Contra Costa County Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2025 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

As the local health jurisdiction, Contra Costa County Health Services (CCH) played the primary role in planning and implementing the COVID-19 pandemic response for Contra Costa County through FY 23/24, working closely with other health systems, providers, businesses, community-based organizations and residents. CCH was the largest provider in Contra Costa County of COVID-19 vaccinations, community-based testing and Contact Tracing and Contact Investigation (CI/CT) services.

CCH conducted other activities county-wide: issuing, directing, and communicating Public Health orders, guidance, and safety policies; collecting and sharing community level pandemic information; conducting emergency response activities and preparedness planning; laboratory processing and sequencing, and analysing and sharing COVID-19 county-level data using epidemiology. To better respond to communities across the County, CCH worked closely with our community partners to build a broad and multifaceted system for ongoing community engagement and feedback that helped guide response efforts.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) supported and improved the ongoing response to COVID-19 within Contra Costa County through FY 23/24, with the goal of mitigating the spread of COVID-19, increasing vaccination rates and reducing COVID-19 health outcomes. These projects included a significant amount of staffing and infrastructure to support the services necessary to respond effectively to the pandemic.

There were no CSLFRF activities in FY24/25.

Uses of Funds

The County of Contra Costa was awarded \$224,058,903 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF). Quarterly financial reporting to the Board of Supervisors occurred with updates on the actual utilization. The total allocation of \$224,058,903 was fully spent at the end of FY 23/24.

CSLFRF funds supported the ongoing response to COVID-19 within Contra Costa County through three primary Public Health projects: Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19, Delivery System COVID-19 Treatment and Medical Services, and Improving Public Health Outcomes. The cost for each project was variable and shifted based on patient demand, circumstances on the ground, and the treatment protocols in place throughout the year.

Contra Costa used several coordinated strategies to maximize programmatic impact and outcomes. These strategies included real-time data monitoring and data transparency; continued flexibility in workflows, adaptable infrastructure, and staffing; automating critical workflows, implementing evidenced-based guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation and recovery, and effective patient/community engagement, communication, and partnerships.

PROJECT INVENTORY

CCH had the following projects funded through CSLFRF funds.

Project 1: Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19

Funding amount: \$86,052,623.00
Project Expenditure Category: EC-1

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Project Overview: Project 1 funded a broad range of services and programming for the prevention and ongoing response to COVID-19. All project activities focused on maintaining and improving testing and vaccination resources, contact tracing/case investigation, public health epidemiology, communication with the public and purchase and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by CCH and in coordination with community partners. The intended outcomes of this project were to improve vaccination rates and efficiently meet the demand for testing with timely reporting of results, efficient and effective communicable disease management, improve CCH capacity for public health epidemiology and data analytics, and effectively communicate with the public via trusted and culturally relevant partners and sources that bridge the digital divide.

<u>Use of Evidence</u>: The goal of this project was to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Interventions developed by CCH for this project were evidence-based and data driven. All the strategies based on evidence-based studies listed in the Use of Evidence section apply to Project 1 activities.

<u>Project 2</u>: Delivery System COVID-19 Treatment and Medical Services

<u>Funding amount</u>: \$19,656,391.00 Project Expenditure Category: EC-1

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<u>Project Overview:</u> The intended outcomes of this project were to improve health care capacity to provide care and services to COVID-19 patients, improve infrastructure for the safe delivery of services and build capacity to address gaps in care due to COVID-19. All projects were conducted by CCH and, where relevant, done in coordination with community partners. Project activities included enhancing health care capacity to treat COVID-19 patients, capital investments or adaptations to public facilities to improve infrastructure for the safe provision of services, advanced cyber security to support increase in remote connectivity to the health system, technical assistance and education related to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation for congregate living facilities and addressing gaps in care resulting from COVID-19.

<u>Use of Evidence:</u> The goal of this project was to improve the delivery system for COVID-19 treatment and related medical services and enhance workplace safety.

Project 3: Improving Public Health Outcomes

<u>Funding amount</u>: \$41,350,112 Project Expenditure Category: EC-1

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<u>Project Overview:</u> This project addressed CCH's ability to effectively monitor and respond to these the impact of Covid-19 to the health of the public at large and supported efforts to improve

the design and execution of public health programs and outcomes. Key activities within this project included the maintenance and expansion of community engagement efforts, consumer outreach and communications, and data analysis and evaluation. The intended outcome of this project was to improve public health outcomes

<u>Use of Evidence:</u> Interventions developed by CCH for this project were evidence-based and data driven. Project 3 activities were based on evidence-based studies that are listed in the Use of Evidence section.

Project 4: Pandemic Service Relief Payment and Worker Retention Payment Program

<u>Funding amount</u>: \$24,708,620.50 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: EC-6.1

<u>Project Overview:</u> This project covered the cost of providing a one-time Pandemic Service Relief Payment of up to \$2,500 for employees who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project also covered payroll taxes and administrative costs for the Worker Retention Payment Program that were not covered by the State funded program.

Project 5: Administrative Expenses

<u>Funding amount</u>: \$14,746,762.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: EC-7.1

<u>Project Overview:</u> This project funded indirect costs including but not limited to Personnel staff salaries and benefits, Fiscal Staff salaries and benefits, and Contract Administrative Staff salaries and benefits.

Project 6: Contribution Towards Hospital Enterprise Fund

<u>Funding amount</u>: \$37,544,394.50 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: EC-6.1

<u>Project Overview:</u> This project offset a portion of the General Fund subsidy to the Hospital Enterprise Fund for the provision of healthcare to residents of the County.