation of Natural Hazards, vol. 72(2), pages 597-616, June. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11069-013-1025-z		
Performance Report:	Total number of businesses provided with technical assistance - 945	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		16
Expenditure Category:	2.32 - Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion*^	
Project:	Startup Bucks	
Description:	Startup Bucks, established in 2019, is a 501(c)3 organization with the mission to support innovative companies in Bucks County. It achieves this by assisting business founders and fostering connections within the local startup ecosystem. Their work centers around three key areas: organizing events and forums for community building, providing programs and guidance to empower business founders, and facilitating access to venture funding sources. Click here for link to Start-up Bucks.	

Budget:	\$48,419.34
Expended to Date:	\$48,419.34
Percent Complete:	100%
Use of Evidence:	
Name of Study: Small Business Assistance Programs in the United States: An Analysis of What They Are, How Well They Perform, and How We Can Learn More About Them Source: Gu, Qian and Karoly, Lynn A. and Zissimopoulos, Julie M Description: "Small businesses play a significant role in economic development and growth in the United States and their vital importance in the American economy has prompted federal and state governments and private organizations to implement various programs to facilitate small business creation and expansion" Type: Gu, Qian and Karoly, Lynn A. and Zissimopoulos, Julie M., Small Business Assistance Programs in the United States: An Analysis of What They Are, How Well They Perform, and How We Can Learn More About Them (November 4, 2008). RAND Working Paper No. WR- 603-EMKF, Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=1295625 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1295625	
Name of Study: COVID-19 Relief Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options. Source: Dilger, R. J., Lindsay, B. R., & Lowry, S. Description: "This report provides a brief description of the SBA's programs and examines congressional action to assist small businesses during and immediately following the Great Recession (2007- 2009) and during the COVID-19 pandemic." Type: Dilger, R. J., Lindsay, B. R., & Lowry, S. (2020). COVID-19 Relief Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options. Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service. https://case.house.gov/uploadedfiles/r46284_small_business_help.pdf	
Performance Report:	Total Applications Received: 145 (Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 rounds) Feedback Sessions Provided to Non-Advanced Applicants: 30 Follow-on Funding Received by Ongoing Recipient Startups: \$5,000,000 Local Job Creation: 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in Bucks County

2: Negative Economic Impacts		17
Expenditure Category:	2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations^	
Project:	Human Service Providers Projects	
Description:	The County, through its Division of Human Services, allocated funds to shore up critical elements of the county's mental health system and enhance community services and support.	
Budget:	\$5,768,466.83	
Expended to Date:	\$4,744,525.09	
Percent Complete:	Completed 50% or more	
Performance Report:	See Appendix C for a list of programs/projects and outcomes.	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		18
Expenditure Category:	2.34a - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations^	
Project:	Senior Center Assistance for Lost Revenue	
Description:	Provides financial support to senior centers in the county that have experienced revenue losses due to the negative economic impacts of Covid-19. The initiative will assist impacted nonprofit organizations, ensuring sustainability and continued service to the senior community.	
Budget:	\$610,276.41	
Expended to Date:	\$610,276.41	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Project provided support to 13 senior centers throughout the county, acknowledging the unique financial hardships experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to December 31, 2024, final detailed allocation	

	for funding will be designated for use through 2026 for COVID 19 mitigation and prevention supports under the Public Health Expenditure Category for several of the centers and also for Social Determinants of Health: Other under the Expenditure Category of Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities for Fresh Produce box access via the senior center locations for distribution to their population via local farm. During Federal Fiscal year 24 (Oct 2023 – Sept 2024) the County did not distribute remaining allocation of funds pending review of needs after the initial distribution due to identified Assistance for Lost Revenue need.
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2: Negative Economic Impacts		19
Expenditure Category:	2.34b - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations^	
Project:	Assistance to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Providers	
Description:	Project will provide critical funding to EMS squads facing staffing challenges due to the COVID crisis. The funds will support squad members with overtime payments, encourage retention, and facilitate recruitment efforts. Educational support will also be offered to current members. This funding is vital for maintaining a robust EMS system, which serves as the county's primary healthcare safety net. By addressing staffing issues and improving reimbursements, this initiative will strengthen rescue squads and ensure a well-prepared and responsive emergency medical service for the community.	
Budget:	\$5,238,929.83	
Expended to Date:	\$5,146,807.42	
Percent Complete:	Completed more than 50%	
Performance Report:	The project has contributed to supporting 13 EMS squads throughout the county, acknowledging the unique financial hardships they have and are experiencing now and during the pandemic. Tuition and precept time was paid for 9 EMT to go through the Paramedic Program; 27 providers salaries were paid while completing certificates; and 15 EMTs were sponsored for the AEMT program. As well as 49 providers were paid under the recruitment portion, and 292 providers were paid under the retention portion of the grant. Three Agencies are sending eight staff to paramedic classes and two staff to Advanced EMT classes providing salary while in class. One agency is providing retention bonuses to qualifying employees. Emergency Health Services was provided \$153,000 of unobligated EMS APRA for a Training Ambulance for their EMS training institute. This addition to the training institute will enhance EMS career readiness. Most EMS organizations require candidates to be credentialed as Emergency Vehicle Operators. This ambulance will allow us to provide this course with the burden of candidates needing to be affiliated with an organization and lessen the burden on organizations requiring them to send a staff member with a candidate in an agency ambulance to the training. It will also enhance simulation during the training.	

2: Negative Economic Impacts		20
Expenditure Category:	2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality^	
Project:	Visit Bucks County	
Description:	Program to enhance and develop promotional advertisements and print media to attract visitors to Bucks County.	

Budget:	\$2,000,000.00
Expended to Date:	\$2,000,000.00
Percent Complete:	100%
Performance Report:	Bucks County saw a 23% drop in visitation which lead to a 33% decrease in spending in Bucks County during 2019 and 2020. Through the development of promotional advertisements and print media, the project has successfully contributed to bolstering tourism, travel, and hospitality in Bucks County. The project's efforts have yielded engaging promotional materials that effectively attract visitors, stimulating economic activity and mitigating negative economic impacts. The video Visit Bucks County was watched over 350,000 times just in the month of December 2021. In April 2022 the organic engagement on Facebook posts were increased 4.5%, and in May 2022 it was increased 42.4%. In June the posts reached people in the following cities: NY, Philly, Baltimore, and Washington DC; as well as people in the follow countries: US, United Kingdom, Canada, and Italy.

2: Negative Economic Impacts		21
Expenditure Category:	2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance: Other*^	
Project:	Farm Fresh Food Purchase Program	
Description:	Farm fresh food purchase program for the Bucks County Youth Center and other County entities.	
Budget:	\$44,687.49	
Expended to Date:	\$44,687.49	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Farm Fresh Foods for Healthy Kids (F3HK): An innovative community supported agriculture intervention to prevent childhood obesity in low-income families and strengthen local agricultural economies. Source: Seguin RA, Morgan EH, Hanson KL, Ammerman AS, Jilcott Pitts SB, Kolodinsky J, Sitaker M, Becot FA, Connor LM, Garner JA, McGuirt JT. Description: “The aim of this project is to assess the impact of subsidized, or "cost-offset," community supported agriculture participation coupled with tailored nutrition education for low-income families with children.” Type: <i>BMC Public Health</i>, U.S. National Library of Medicine, 8 Apr. 2017, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5385092/		
Name of Study: Community Supported Agriculture Plus Nutrition Education Improves Skills, Self-Efficacy, and Eating Behaviors among Low-Income Caregivers but Not Their Children: A Randomized Controlled Trial. Source: Seguin-Fowler RA, Hanson KL, Jilcott Pitts SB, Kolodinsky J, Sitaker M, Ammerman AS, Marshall GA, Belarmino EH, Garner JA, Wang W. Description: “Adults and children in the U.S. consume inadequate quantities of fruit and vegetables (FV), in part, due to poor access among households with lower socioeconomic status. One approach to improving access to FV is community supported agriculture (CSA) in which households purchase a ‘share’ of local farm produce throughout the growing season. This study examined the effects of cost-offset (half-price) CSA plus tailored nutrition education for low-income households with children.” Type: <i>International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity</i>, vol. 18, no. 1, 2021, https://doi.org/10.1186/s12966-021-01168-x		
Performance Report:	To date food has been purchased by the County from local growers for the County’s Youth Center; a temporary holding facility for alleged and adjudicated delinquent juveniles between ages of 10 and 18 years of age. The Youth Center also operates a Non-Secure, Community Based	

	Residential Service Unit for males and females. The Residential Program offers individual, group and family counseling for its residents and operates under a Restorative Justice Model. The Youth Center is a 56-bed facility, 36 are detention and 20 residential.
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2: Negative Economic Impacts		22
Expenditure Category:	2.38 - Education Assistance: Other*^	
Project:	Veteran's Educational Support Program	
Description:	Provides dedicated staff person to assist and coordinate wrap-around support to Veteran students and adults re-entering the community who come to the college for post-secondary credentials.	
Budget:	\$165,500.00	
Expended to Date:	\$93,267.24	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Use of Evidence:		
Name of Study: Improving educational outcomes for first year and first-generation veteran students: An exploratory study of a persistent outreach approach in a veteran-student support program Source: Barragan, C., Ryckman, L., & Doyle, W Description: "Effective veteran-student programs that include advising help to bridge military culture with campus culture. These programs assist with military-to-campus transitions and achieving veteran-student academic success. Persistent outreach is an advising strategy that includes proactive and intentional engagement that anticipates student concerns." Type: Barragan, C., Ryckman, L., & Doyle, W. (2021). Improving educational outcomes for first year and first-generation veteran students: An exploratory study of a persistent outreach approach in a veteran-student support program. <i>The Journal of Continuing Higher Education</i> , 70(1), 42–57. https://doi.org/10.1080/07377363.2021.1908773		
Performance Report:	Bucks County Community College's (Bucks) program currently provides support to active duty, National Guard, military reserves, veterans, and military-connected students, and individuals residing or re-entering Bucks County, PA who were previously served. As of October 2024, Bucks County Community College Veterans Services is serving 92 unduplicated students. The addition of the Military-Connected Services department has created a point of contact for military-connected students. It has enhanced student participation within the college community. We have created multiple events for military-connected students such as Veteran's Breakfast Club, Veteran's Day programming, hosting Veterans and Military-Connected Expo, and co-hosting a mental health and wellness fair featuring support for Veterans and Military Connected Students. The project has also allowed Bucks County Community College to develop relationships with multiple veteran and military-connected organizations and other military-connected service offices at other colleges and universities. Veterans Services is also working with multiple colleges/universities on articulation of our students to ensure a smooth transfer process to Veterans Services at that particular college/university. A particularly exciting and successful relationship has been formed with	

	Temple University. Bucks is working directly with Temple University in creating a bridge program for students to enter Temple's ROTC program from Bucks. If formalized, this will be brand new, as ROTC scholarships are not offered at 2-years schools.
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3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		23
Expenditure Category:	3.1 - Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers	
Project:	Bucks County Workforce	
Description:	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers	
Budget:	\$55,477,968.25	
Expended to Date:	\$55,477,968.25	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	The project has successfully completed 100% of its scope, ensuring vital payroll and benefits were provided to the eligible workforce practicing COVID protocols within a public safety facility.	

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		24
Expenditure Category:	3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	
Project:	Election Program Investments	
Description:	Election program investments in ballot processing and maintaining appropriate social distancing protocols.	
Budget:	\$328,973.51	
Expended to Date:	\$328,973.51	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Purchase of E-Poll Books necessary for use during elections. November of 2021 the County piloted 6 for the election. In 2022 the County purchased a total of 635 E-Poll Books. We use 2 E-Poll Books in each of the 304 districts, so 608 are deployed on election day. We keep a few extra on hand for any malfunctions or ones that need to be replaced. We use 7 in our Poll Worker Training and those have a training database loaded. We have used them in the following elections so far: November 2022 General Election, May 2023 Municipal Primary, November 2023 Municipal Election, February 2024 Special Election, April 2024 Primary Election and November 2024 Presidential Election.	

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		25
Expenditure Category:	3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs	
Project:	Justice Center Network Project	
Description:	The Justice Center Network Project aims to enhance the court system's functionality during COVID-19 by replacing outdated network switches with modern ones that support virtual court proceedings, ensuring a reasonable and proportional response to the pandemic's public health and economic impact.	
Budget:	\$733,484.95	
Expended to Date:	\$733,484.95	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	The Justice Center Network Project was successfully completed, after several months of design prep and a physical refresh of the data network infrastructure systems. This activity was finalized and placed into production in January 2024. The project provided the County with	

	reliability, future capacity, and advanced communication features. All of which enhanced the Justice Center's infrastructure towards preparing the County for ongoing and future technology challenges that may surface.
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4: Premium Pay		26
Expenditure Category:	4.2 - Private Sector: Grants to other employers	
Project:	Human Service Providers Premium Pay	
Description:	Premium pay for human service providers in the county.	
Budget:	\$2,474,312.82	
Expended to Date:	\$2,474,312.82	
Percent Complete:	100%	
Performance Report:	Premium pay has been provided to 22 Human Service partner providers, contributing to the well-being of essential workers (1,488) during the pandemic.	

6: Revenue Replacement		27
Expenditure Category:	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	
Project:	Revenue Replacement	
Description:	Project funds will be used to assist in the construction of the Lower Bucks Government Services Center which will house the County's Health Department along with other agencies, in order to adequately provide public health services as evidenced by a demonstrated need during the COVID-19 epidemic. The existing building has exceeded its functional lifespan and no longer provides adequate space or function for agencies in this region of the County to provide constituent services.	
Budget:	\$10,000,000.00	
Expended to Date:	\$10,000,000.00	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Performance Report:	Programs/Projects are in process.	

7: Administrative		28
Expenditure Category:	7 - Administrative	
Project:	Administrative Expenses	
Description:	Project funds will be used to compensate for staff oversight of ARPA financials, projects, and programs.	
Budget:	\$939,241.12	
Expended to Date:	\$354,785.34	
Percent Complete:	Completed less than 50%	
Performance Report:	Program reports.	

APPENDIX A: Workforce and Economic Development Programs/Projects

2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Program/Project: **Apprenticeship Awareness**

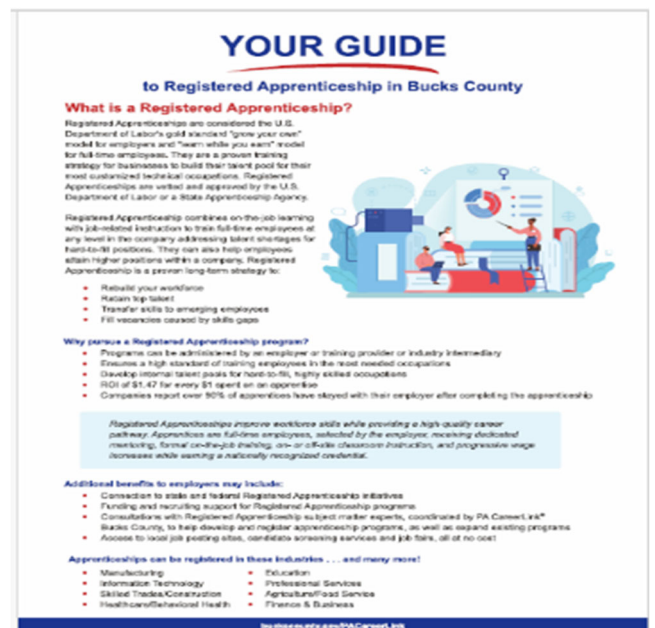
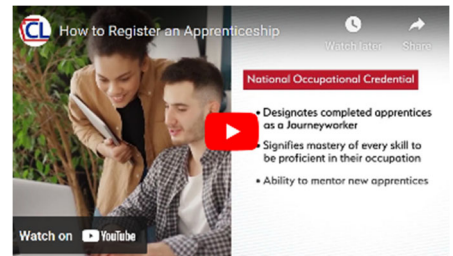
Provider/Vendor: NouSoma Communications/ BTC Marketing

Budget: \$30,000.00

Purpose: This Bucks County project supports Bucks County employers, employees and job seekers impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal is to raise awareness about Registered Apprenticeship opportunities for employees and job seekers who wish to develop their skills and advance their careers. In addition, a goal is to provide information and guidance to employers who wish to register an apprenticeship program, which will help them “grow their own” skilled workforce, maintain valued employees and attract new talent in a highly competitive market. Registered Apprenticeship programs are invaluable to underserved populations who may not have the education or skills to advance their careers. Registered Apprenticeship programs benefit employees because they offer paid classroom education to support a skill along with on-the-job training for a wide variety of job categories while maintaining their current position and wages.

Outcome(s): Finalized and distributed two videos to benefit underemployed individuals who will benefit from enhancing skills to achieve livable wages. Videos encourage employers to utilize and develop registered apprenticeship programs as well as raise awareness among members of the workforce.

- What is Registered Apprenticeship in Bucks County
- How to Register and Apprenticeship
- Created and distributed short Registered Apprenticeship Video, appropriate to view at events, online, and social platforms
- Created a 4-page brochure that addresses “What is a Registered Apprenticeship in Bucks County” and “How to Develop a Registered Apprenticeship Program”

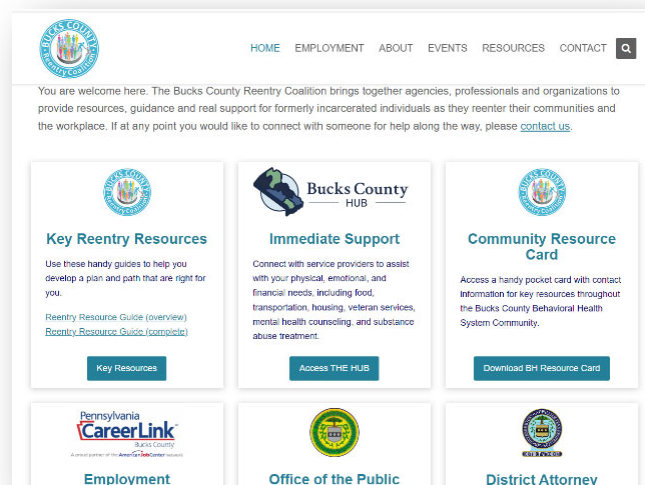


Program/Project: **Reentry Centers Build**
 Provider/Vendor: Department of Corrections
 Budget: \$142,000.00
 Purpose: Currently, we have multiple programs available in the Reentry Resource Center. Some of our programs include Release and Reintegration, Credit Counseling, WRAP (Trauma informed Transitional Support group), Inside Out (college course), & SERV Safe Certification. Not only are reentry programs available, but we also have a fully functioning Child and Youth room. This room allows offenders to meet with their children in a stress-free environment.

Outcome(s): Reconstruction is now complete at all three correctional facilities, and reentry centers have served 1,736 individuals since opening in April 2023. The DOC has expanded reentry efforts with programs like business startup and financial education classes, virtual forklift certification, and mentoring meet & greets. Additional support includes visits from the Director of Veterans Affairs, library card access for soon-to-be-released inmates, and Workforce on Wheels (WOW) visits to the Men's Center.

Program/Project: **Reentry Program**
 Provider/Vendor: EDSI
 Budget: \$160,000.00
 Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to provide re-employment services for Bucks County residents who have a criminal background as a barrier to employment through a dedicated case manager, access to supportive services, and the ability to participate in vocational training via higher education, on the job training, or incumbent working training.

Outcome(s): EDSI met with male and female residents at Bucks County Correctional Facility, both in person and virtually, to share PA CareerLink® services and post-release employment support. Participants received resource materials and learned how to use the PA CareerLink® website. Three virtual workshops were held: "Dealing with Stress" (6 attendees), and "Finding Your Fit" (12 attendees across male and female sessions). At PA CareerLink® Bucks County, reentrants attended monthly "Reentry: Job Seeking Tips" and quarterly Record Sealing workshops, with 40 participants total. In April, a Reentry Coalition panel promoted second-chance hiring, followed by a job and community fair with over 100 job seekers, 18 employers, and 7 partners. [Click here](#) to the County's Reentry website.



Program/Project: **Reentry Coalition Marketing**
 Provider/Vendor: NouSoma Communications, Inc. / BTC Marketing
 Budget: \$90,000.00
 Purpose: In Bucks County and throughout the country, the incidence of substance abuse and mental health conditions related to the Covid-19 pandemic grew (National Institutes of Health: since the onset of COVID-19, there has been a 23% increase in alcohol abuse and a 16% increase in drug abuse for people who had consumed those substances before the pandemic. People in self-isolation reported a 26% higher consumption than they would normally use to cope. The World Health Organization reports anxiety and depression

increased by 25%.) Consequently, this greatly affected the need for resources and support for those entering the justice system, those currently incarcerated, and those preparing for reentry. The objective of the Bucks County Reentry project is to provide practical resources to help those navigating the system to return to productive and sustainable community life.

Outcome(s):

In partnership with the Bucks County Dept. of Corrections, *Fast Track to Reentry* was developed as an educational tool available on tablets at the Reentry Resource Center. It features original video content, new tools, and an overview of post-release resources including mental health, substance abuse, and workforce support. Participants earn a Transitional Foundation Certificate upon completion. [Click here](#) for reentry videos. This quarter, all materials were printed and delivered, including:

- Facility poster displayed
- Transitional Foundation certificate
- Brochure available in print and on iPad



Program/Project: **Employer Training Cohorts**
 Provider/Vendor: Bucks County Community College
 Budget: \$200,000
 Purpose: The focus of this project will be to serve predominantly small businesses affected by the pandemic, and to assist them in their recovery. This opportunity to provide high-quality training, free of charge to the employers, is needed in almost every industry within the county. Between the restrictive effects on business resulting from the inflation left behind by the pandemic and the transient nature of the “new” workforce has created training needs for employers as they try to navigate their way in this new economy. By upskilling their employees, we are helping them find ways to mitigate workforce shortages amid growing demand for their products and services. This is a particularly challenging time to develop the high performing workgroups necessary for success.
 Outcome(s): The college completed long-running training projects for two companies. Seven employees from Cer-mac, Incorporated (Quakertown, PA) were trained in three courses between January 22 and May 9: HeartSaver (CPR/AED/First Aid), OSHA 10-Hour Regulatory & Compliance, and manufacturing skills (Blueprint with GD&T, Shop Math, and Measuring Tools). Kinsley Power Systems (Levittown) enrolled fifteen employees in the Project Management Essentials class held from March 19 to June 11. These two companies, with a total of 22 employees, push the total beyond the required benchmarks. To date, 46 unique organizations have been trained, exceeding the goal of 15, and a total of 215 incumbent workers have completed training, surpassing the target of 200.

Program/Project: **Entrepreneurship**
 Provider/Vendor: Bucks County Community College
 Budget: \$169,500.00
 Purpose: The College’s Center for Workforce Development has worked with business and community partners (including Startup Bucks) to identify the skills and supports most needed by individuals looking to start their own business or consulting firm to ensure that students are being trained to begin their journey of self-employment. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with partners within the region so graduates will have every resource available upon graduation whether that is continuing their education or immediately starting their own business. Everything has been designed to benefit participants, giving them free access to this training, and removing the traditional barriers that have existed in obtaining skills and knowledge critical to building a new business venture.
 Outcome(s): The initial goal was to serve 32 students across 4 cohorts, with 8 students per group. A fifth cohort focused on veterans and their families was added, raising the goal to 40 students. Across all five cohorts, 46 students have participated—exceeding the target. Five Round Robin/Pitch Events were held, one per cohort, offering students the chance to present their business ideas and receive tailored feedback from professionals in fields such as legal, sales, marketing, accounting, government, and banking. The final event took place on May 8, with full attendance from all 9 students. Notable outcomes include one student from the first cohort opening a physical business location in Quakertown, and another from the fifth cohort recently signing a lease for a space in the same area. As of June 2025, the program has received approximately 350 inquiries.

Program/Project: **Training and Supportive Services**
 Provider/Vendor: EDSI
 Budget: \$488,000.00
 Purpose: Educational costs and expenses for Adult and Dislocated Workers looking to continue their education for re-entering the workforce and/or advancing their careers. These funds are also being used to support employers in Bucks County by hiring individuals through the On-the-Job Training and Incumbent Worker Training programs to offset costs of training new staff. Additionally, these funds are being used to provide supportive services to Adult and Dislocated Workers to support success during training. Examples of this include exam fees, hotel stays, milage and laptops.
 Outcome(s): This program helps Bucks County residents gain in-demand skills for today's evolving job market. By partnering with local businesses and educators, these programs open doors to careers in tech, healthcare, and renewable energy, strengthening both individuals and the community. Last quarter, this program supported several Individual Training Accounts, one On-the-Job Training placement, and a Certified Peer Specialist cohort that advanced seven participants' careers in behavioral health.

Program/Project: **Workforce on Wheels Vehicle**
 Provider/Vendor: Farber Specialty Vehicle
 Budget: Vehicle \$396,943.70
 Equipment \$36,942.19
 Purpose: The WOW is workforce on wheels that is designed to be a mobile One-Stop offering reemployment services in the community. It comes equipped with laptop computers for job search and screens on community-based workshops.
 Outcome(s): Workforces on Wheels was built and delivered in December of 2023.



Program/Project: **Workforce on Wheels Vehicle**
 Provider/Vendor: EDSI
 Budget: \$427,152.40
 Purpose: The WOW is workforce on wheels that is designed to be a mobile One-Stop offering reemployment services in the community. It comes equipped with laptop computers for job search and screens on community-based workshops. The team of the WOW consists of an Outreach Coordinator, Outreach Driver/Specialist, and an Outreach Specialist (non-driver.) The WOW can be mobilized to visit community events and locations across the county closing the gap between the people who need services that are not able to access them in our office in Feasterville-Trevose.
 Outcome(s): From April through June, the Workforce on Wheels (WOW) initiative expanded outreach across Bucks County by collaborating with a variety of community organizations, schools, healthcare providers, and local employers. These partnerships enabled the team to deliver PA CareerLink® services directly to



residents, removing transportation barriers and promoting equitable access to workforce resources. These efforts highlight our dedication to meeting people where they are and connecting them with career services, job opportunities, and reentry or recovery support in welcoming environments. The ongoing success of Workforce on Wheels demonstrates the value of mobile, community-focused workforce development in creating a more inclusive and accessible system throughout Bucks County.

Program/Project: **Youth Job Readiness**
Provider/Vendor: Bucks County Community College
Budget: \$1,023,500.00
Purpose: Expand Buck's ISY program to additional schools/students in the County. Provide the youth with the tools and support necessary for them to become independent, self-sufficient members of and role models in their communities. Provide the youth meaningful work experience and exposure to higher education. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bucks County Youth experienced a negative economic impact related to career exploration, job readiness, and/or college, or military application process. Therefore, these funds will provide services to expand job readiness and career exploration services to high school students throughout Bucks County. The program is based off the current WIOA In-School Youth format but ensures access to all high school students, not just students who meet WIOA eligibility requirements.
Outcome(s): Since the contract began, BCCC has served 88 students, surpassing the required goal of 70. Instructors expanded the program to three additional schools, reaching more learners. This year, ISY/ARPA students across both upper and lower county programs earned a total of 758 certificates. Lower Bucks ARPA instructors Rick Moretti and Thomas Perri received a Community Service award from the Center for Student Learning for their dedicated support of students. Meanwhile, the upper county program has a student enrolled in the county's EMT program, who recently scored 87% on their mid-term, is completing coursework, and preparing for the NREMT exam.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Program/Project: **First Responders Job Fair**
Provider/Vendor: EDSI
Budget: \$4,000.00
Purpose: County of Bucks Job Fair and cost associated with the job fair. The costs included Give A Ways, Print Marketing, Social Media and Refreshments.
Outcome(s): A First Responder job fair was held in November 2022. Populations outreached to include those that were homeless, low-income households and individuals with barriers to employment. Outreach was conducted County Wide to ensure all Bucks County residents were made aware of this job fair. Print advertising as well as online advertising was done to attract job seekers to this event. EDSI highlighted all of the additional benefits available to working within the County of Bucks positions as well as the Career Pathways within the health care and corrections fields. This project is completed.



Program/Project: **Employer Training Cohorts**
 Provider/Vendor: Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce
 Budget: \$100,000.00
 Purpose: The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with The Walters Group, offers three training sessions. These sessions are designed to be inclusive, accommodating the needs of employers and employees in the Bucks County region. Training, led by The Walters Group, will cover three key areas: financial well-being, communication skills, and customer service and management skills. [Click here](#) for a link to the Chamber employer training page of their website.

Outcome(s): The project aimed to provide 200 Bucks County employees with high-quality training on financial well-being, communication skills, and customer service and management. Sessions were scheduled in 2023; five employees signed up for one session, and the training was postponed. The Upper Bucks Chamber marketed the information via social media, newspapers, billboards, and email communications. The April session has 25 people registered, and the May session had 13 people registered. The Upper Bucks Chamber has been personally reaching out to various businesses in the region and offering training to come to them. In 2023, Upper Bucks Chamber purchased billboards. Newspaper ads, boosted Facebook posts, and marketed in newsletters and personal emails. In the Spring of 2024, Upper Bucks Chamber offered in-person and virtual sessions. This project is complete.



Program/Project: **Employer Training Cohorts**
 Provider/Vendor: Integrity Personnel, Inc.
 Budget: \$25,000
 Purpose: Program intends to grow skills of current employees in Bucks County, consisting of multiple workshops on different training areas to enhance individuals' skills in a particular area of training. Training may consist of several sessions, while others might be a single session. Integrity will communicate with various Bucks County employers to ascertain which areas of training are most important to them for purposes of selecting content that meets objectives for employee upskilling, recruitment, and retention. Integrity will create and implement a communications strategy to engage employers in utilizing the Employer Training Program. Integrity will establish and manage a system for employers to easily register and schedule training sessions for their employees through an online portal. Employers will be able to choose specific courses from a scheduling matrix and register any number of employees they wish to receive training.

Outcome(s): Integrity had an initial goal of 50 individuals to be trained over the course of the grant. After reaching that benchmark early in 2024, they have continued presenting training sessions to participating organizations within Bucks County. As of this reporting date, 91 individuals have attended at least one of Integrity's classes or seminars through the program. This program is completed.

APPENDIX B: Affordable Housing Programs/Projects

2.15 - Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Program/Project:	Assess nature and extent of blighted property problem in the County.
Provider/Vendor:	Gulotta Group
Budget:	\$27,484.00
Purpose:	Prepare a comprehensive blighted property study to assess the nature and extent of blight, including varying dimensions of the problem throughout the county. The study involved collecting information from a variety of partner organizations that interface with blight throughout the county, including municipalities, redevelopment, economic development, and housing entities. While the incidence of blighted properties is not as evident in Bucks County compared to economically challenged areas in the Commonwealth, blighted properties, even in small numbers can have a chilling effect on economic development and neighborhood revitalization efforts.
Outcome(s):	Phase I Study was completed in 1Q 2024, and the Phase II implementation plan was completed in 4Q 2024. Using the information from the study, the implementation plan outlined next steps for municipalities and County government to prevent blight properties where possible and to remediate and redevelop blighted properties if prevention isn't possible. Implementation of recommendation will start in 2025.
Program/Project:	Housing/Homelessness Strategic Plan
Provider/Vendor:	Center for Common Concerns dba Homebase
Budget:	\$120,434.66
Purpose:	Develop an updated strategic plan with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), to guide BHCL's operations and focus for the next five years. The strategic planning process will include diverse perspectives and input from HCD and other county staff, board and committee members, homeless response system partners, diverse community stakeholders outside of the system of care, and people with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability. The resulting plan will include clear, attainable objectives and goals and an implementation plan that centers DEI in BCHL operations, processes, activities, and relationships with systems of care and homeless response. The key values of equity, inclusivity, data-driven decision making, and incorporation of lived expertise form the core of our approach to this work and will be considered essential elements of the planning process.
Outcome(s):	Plan being finalized for adoption in 3Q 2025. Implementation of the plan will be ongoing over 5-year period.
Program/Project:	Shared Housing Program
Provider/Vendor:	Bucks County Housing Group
Budget:	\$490,177.00
Purpose:	Property acquisition and rehabilitation of a property on Durham Road, Langhorne, Pa for 13 affordable rental units.
Outcome(s):	Property acquired, rehabilitation completed in 4Q 2024. With rehabilitation complete, non-occupied units will begin lease-up in 3Q 2025. All referrals are from the Continuum of Care.
Program/Project:	Affordable Rental Development
Provider/Vendor:	TAPP, LLC
Budget:	\$504,550
Purpose:	Renovation of six affordable rental units. Performance indicators will include both output and outcome measures: - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed.

	- Number of people or households residing in units (beneficiaries). - Demographic data on households (income, race, ethnicity, special population). - Any other data that was used to determine household is eligible.
Outcome(s):	Placement of individuals referred from the Continuum of Care experiencing homelessness in each of the units. Five units are completed with 13 clients placed. All clients placed remain in housing.
Program/Project:	Bucks County Home Repair Program
Provider/Vendor:	Capital Access
Budget:	\$5,345,642.39
Purpose:	The Bucks County Home Repair Program's goal is to reduce housing cost burden for residents while improving the condition of owner-occupied housing stock across the County. The program empowers income-qualified property owners and occupants to improve their dwellings and thereby the community in which they live. The program allows property-owners to complete overdue home repairs and modifications to increase the safety, accessibility, livability and energy/water efficiency of the home. The program provides repair services to eligible property-owners throughout Bucks County to ensure their units are safe, secure and sanitary. This investment will prevent homes from falling into severe disrepair and lessens the risk of property abandonment. Bucks County intends to rehabilitate approximately 140-180 housing units, including single family homes and mobile home. The actual number of homes to be improved is a function of the established per project budget cap and repair needs of each housing unit.
Outcome(s):	From across four application cycles to date, as of the current reporting period, home repair and modification activities have resulted in the completion of one home, with 18 additional homes actively undergoing construction and 14 homes in the pre-construction phase following award. Furthermore, six additional homes have been approved for construction award and are preparing to advance to the next stage. Approximately 52 homes have either been inspected or are scheduled for inspection to support the development of detailed scopes of work. The program remains open and is continuing to accept applications for assistance.
Program/Project:	Blight Acquisition & Rehabilitation
Provider/Vendor:	Habitat for Humanity
Budget:	\$760,000.00
Purpose:	Acquisition of four blighted properties for the purposes of developing affordable housing. The municipalities have determined the properties are blighted and vacant. The single-family residential homes in their current condition are unfit and unsafe for habitation, there has been a lack of maintenance and were issued code violation notices and citations. The project will result in four single-family homes. The completed housing units will be a part of the Community Land Trust Model (CLT) and will be sold under the Habitat Bucks Homeownership program to a qualified family or individual who meets the program qualifications. The CLT will manage the parcel of land to preserve long-term affordability of the home.
Outcome(s):	Rehabilitated and sold four units to eligible homebuyers.
Program/Project:	Legal Services
Provider/Vendor:	Reno & Cavanaugh
Budget:	\$75,000.00
Purpose:	Legal services for implementation of multiple housing projects to ensure compliance with ARPA regulatory standards.
Outcome(s):	Legal compliance guidance for programs/projects.

Program/Project: **Affordable Senior Housing**
 Provider/Vendor: Trevoze Senior Residence LLC/Federation Housing
 Budget: \$662,871.90
 Purpose: Trevoze Senior Residence will be a new construction multifamily development with onsite parking on a portion of the site of Somerton Court/Florence E. Green House. The project will consist of site work, creation of a new parking lot, and the development of an approximately 62,875 square foot, three story wood-framed building with the production of 60 units of affordable housing for seniors age 62+.
 Outcome(s): Construction expected to be completed Q2 2025 and lease up expected to start Q3 2025.



Program/Project: **Affordable Senior Housing**
 Provider/Vendor: Lighthouse LIHTC, LLC/Ingberman
 Budget: \$500,000
 Purpose: Lighthouse on Norton Avenue will be a new construction multifamily development with onsite parking located at 1150 Norton Avenue, Bristol Township, PA 19007. It will consist of 51 rental units for seniors age 55+.
 Outcome(s): Construction is expected to be completed in 4Q2025.

Program/Project: **Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation**
 Provider/Vendor: Better Homes, Inc, a limited partner of Towpath Apartments, LP
 Budget: \$ 713,456.94
 Purpose: Towpath Apartments, located in Morrisville is a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit property owned by Towpath Apartments, LP which is managed by Better Home, Inc. As the property is one of the few affordable housing options available that accept Housing Choice Vouchers within the County. Towpath Apartments, LP seeks to preserve and to renovate the 17-unit affordable housing property as many of the areas of the complex can no longer be sustained with general repairs. 9 units will be rented to households below 50% of the area median income ("AMI") and 8 will be rented to households below 60% AMI. The planned renovations include a complete roof replacement and the repair of underground sewer lines which are necessary to prevent health and safety hazards, which would disproportionately impact the vulnerable low to moderate income

households residing in the building. Additional improvements will be completed based on the availability of grant funding.	
Outcome(s):	Contract Executed in 4Q 2024. Construction projected to begin in 2025 with a pre-construction conference scheduled in July to align on project scope, timelines, and site coordination.
Program/Project:	Scattered Site Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation
Provider/Vendor	Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC)
Budget:	\$1,504,563.00
Purpose:	Agreement will result in the rehabilitation of 13 scattered site properties in Bristol Borough. All 13 units will be rented to households below 50% of the Area Median Income "AMI", with 6 units set aside for referrals from households connected to the Bucks County Continuum of Care.
Outcome(s):	Contract Executed in 4Q 2024. Coordination with awarded contractors is currently underway to finalize the construction schedule. All site work is expected to be completed within 30 weeks.
Program/Project:	Shared Housing Program
Provider/Vendor:	Co-Man's Inc
Budget:	\$445,910.00
Purpose:	Property acquisition and rehabilitation of a property located at 81 Crabtree Drive, Levittown PA. SLFRF will fund the rehabilitation of the project. All 7 SRO units will be leased to households experiencing homelessness with incomes at or below 60% of AMI. Anticipated to be used long-term as Permanent Supportive Housing.
Outcome(s):	Rehabilitation slated to begin in 2Q2025.

APPENDIX B: Homeless Services Programs/Projects (Continued)

2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Program/Project:	Street Medicine
Provider/Vendor:	Family Service Association
Budget:	\$1,292,867.55
Purpose:	The Family Service Street Medicine program serves HUD Category 1 and 4 households experiencing homelessness and are unsheltered or in a hotel/motel paid for by a charitable organization at the time of enrollment in providing prompt attention and care for medical, mental health, and substance use issues. The program consists of a mobile care van unit, which is staffed with a nurse and case manager. Every Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:30am and 5pm, the team conducts wellness checks, basic first aid, administers vaccines and preventable medicine/education. The team also transports or coordinates appointments for clients to urgent or specialized care facilities when necessary. The team provides food, water, and other essential personal items when needed or requested. Assistance with document readiness, referrals to appropriate housing and program interventions, and other outreach related supports are also completed for clients. The Street Medicine team will carry a street outreach caseload of category 1 and 4 households experiencing homelessness that meet medical frailty criteria and provide housing related supportive services including document readiness, diversion, and housing program referrals. The Street Medicine nurse completes a nursing evaluation, including a verbal and physical assessment to explore medical history, present conditions, medical treatment, further treatment needs, and any co-occurring substance use and/or mental health diagnoses. The case manager is also available to provide integrated care as required. In instances where the enrolled client is still receiving services through the program at time of emergency shelter or other housing entry, the Street Medicine team can continue to work with the client for up to 30 days while transitioning to other appropriate supports. As part of the program, Family Service Street Medicine will also provide financial assistance and case management for eligible Category 1 or 4 homeless individuals and families through temporary hoteling that are medically frail, or another priority population as defined in HCD's policies and procedures.
Outcome(s):	The ultimate outcomes of the Family Service Street Medicine program are to improve health and quality of life and decrease emergency room visits. To determine health improvement, each individual has a plan of care with at least one personalized medical goal. Goals specific to COVID-19 will be established as appropriate for program participants including testing, vaccination, treatment, and specialized housing during infection. The program will evaluate its client base and ensure continuity in providing equitable treatment to all clients, which ensuring that Street Medicine sets the foundation for the street homeless to overcome any existing health-related barriers, which prevent them from securing permanent housing. 212 individuals, 195 households served since contract start (5/1/2023).
Program/Project:	Housing Location Assistance
Provider/Vendor:	Bucks County Opportunity Council
Budget:	\$262,325.07
Purpose:	The Housing Location team consists of 3 full-time Housing Locators with one who has supervisory responsibilities. Housing Location services are county-wide, with Locators housed in BCOC's Quakertown, Doylestown, and Bristol locations. The Housing Locator is responsible for identifying housing opportunities, lease negotiation, managing landlord relationships, and mitigating risk. The primary service activities are:

- Proactively seek new housing opportunities and resources to assist homeless families and individuals with locating and securing housing.
- Develop and maintain relationships with landlords, property managers, nonprofit housing providers, and any other property rental option in Bucks County or surrounding counties.
- Work with Housing Coaches throughout Bucks County to prioritize most vulnerable clients and help them address barriers and access housing
- Conduct Housing Quality Standard Inspections, communicate needs, and advocate for necessary changes
- Maintain data quality in HMIS, and BCOCs Client To Success data system.
- Network throughout Bucks County to improve access to housing for homeless and at-risk families and individuals
- Assist clients with navigating the system to secure permanent housing
- Educate participants on rental standards and tenant responsibilities

The work of the Housing Locators begins with a “housing first” model. The target population is homeless families and individuals. Therefore, referrals to Housing Locator services come from the Emergency Homeless Shelter, Rapid Rehousing Program and Street Outreach. The goal is to quickly move a literally homeless individual or family to stable housing.

Outcome(s): 183 individuals, 74 households served since contract start (7/1/2023).

Program/Project: **Homeless Street Outreach**

Provider/Vendor: Valley Youth House

Budget: \$94,803.00

Purpose: The Synergy Project through Valley Youth House (VYH) is a mobile program that uses vehicles to provide outreach and service to youth and families with children experiencing homelessness anywhere in Bucks County. The program is based at the agency's Bucks County Shelter, located in the Christ's Home Campus at 800 N York Road, Warminster, PA 18974. The program operates 40 hours per week, focusing on times when homeless individuals are available to meet. Staff are available on-call 24/7 for crisis intervention.

The Synergy Project - Bucks County will perform the following activities:

Outreach - The Synergy team conducts regular outreach to connect with runaway, homeless, and street youth, individuals, and families with children. Outreach targets locations where homeless individuals and households are located, which are identified with the assistance of other homeless youth and adults, police, and other local outreach teams.

Gateway Services - Outreach Workers distribute food, warm clothing, hygiene supplies, and camping gear to support health and safety of clients during the time they are homeless.

Engagement - Outreach Workers build trust with households through non-judgmental interactions. Staff use trauma-informed care to support clients in addressing and overcoming histories that include abuse, neglect, and familial rejection. Addressing the effects of trauma is essential for ensuring that clients are prepared to maintain housing and long-term self-sufficiency.

Case Management uses the Positive Human Development model, which helps individuals develop in safe, secure, respectful, and supportive environments, where all are held accountable and are connected to their community. The approach emphasizes individual strengths and engages clients in developing their own goal plan based on their interests,

priorities and abilities. Clients receive support and referrals to community providers to address physical/mental health needs, substance use disorders, education, employment, housing, community connections, transportation, and personal identification/documentation. Plans outline ongoing support networks, aftercare arrangements, and permanency resources to ensure ongoing safety and wellbeing. Staff track progress and follow up with households to overcome barriers to progress.

Outcome(s): Services For Special Populations - Staff conduct outreach and coordinate services with organizations that serve specialized populations such as those that work with trafficked individuals and the LGBT+ community, which experiences homelessness at disproportionate rates. 469 individuals, 192 households served since contract start (4/1/2024).

Program/Project: **Shared Housing Assistance**

Provider/Vendor: YWCA

Budget: \$841,524.14

Purpose: YWCA Shared Housing (SH) program expects to serve up to 24 individuals over a two-year period with a combination of short- and medium-term rental assistance and supportive services. Shared Housing aims to match two or more people who will live in one permanent rental housing unit, sharing costs associated with maintaining housing such as rent and utilities. Each household will have a separate lease and at least their own bedroom space, which allows for utilization of multiple Section 8 vouchers. The overall size of the unit is dictated by the co-housing tenants' preferences, available income, and the cost of rent and utilities.

YWCA aims to increase the capacity of housing options for individuals experiencing homeless by offering a cost-effective, shared-housing program. SH will prioritize single men, women and seniors as they transition into permanent housing successfully in the least amount of time to secure their stability. YWCA will employ the Housing First Model to offer SH for individuals experiencing homelessness. SH will support participating households by (a) helping participants locate and secure affordable and suitable housing (b) overcoming barriers to obtaining and maintaining stable housing. The following articulates the YWCA's proposed process for ensuring that participants achieve secure housing:

Recruitment and Referral - YWCA will participate in active coordination and partnership with the Bucks County Housing Link to identify homeless population through HMIS, street outreach and case conferencing to identify eligible individuals who are compatible for a shared housing placement. Individuals must meet the requirements of Category 1 Homelessness. YWCA will receive referrals through the COC Monthly Case Conferencing.

Intake/Assessment - After the referral is received, the YWCA case manager will conduct the intake and assessment process to determine shared housing assistance, barriers to housing, and financial assistance planning. All required documents and paperwork will be collected at this time and entered into HMIS. Including, but not limited to ID, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Income Documentation, HMIS Intake, HMIS Consent, YWCA Intake, YWCA Consent, YWCA Permission to contact, and Mutual Agreement.

Housing Location/Landlord Bonus - Identifying landlords who are willing to rent to individuals using a Shared Housing model is critical to the success of this project. YWCA Shared Housing Coordinator will take a lead role in identifying and acquiring SH properties in all three areas of the County (Upper, Lower, Central). YWCA will work simultaneously with the Housing Locators to identify additional landlords interested in

participating in Shared Housing. Landlords who rent their property as part of the Shared Housing program will receive an initial \$2,000 Bonus and an additional \$500 Bonus each time a new renter is placed in their Shared Housing Property.

Matching/Placement - Staff will conduct a screening and matching assessment to determine which individuals will co-habitate successfully with one another. The participants choose with whom they want to live, and if the unit available is right for them, they will work together to form mutually agreed upon "house rules" in the form of a Home Sharing Agreement.

Rental Assistance - On average, the YWCA expects to provide move-in costs and rental assistance for up to 12 months. Clients will pay 30% of their income towards rent, which will gradually increase to 60% and then 90% until they are paying the full rent by 12 months. YWCA will continue case management service for up to 24 months. The overall size of the unit will be dictated by the co-housing tenants' preferences, available income, and the cost of rent and utilities. Each household will have a separate lease and at least their own bedroom space, which allows for utilization of multiple Section 8 vouchers. Budget reflects total cost of rent to landlord for 2-year period which includes contingencies for unoccupied rooms.

Case Management/Supportive Services - YWCA Shared Housing staff will provide a graduated level of case management services based on client needs. Three areas of priority for supportive services included (1) connection to mainstream benefits, (2) increased income through employment location services, and (3) case management to connect clients with other supportive services and linkages needed to maintain permanent housing.

Outcome(s): 39 individuals, 39 households served since contract start (1/1/2023), 28 individuals placed into permanent housing.

Program/Project: **Day Shelter**

Provider/Vendor: Reach Out

Budget: \$1,009,294.96

Purpose: COVID-19 has strained the emergency shelter system available to those experiencing homelessness. There are a limited number of openings despite increased need. Some households experiencing unsheltered homelessness are not able to access the shelter in a timely manner and others do not desire shelter admittance for various reasons. As a result of this, there is a need for increased services to the unsheltered population during the day. Anticipated outcomes:

- Improve Individual and community safety.
- Provide individuals who are homeless a safe place to stay during the day and times when the Code Blue shelters aren't available.
- Increase the dignity of the individuals by providing access to basic needs (food, hygiene, etc.).
- Increase access to services for individuals who are homeless (housing, behavioral health services, self-sufficiency skill development, and employment) that lead to a reduction in homeless population in Bucks County.

Outcome(s): 658 individuals, 644 households served since contract start (7/1/2022).

Program/Project: **Housing Link Helpline**

Provider/Vendor: Family Service Association of Bucks County

Budget: \$320,573.86

Purpose: The funded services under this contract will assist Family Service through the Bucks County Housing Link Helpline for unstably housed households seeking services. This

	includes conducting initial contact with clients in which Call Center agents will answer basic questions about the program and ask basic screening questions to determine eligibility, checking case statuses, notating conversation details in coordinated entry intake notes, rerouting clients to their appropriate case manager, making referrals as appropriate for programs and/or general Information and Referral (IR), and completing additional program related functions as needed.
Outcome(s):	5,415 individuals, 737 households served since contract start (4/1/24)
Program/Project:	Emergency Shelter Assistance
Provider/Vendor:	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks d.b.a Outreach Care
Budget:	\$50,000
Purpose:	Outreach Care will provide enhanced emergency shelter through hotels to homeless individuals and families in Upper Bucks County while they seek a more permanent housing solution. This enhancement includes case management services to connect individuals/families with community resources as well as County and State agencies that may provide additional assistance. The project will assist program participants in their efforts to obtain sustainable employment and housing.
Outcome(s):	Contract start 12/31/2024, 9 individuals, 6 households served since contract start
Program/Project:	Rapid Rehousing
Provider/Vendor:	YWCA of Bucks County
Budget:	\$366,012.00
Purpose:	YWCA Bucks County Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program is expected to serve up to 18 households experiencing homelessness per year with a combination of short- and medium-term rental assistance and supportive services. The goal is to prioritize women heads of household as they transition into permanent housing successfully in the least amount of time to secure their stability. On average, the YWCA is expected to work with families for six months with the option for a longer stay depending on individual needs. YWCA Rapid Rehousing program will prioritize woman who are category one or four homeless due to domestic violence, human trafficking, and economic insecurity.
Outcome(s):	Contract start 12/31/24, 60 individuals, 18 households served since contract start
Program/Project:	Street Outreach
Provider/Vendor:	Bucks County Opportunity Council
Budget:	\$393,752.54
Purpose:	BCOC is an integral part of the county's street outreach program, working to reduce the number of street homeless in Bucks County. The program provides both verification services, diversion, and case management to literally homeless individuals and families, i.e. HUD category 1. BCOC's Street Outreach team serves the entire county, engaging with unhoused individuals and families, building relationships, and encouraging participation in mainstream housing services.
Outcome(s):	Contract start 12/31/24, 296 individuals, 238 households served since contract start
Program/Project:	Isolation Housing
Provider/Vendor:	Family Service Association of Bucks County
Budget:	\$19,110.00
Purpose:	Family Service Association of Bucks County ("Family Service") will support emergency housing by providing hoteling for isolation and quarantine for shelter residents experiencing homelessness that have tested positive for or been exposed to COVID-19 or other contagious viruses or diseases. Since the shelter program is a congregate care setting, there remains a high risk of quickly spreading contagious diseases. Family Service's goal during any such period is to isolate households from the living dormitories to maintain a safe and healthy environment and reduce the spread of infections.

Outcome(s): 18 individuals in 6 households have been served in the project since contract start date of 5/1/2024

Program/Project: **Rapid Rehousing**

Provider/Vendor: Bucks County Housing Group

Budget: \$461,744.56

Purpose: The Bucks County Housing Group (BCHG) Rapid Rehousing program is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach that is a critical part of the COC's effective homeless crisis response system. The program rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that includes the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services including case management. Families and individuals can be enrolled in this program. Referrals to the program come from the Housing Link. The program is scattered site; clients are required to find an apartment in the community. The lease and utilities are in the client's name; BCHG pays a portion of the rent based on the client's income. Clients are responsible for their own utilities. Apartments are not furnished, though clients are assisted by case managers in finding and obtaining furniture and home goods. Short-term rental assistance is provided for up to 3 months of rent. Medium term rental assistance is for more than 3 months, but not more than 24 months. Case management intensity is based on the client's need but no less than once per month. The goal of the program is focused on housing, including financial assistance to help pay for housing and services designed to help people find and/or keep housing. The intent of the assistance is to quickly transition program participants to stability, either through their own means or with additional supports. Case managers and clients then meet to develop short-term goals to help achieve that plan and learn basic life skills. Goals can include increasing income (through obtaining disability benefits, enrolling in a certificate program, etc.), saving money, and creating and maintaining a budget. Clients are connected to resources such as mental health services or substance abuse treatment as needed.

Outcome(s): 48 individuals, 20 households served since contract start date of (5/1/2024)

APPENDIX C:

2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations - Human Service Providers/Vendors

Provided below is a list of the County's Human Service partner providers awarded American Rescue Plan Act funds for various social service projects that are assisting County residents and their progress to date.

Program/Project:	Clinical therapy support programs for domestic violence survivors and their relocation expenses.
Provider:	A Woman's Place (AWP)
Budget:	\$73,600.00
Purpose:	Full implementation of expansion of clinical therapy support programs for domestic violence survivors and their relocation expenses.
Outcome(s):	The target population for this project is survivors of domestic violence. The licensed therapist serviced 42 survivors with an average of 13 sessions each for a total of 579 sessions between March 2022-December 2022. An additional 83 survivors were provided services by interns, one of which was supervised by the licensed therapy on this project. The waitlist for the counseling/therapy program went from 116 (March 2022) to 7 (December 2022.) Additionally, of the 42 served directly by the Licensed therapist, 25.5% successfully completed services and 0% returned for additional services; 26% who did not successfully complete did return; 44.2% continued to receive services beyond the end of this project. The licensed therapist continues to take a full case load of 25 to 30 sessions per week. - Licensed Therapist (LT) practices trauma-informed therapy and EDMR therapies for survivors of DV - Survivors receive a Victims Services Satisfaction Survey (VS3). - LT identifies needs for durable goods, security measures, transportation, bills, etc. - In March 2024 AWP had a mother and daughter in need of emergency relocation. Its Safe House was at capacity, so they were able to provide a temporary hotel stay until space opened up at its Safe House where mother and her daughter are still residing and working towards their goals of safety and self-sufficiency. - April- June 2025 AWP provided home security for 6 survivors of domestic violence (a total of 7 adults and 5 children) so they could remain safety housed. Additionally, AWP provided emergency move in -costs to a survivor and her child and covered moving truck expense for a single adult survivor so that both households could live free and safe from their abusers. Lastly, they provided a short-term emergency hotel stay for a household who then moved into their Safe House when space was available.
Program/Project:	Veterans and Returning Adults Support and Services
Provider:	Bucks County Community College
Budget:	\$165,500.00
Purpose:	Providing dedicated personnel, support, services, and resources to Veteran students and adults returning to the academic world.
Outcome(s):	Bucks County Community College's (Bucks) program currently provides support to active duty, National Guard, military reserves, veterans, military-connected students, and individuals residing or re-entering Bucks County, PA who were served. As of June 2025, Bucks County Community College Veterans Services is serving 85 unduplicated students. The addition of the Military-Connected Services department has created a point of contact for military-connected students and has enhanced student participation within the college community. Bucks has created multiple events for military-connected students such as Veteran's Breakfast Club, Veteran's Day programming, hosting a Veterans and Military-Connected Expo, and co-hosting a mental health and wellness fair featuring support for Veterans and Military-Connected Students. This year, a successful Veteran's Day event was held in November 2024. Also, Bucks hosted the Veteran's

Breakfast Club organization in March 2025 for the military-connected students at the College and others from the community. The program also held a Coffee & Conversation with Veterans in Bucks' Stars and Stripes Lounge on the Newtown Campus in April 2025. Bucks continues to work with Temple University to create a bridge program for students to enter Temple's ROTC program from Bucks. If formalized, this will be brand new, as ROTC scholarships are not offered at 2-years schools.

Moving forward, this project has been extended through December 2026 and will focus primarily on providing faculty mentoring and student support, including Educational and Psychological Assessments which ensure that military-connected students receive the accommodations they may need to succeed academically, Basic Needs Support which provides grab-and-go snacks in the Veterans Lounges on all 3 campuses, and an Emergency Fund to help military-connected students pay school expenses, utilities, transportation costs, or emergency medical expenses. In the Spring semester, two programs are planned: The program is planning to hold a "Continue to Serve Program" in which we recognize our military, veterans, and military-connected students' educational pursuits. As part of this program, the College will hold the first Military and Military-Connected Graduation Ceremony, a separate ceremony in May occurring during Graduation Week, that recognizes military, veteran, and military-Connected students who are graduating or completing a non-credit program.

The Veterans Breakfast Club (<https://veteransbreakfastclub.org/>) is an outside organization whose event Bucks promoted and assisted with. All Veteran students and community members were invited to attend.

Program/Project:	Working For Children Initiative
Provider:	Family Services Association
Budget:	\$480,993.00
Purpose:	Working For Children initiative: This program will assist the working poor by providing financial assistance to shelter residents who apply for childcare services (ages 0-6) through the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC. This funding will allow recipients to go back to work sooner and/or focus on finding a job without the worry of childcare expenses. ARPA funds will cover program costs related to childcare tuition, transportation, administration, and the coordination staff.
Outcome(s):	The target population is households with children between 0 and 6 years old. All families are screened for childcare needs during the shelter enrollment intake process, and case management assists with childcare enrollment once households are identified. As of September 2024, the ARPA grant had served 72 individuals. ARPA's grant funding for childcare expenses has become an essential part of the shelter program in prioritizing childcare needs for families without income and quickly connecting them to childcare so they can focus on finding employment and housing. Additionally, the ARPA grant covering transportation expenses has removed additional barriers of families not wanting to enroll their kids in childcare because they don't have transportation to drop off and pick up their children. What has also been helpful is the collaboration partnership between the Shelter and the Early Learning and Resources (ELRC), which has created a seamless process. With the ARPA's funding, families can quickly enroll their child into childcare within a week of shelter enrollment, and within 14 to 30 days, ELRC will cover childcare expenses.

April 2025 to June 2025: one family used the 807 grant for 1 child during this time.

Accomplishments:

- 6 families with kids started employment .
- 6 families with kids increased their income.

- The one family who used the ELRC funds is still at FSA. She has a possible housing opportunity now and has been there four months.

Program/Project: HomeShare Program and Staying Put Cancer Care Program
Provider: **Ivins Outreach**
Budget: \$199,950.00
Purpose: The HomeShare Program will match vulnerable senior homeowners with lower income Bucks County workers by creating mutually beneficial matches to keep seniors in their homes longer while providing home-seekers with affordable living arrangements. ARPA funds for this program will support the Program Coordinator position, all program equipment and supplies, program applicant background checks and employment verification, and marketing and community outreach. The Staying Put Cancer Care Program focuses on support for cancer patients at home to keep them out of congregate settings.

Outcome(s): The targeted population served by this project includes older adults who are experiencing homelessness, facing eviction, or residing in shelters. These individuals often lack a strong family or friend support system. The project aims to provide housing solutions and support to this vulnerable demographic. The project has demonstrated effectiveness through successful matches between older adults seeking housing and homeowners willing to open their homes, fostering mutually beneficial relationships. By facilitating these matches, the project enables older adults to remain in their homes longer, addressing housing insecurity and promoting stability. A key aspect of success lies in the ongoing monitoring of these relationships, ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of both parties involved. Additionally, the project's role in connecting individuals to county resources and the Area Agency on Aging further enhances its impact by providing additional support and services tailored to the needs of older adults. Overall, the project's ability to facilitate housing solutions while promoting community connections and access to resources underscores its effectiveness in addressing the housing needs of vulnerable older adults; 214 clients have been supported by the Home Share Program.

Program/Project: Social-emotional skills programming for at-risk youth
Provider: **No Longer Bound**
Budget: \$192,900.00
Purpose: Programming for at-risk and low-income youth to build a foundation of healthy social-emotional skills focused on repairing relationships, fixing harmful situations, and healing from adversity or trauma. Staffing costs, consultant services, and general operating and program implementation costs will be funded by ARPA. Also funded are building improvements and a Youth Ambassador/Leadership Program.



Outcome(s): No Longer Bound (NLB) primarily serves low-income households in traditionally marginalized communities of color. NLB has hosted a free after-school program which includes homework help and reading support and works closely with the Bristol Township School District to assess the needs of students and offered additional support. Its facilitators have facilitated the Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence program with students in grades 3-5 in Brookwood Elementary school; both programs are evidence-based programs. They have facilitated eight of the twelve weeks of a youth

leadership program which teaches students about leadership skills, conflict resolution and how to prevent violence. NLB partnered with a local organization to offer job shadowing to the teens. The agency also took the students on a college tour and had several guest speakers connect with them to share advice and encouragement. NLB offered the Boys Council program for youth ages nine and the Girl Circle Program. Through the funding provided by this grant they have also been able to offer summer camp for two years. Students in the community were able to participate in a program in partnership with the Bristol Riverside Theatre.

April-June 2025 After School Program

- During this quarter four new students joined the after-school programming, we provided 35 sessions with an average of 11 students per session. Students participated in bucket drumming as well as ballroom dancing on a weekly basis. Master Gardeners attended monthly and taught the students how to plant flowers, vegetables and create a garden. Students learned and tasted the vegetables they were planting.
- With the nicer weather students engaged in structured outside games such as kickball, dodgeball and Sharks & Minnows. Children from the community participated in the outside activities.
- Students and their families participated in a Family Poetry night. The students read their poems to their parents and parents had an opportunity to write and share their own poetry. 17 students were present and their families, approximately 40 attendees, in this session. Pizza and refreshments were provided.
- 9 students participated in the Juneteenth event held at the Bristol Wharf on June 14 and in spite of the rain, students enjoyed performing a dance.
- On the last day of the afterschool program, there was an ice cream sundae party with 18 students participating.

Leadership Ambassador Program (LEADU) - Over this quarter, the teens completed the last seven sessions of this cohort. There was an average of 17 teens per session. Students selected two topics for their final presentations to the community. The students facilitated two different workshops for tweens from the community and parents. Both audiences learned about Mental Health and strategies for self-care and the second workshop discussed the harms of vaping and refusal strategies. Approximately 45 guests were in attendance and 17 teens attended graduation. Thanks to our partnership with Links of Bucks County,

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OPEN TO ALL TEENS 13-17

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four of the teens were able to attend the Faces of Wall Street. The students traveled to New York and toured Goldman Sachs and the Stock Exchange. Students learned about the various career opportunities and engaged in a mock stock trading challenge. The four teens did attend the HBCU tour. The trip was impactful; all four students were able to prioritize a college they would like to pursue after graduation and the teens shared their lessons learned from the tour with the remaining students. We also had the opportunity to start planning conversations they need to have with their guidance counselors.

Too Good Programs - During this quarter, No Longer Bound had the opportunity to finish facilitating the Too Good for Violence and Too Good for Drugs with the Social Skills Expansion Kit at Mill Creek and Brookwood Elementary Schools. We completed 39 sessions of Too Good for Drug with the Social Expansion Kit and 85 sessions of Too Good for Violence. We completed 24 groups with an average of 25 students per group. All students received a certificate of completion on their final session.

Community Events - Hosted a community meeting led by Bristol Township to discuss repairs to the alleys. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

Program/Project: Camp Crossroads

Provider: Penn Foundation (St. Luke's)

Budget: \$459,155.00

Purpose: St. Luke's Foundation Camp Programming: This project includes the expansion of the existing Camp Crossroads programming for youth 9-12 dealing with mental health and developmental disorders. According to Psychology Today, 1-in-5 children grow up in a home where a parent abuses drugs or alcohol. This can create poor self-image, loneliness, guilt, anxiety, feelings of helplessness, fear of abandonment, and depression in children. These children are at greater risk for behavioral/emotional problems and are four times more likely to develop their own addiction.

Outcome(s): St. Luke's Penn Foundation's Camp Crossroads continues to provide a supportive, therapeutic, and educational environment for children ages 9–12 who have been impacted by substance use within their families. What distinguishes Camp Crossroads is its integration of traditional camp experiences with trauma-informed, psychoeducational programming designed to foster resilience, build coping skills, and reduce stigma around addiction. The program's primary goal is to break the intergenerational cycle of substance use by equipping children with tools for emotional regulation, personal confidence, and healthy decision-making. Each camp weekend offers a blend of clinical group work sessions and recreational activities such as swimming, hiking, climbing, and team challenges, creating an environment where youth can process their experiences while also enjoying being kids. Campers build strong peer connections and develop trusting relationships with mentors and staff, often returning month after month to continue their healing journey. Since its relaunch in September 2022, Camp Crossroads has had a total of fourteen camp weekends that served forty unduplicated campers from Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Berks, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties. The program anticipates continued growth as we recognize that SUD does not discriminate. In fact, there are currently a few campers on our waitlist to meet the age requirement of 9, and some campers who have qualified but have not made it to a weekend yet.



To date, 11 campers have graduated from the program, with 3 additional graduations anticipated before the end of 2025. The retention rate has remained on trend at 72.5%, demonstrating strong engagement among participants and affirming the program's relevance and impact. Please note, this figure excludes any camper who has exited the program due to safety and/or behavioral issues as outlined in camp policy. This high retention rate not only reinforces the value of making behavioral health services accessible, but it also supports the long-term social-emotional development among our community's youth.

This year, Camp Crossroads has completed 4 weekend sessions— one in February, March, May and June. In February, campers had the opportunity to learn more about the things they can and cannot control in their lives. Each camper then spent a portion of the afternoon making and decorating their own drum to take home to use as a practical tool. In March, we hosted our first all-boys weekend, where the campers had the opportunity to participate in a day full of 'Survivor' games and activities. The theme for the weekend focused on how effective communication fosters good community, which was encouraged through the different games and activities.

In May we focused on how the campers 'didn't cause' the addiction in their families. Together they read some books of cause and effect and played jeopardy, where they were challenged with real life examples (both substance use related and not) to pick out what the cause/effects were. Later that evening, the campers had the opportunity to reflect on the impact of SUD in their families by mapping out the cause-and-effect patterns in their own lives. Through this they were able to explore how addiction has influenced their stories by impacting emotions, choices and relationships. Each activity helped connect the dots between what has happened at home and how they have responded. Our June camp focused on the fact that we cannot cure addiction. The activity for the morning was making our own snow globes, representing how addiction is never cured but rather managed. When the glitter settles, it represents recovery but notice that the glitter does not disappear. That's an image of addiction, those in recovery are constantly battling the glitter from swirling up again. The campers absolutely loved making their snow globes and were excited to share them and the analogy with their families.

This upcoming weekend we are taking 9 camper and alumni families (45 people in total) to the Iron Pigs Game. Each person has a ticket seated behind home plate, with a buffet providing food throughout the afternoon. We are looking forward to having some alumni back with us and excited to give the families an opportunity to connect with one another. August 16th we are hosting our second day event at Camp Men O Lan, where we will be throwing a giant birthday bash for all campers and alumni. The day will include a traveling mini golf course and an ice cream bar, encouraging guardians to stick around and connect with the campers and one another. Scheduled camp weekends through the rest of 2025 include September 19-21, November 7-9. All weekend programming is hosted at Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown, PA, and remains entirely free of charge to families, eliminating financial barriers to participation and ensuring equitable access to care.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Program/Project: Advance Care Planning and Long-Term Care Partnership

Provider: **Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP)**

Budget: \$282,970.00

Purpose: BCHIP shall re-initiate the Long-Term Care Partnership and expand and enhance Advance Care Planning Coordination which improves end-of-life care for patients and families. ARPA funding will support project coordinator costs, equipment, education and outreach materials, and training.

Outcome(s): **Long-Term Care Partnership Summary**
Lead the Bucks County LTC Partnership to review gaps, resources, & opportunities for collaboration. Stakeholders identified three priorities for the Long-Term Care Partnership to address including mental health, healthcare staffing, and improved transition of care for patients.

- BCHIP collaborates with Bucks County WED and PA CareerLink to offer valuable support to LTC facilities in the region addressing primary concerns of healthcare staffing. The Bucks County Workforce and Economic Development (WED) department has received a grant from the Department of Labor and Industry to support the Direct Care Worker sector. Specifically, this grant is aimed at enhancing the hiring, training, and retention of Home Health Aides, Personal Care Aides, and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) through the Bucks County Direct Care ACT Program. The initiative also focuses on providing professional development opportunities for those in the long-term care (LTC) sector.
- The Long-Term Care (LTC) Partnership continues to meet regularly, hosting guest speakers from local, state, and federal resources who provide valuable support to the industry. A special meeting was held on October 10, 2024, to address critical issues facing Long-Term Care facilities, including concerns over pending and proposed legislation, potential solutions, and additional legislative action needed to better support Bucks County LTC residents. The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including Bucks County Legislators and their staff, Bucks County Commissioners, and leaders from the Long-Term Care sector.
- BCHIP LTC Partnership continues to build strong connections between policy makers, LTC leaders, and the community to promote positive change for the well-being of local residents.

Advance Care Planning

Established 10 dedicated sites throughout Upper, Middle, and Lower Bucks County to host monthly advance care planning appointments. These sites are part of an ongoing effort to support residents in making informed decisions about their healthcare preferences, especially for those with serious or chronic health conditions. The initiative to offer advance care planning (ACP) appointments across Bucks County has seen significant engagement and success.

4Q24 - A total of 77 ACP inquiry connections were made, leading to 63 scheduled conversations with individuals interested in completing their advance care planning. As a result, 56 completed advance directive documents were finalized.

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Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership
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BCHIP Outreach (Program Materials Delivered and discussed) – 4Q24
 Physician Offices, Hospitals, Senior Centers, Assisted Living Facilities,
 Legislative/Township Offices, Schools/Colleges, Libraries, Pharmacies, Daycares, Grocery
 Stores, Dental Offices, LGBTQ organizations, and Professional Organizations, etc.
 Total visits: 109 sites
 Total Contacts: 109
 BCHIP Community Events and Educational Programs-4Q24
 Total events: 17 events
 Total participants reached: 1,916 participants reached

Program/Project: Healthy Eating and Living Partnership
 Provider: **Bucks County Opportunity
 Council**

Budget: \$209,132.00

Purpose: BCOC shall create an in-person food shopping area in the HELP Center in Lower Bucks County to benefit homeless and low-income individuals and offer online ordering and food pick-up services. Items to be purchased with ARPA funding to facilitate this project include a refrigerated truck, commercial refrigerator and freezer, storage and packing supplies, and a pallet jack. A project coordinator will also be funded by ARPA.



Outcome(s): The target population is low-income families who are food insecure and/or experiencing homelessness. Since the start of the HELP Center Expansion project, 5,027 individuals have been served. The HELP Center Expansion project has been extremely successful. The HELP Center Coordinator salary was paid out of this grant beginning on October 1, 2022. The refrigerated box truck was ordered in January 2023 and after several delays was delivered in November 2024. Other supplies were purchased during 2024. An online database system tracks our total pounds incoming and outgoing from the HELP Center. A key performance measure is the total pounds distributed from the center to our emergency food partners as well as individuals. BCOC's benchmark was an increase of five percent in total pounds distributed every 6 months, for a combined twenty percent increase in pounds distributed at year two. For the first 3 months of the project a total of 140,654 pounds of food were distributed. In the final quarter of the project a total of 236,129 pounds of food were distributed, representing a 67% increase.

The ARPA Help Center grant played a pivotal role in enabling the expansion of the HELP Center in Bristol. For the community it serves served - low-income families facing food insecurity and/or homelessness, the food provided at the HELP Center has been essential.

October - December 2024: 21,108 pounds of food were distributed through the emergency food pantry at the HELP Center through 1216 visits.

October - December 2024: 214,876.92 pounds of food were distributed during 243 food pantry pick-ups from the HELP Center.

October - December 2024: Total pounds of food distributed through the HELP Center – 236,129 pounds.

All of the goals for this successful and meaningful project were reached.

Program/Project: Chromebooks for Students
 Provider: **Buxmont Academy**
 Budget: \$6,350.00
 Purpose: Chromebooks will be provided to each student enrolled in an alternative education plan for troubled and at-risk youth in grades 6-12 struggling with a wide range of behavioral and emotional problems.
 Outcome(s): Provided Chromebooks to 18 students to enhance their learning experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chromebooks purchased have allowed the students of Buxmont Academy to pivot to a broader spectrum of consistent school-wide virtual educational services as all students are able to use the same equipment. The Chromebooks also allow students who cannot attend school for medical, or other, reasons to participate in classes virtually so as not to miss important lessons and fall behind in their work. Buxmont Academy's ARPA-funded Chromebooks for Students initiative has been a success. Program completed; 18 students served.

Program/Project: PRO-ACT Family Recovery Program
 Provider: **Council of Southeast PA**
 Budget: \$110,400.00
 Purpose: The goal of the project is to expand the Southern Bucks Recovery Community Center by adding space to create a Family Recovery Center, add Family Recovery and Family Education Programs, add to the services provided for families, and allow for an expansion of Recovery Support Services to adults in recovery who are parenting young children. Grant funding will support staffing costs, insurance, training, supplies, and operating expenses.
 Outcome(s): The program serves the needs of the families of Bucks County residents 18 yrs. and older with SUD and those with SUD parenting young children. The target population has included families of individuals in treatment, those who have not yet chosen to access treatment, families of individuals who have experienced an overdose, and families of those in early recovery. To date, this program has served individuals with SUD parenting young children and individual family members of individuals with SUD. The SMART Family and Friends group meets weekly; 4-12 participants per meeting. Participants completed the SMART Family and Friends Workbook, as well as the Beyond Addiction Workbook. Using these evidenced-based curricula, the group learned Smart tools and techniques for positive communication, boundary setting, make positive changes, and learned how to resist invitations to guilt and self-blame, and how to dispute their unhelpful beliefs. The individuals who are involved in the Family Education Program are people who have family members who are struggling with drugs/alcohol or are in the early stages of recovery, and the course provides education about Substance Use Disorder, Recovery Pathways, interpersonal communication and strategies to improve relationships with oneself and with family members. Among other programs offered, the Family Program has continued to grow throughout this past year, and events included Movie Nights, where the group viewed movies or documentaries about substance use disorder and recovery and held discussions, participated in the International Overdose Awareness Day picnic, attended Recovery Advocacy Day in Harrisburg. The group as a whole has built strong relationships, and they support and encourage each other through both good and hard times. Through December of 2024, 367 clients have been served by the various programs.

Program/Project: Human Services Co-Responder Program
 Provider: **County of Bucks**
 Budget: \$240,000.00
 Purpose: Co-Responder Program pairs social service professionals/Clinicians/Co-Responders with police officers to divert individuals primarily presenting with mental health, substance

	use, and other social service needs from further penetration into the criminal justice system.
Outcome(s):	The Bucks County Co-Responders served 2,270 individuals and conducted over 10,000 encounters and follow-ups that law enforcement did not have to complete on their own since December 2020. During that same timeframe the co-responders from Bristol Township, Bristol Borough, and Tullytown Police Department served 350 and conducted 2034 encounters and follow-ups. During this time frame, the co-responder program went from working with Bensalem Police Department to work with the Police Departments of Bensalem, Falls, Middletown, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Tullytown, Quakertown, Bedminster, Dublin Borough, Pennridge Regional, Perkasie, Richland Township, Springfield, Hilltown, Tinicum, Warrington, Warwick, Warminster Yardley, Lower Makefield, Morrisville, Upper Makefield, Newtown Borough, and Newtown Township. There is also more to come in 2025.
Program/Project:	Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) assisted living-like services at home
Provider:	Interim HealthCare
Budget:	\$922,805.00
Purpose:	This project aims to provide Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) assisted living-like services to residents who do not possess the resources to enter a traditional CCRC or simply wish to age well in their existing residence due to personal preference or concerns over COVID 19 exposure. ARPA funds shall provide the means for staffing, tech devices for staff and consumers for virtual monitoring, training, travel to consumers, telemedicine visits, monitoring platform charges, etc.
Outcome(s):	Senior citizens with chronic conditions/limitations requiring personal care and support to remain in their homes (age in place). Twenty-three unduplicated members have been served with a range of service time of one week to 30 months. CWOW participants were not Medicaid Waiver eligible, nor have monthly income in excess of three times the federal poverty level for entrance. The program has proven successful in several aspects: member satisfaction and acceptance of shorter shifts (we have provided aide support in shifts as short as 30 minutes when required to support members), regular interaction with remote service partners intended to stay in touch re life issues/challenges, maintaining members with unique schedules meant to support the family with respite and keeping members in their homes and out of institutions. Improved awareness of disease state management, via simple reinforcement/vitals monitoring, and encouraging member access to remote providers through access to home visiting professionals and tele-med and compliance with their existing PCP. When tele-med was employed, it was provided by the aides, or even family if necessary to assure appropriate and timely access and eliminate unnecessary charges for simple connections. Tele-med support was also agnostic to the connection – whatever the provider wished to use was employed successfully in every encounter. Final outcomes will reveal overall reduction in ED visits and following completion of the program we will conduct final interviews and fully expect to report improved overall patient reported wellness in the great majority of our members.
Program/Project:	Lower Bucks Consortium Academic Support Program
Provider:	Ivins Outreach (with Morrisville School District)
Budget:	\$579,185.00
Purpose:	The goal of this program is to address social determinants of health, remove barriers to learning, and facilitate expansion of successful academic and social and emotional learning services aimed at helping at-risk K-12 students overcome academic regression due to Covid-19; ARPA funds shall support program-related expenses and staffing.

Outcome(s): This project serves students attending schools in Lower Bucks County particularly focusing on minority populations, students of color, and Hispanic students facing language barriers to learning. Additionally, it involves outreach to parents for additional support. Since its inception, the program has supported 3,650 kids, family members, and community members. The project has proven highly effective in providing academic tutoring and homework assistance to students through the support of volunteers and teachers. This support has led to improved preparedness for school and completion of homework assignments among students. Additionally, the family coordinator has played a crucial role in addressing various needs, such as connecting families with meals to combat food insecurity and assisting parents who face language barriers by helping them navigate county agencies and facilitating communication with school administration and teachers. Overall, these aspects highlight the success of the project in meeting its objectives and positively impacting the targeted population.



Program/Project: Residential Facilities Enhancement
 Provider: **Lenape Valley Foundation**
 Budget: \$183,842.00
 Purpose: The goal of this project is to improve the quality of housing available to vulnerable populations by renovating kitchens and bathrooms and updating furnishings in housing provided by Lenape Valley Foundation to individuals hardest hit by COVID-19 such as those with a history of mental illness and other cooccurring issues; these individuals are at risk for homelessness and higher levels of care. To inhibit the spread of COVID, updates made will be easy to clean and/or refinish/refurbish when necessary.

Outcome(s): Renovations to kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, and other living spaces were completed on several units thus significantly improving the quality of life for six residents. The project is complete.

Program/Project: Forensic Nurse Program
 Provider: **Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)**
 Budget: \$150,000.00
 Purpose: This project is in collaboration with the Bucks County District Attorney's Office to stabilize the county-wide Forensic Nursing Program and Domestic Violence Investigations unit and will transform/improve the standards of care for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, interpersonal violence, and strangulation; ARPA funding shall support salary and benefits for part-time forensic nursing staff.

Outcome(s): The funds have allowed NOVA to maintain 24/7 365 on-call coverage for 5 of the local hospitals. The regulation of the PA department of health requires that hospitals provide forensic nurse services within an hour for any victim that presents with a sexual assault in the hospital's emergency department. In Bucks County, NOVA's centralized forensic nurse program provides this service within one hour of the hospital contacting NOVA. In addition to providing this essential service to sexual assault victims, NOVA now provides the service to victims of non-fatal strangulation. By providing this service by a registered nurse with advanced forensic nurse training, the victim receives the specialized trauma-informed care, and the evidence collection enhances the percentage of successful prosecution of the offender. To date this fiscal year, NOVA served 100 victims of sexual assault and non-fatal strangulation who presented in 5 of the 6 hospitals needing a

forensic exam within one-hour of the hospital reaching out to NOVA's hotline for assistance. The national nurse shortage had a significant impact on NOVA's ability to recruit nurses during the pandemic. Over the 18 months, NOVA has been able to recruit and retain an average of 15 part-time nurses, each who take a minimum of 32 on-call hours per month. NOVA has maintained an average of 86 percent on-call coverage throughout the past eighteen months to two years and is currently maintaining a 99% coverage rate. The NOVA forensic nurse program, serving 5 of the 6 hospitals in Bucks County is successful and necessary to ensure that victims of non-fatal strangulation and sexual assault.

Program/Project: Project Stabilization Part 1: Electronic Health Record System

Provider: **Penndel Mental Health Center**

Budget: \$342,452.00

Purpose: Migration, setup, and training of staff in utilizing a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system which will provide better reporting, a simplified client interface for telehealth appointments, and improved interaction with referral sources for care coordination; easier client/provider interaction is key to the resumption and continuation of services for those in need during the continued recovery from the pandemic.

Outcomes: Penndel provides treatment, services, and supports to individuals with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). The majority of their population served includes individuals who reside in low-income households and those who are homeless. To track client progress in treatment, as well as their social determinants of health, Penndel needed to upgrade to a new electronic health record (EHR) to monitor and report important metrics and data to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. The new EHR system assists in measuring outcomes and provides leadership with all necessary dashboards and critical information related to the treatment and services they provide. The initial launch of the EHR system was completed during 2023 and the secondary objective to launch a client portal should be completed in October 2024.

3,626 unduplicated clients received treatment, services and supports, as facilitated by what is offered through the new EHR system from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024. The programs that continue to see the most impact for their clients/families are our Outpatient and Intake Departments.



Program/Project: Air Filtration Project

Provider: **Pyramid Healthcare**

Budget: \$121,000.00

Purpose: To improve health and quality of life for residents, Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. shall install filtration systems in both the Langhorne and Quakertown residential treatment locations to assist improve air quality in the facilities.

Outcome(s): The targeted population being served by this project are the clients and staff at Pyramid Langhorne and Pyramid Quakertown. The number of unduplicated individuals served from the project thus far (8/1/23-4/25/24) are 697 clients and 95 staff at Langhorne and 529 clients and 47 staff members at Quakertown with a total of 1,368 individuals served thus far. At the conclusion of the project, we had successfully installed Point of Use Sanuvox Model S-100 Air Purification wall units as well as HVAC RTU Mounted I-Wave Bio Polarization Units at each site. The project has been effective in providing better air quality and therefore improved the environment for our clients and staff at Langhorne and Quakertown. Project has been completed.

Program/Project: Reach Out Growth
Provider: **Reach Out Foundation**
Budget: \$62,000.00
Purpose: Reach Out Growth: Purchase of 16-passenger van to transport consumers in compliance with CDC social distancing requirements; transportation of participants to and from the Reach Out Drop-in Day Shelter and other community activities and events.

Outcome(s): The Reach Out Foundation Drop-In Day Shelter operates from 6am to 4pm during the months of December- March; April through November our hours of operation are 8am to 6pm. Those who may be experiencing homelessness can come in at any time and receive hot meals, clothing, utilize shower facilities, and laundry facilities. Access is provided to the internet as well as a television, computers, books, games and areas to recharge electronics. Our dedicated staff work with every participant to connect them to available county resources including case management, housing solutions and medical care. Conference rooms are provided for individuals to meet with case managers, county assistance, and social health care providers. The transportation program to and from the drop-in day shelter has been extremely effective. Since its inception, we have provided transportation services to over 6,500 people! The van has been utilized to transport participants from designated stops to the shelter as well as transport to group activities like picnics; those using the service have no other means of transportation and would typically be outside all day. Many participants come on a regular basis and take advantage of the hot meals, shower and laundry facilities daily. The van has provided us with the opportunity for additional outreach in Bucks County as we can now go to those in need and offer services.



Program/Project: Operation Compassion Recovery
Provider: **YMCA of Bucks County**
Budget: \$322,286.00
Purpose: Operation Compassion Recovery (OCR): YMCA is Supporting Vulnerable Families with Children and Youth through the expansion of its feeding program, better access to infant, school-age, and summer camp childcare for low-income families, and in-person academic enrichment to remedy Covid-19 learning loss.

Outcome(s): The YMCA served 407 unduplicated children and youth from low-income families in Bucks County. Those served are predominantly from marginalized families who need support to thrive. Ninety percent of the children participating in the meal program will have improved emotional and behavioral health and the hunger level will be reduced. During the grant period, they hired two staff, one to lead the food program and one to manage the administration. They began a partnership with St. Mary Medical Center to provide food backpacks and became CACFP and SFSP approved. They also completed installation of a commercial kitchen in Doylestown and added a dishwasher and other food supplies in Morrisville. One hundred percent of families who need financial assistance were able to sustain employment and ensure that children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment. They provided financial aid for 207 children which helps support working families. Ninety percent of the children served had a greater understanding of math and reading concepts and achieved at least a half point grade advancement. They purchased STEM and STEAM supplies for the Morrisville early care and school age centers and were able to put into place advanced learning for children in an effort to help them increase their academic capacity. The project has been completed.