

DuPage County, IL 2025 Recovery Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act has afforded DuPage County (“County”) tremendous opportunities. The nearly six-year span of the program, combined with relatively flexible uses, has provided the opportunity for both short-term crisis response and long-term strategic investments. At the start of the American Rescue Plan Act Program (“Program”), the County initiated a wide range of human service and economic development programs as part of its immediate, short-term response to the pandemic. This initial period was important operationally as the County built its internal team for managing the program and forging interdepartmental relationships. Concurrently, County Board members used this time to debate and discuss community needs, weaknesses in systems, and priorities of the members. Since that time, the County has moved on to implementing its priorities.

This report covers the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 or “Year 4.” In this period, the pandemic was over, so the County spent more on long-term recovery projects and less on emergency response. In terms of long-term projects, the County focused on two major construction projects in Year 4: the Crisis Recovery Center construction and the DuPage Care Center renovation. These two projects were born from the COVID-19 pandemic, which manifested the County’s need for effective mental health crisis services and high-quality elder care.

While much of Year 4 focused on long-term recovery projects, there was one exception: food insecurity. Hunger and food insecurity continued to be an immediate and pressing concern in Year 4. Despite large investments prior years, the County experienced increased demand for food in Year 4. As a result, the County continued to invest significant funds in its food pantry network over the course of the year.

Year 4 priorities are listed below and details on each are provided in subsequent sections.

- 1) Alleviating hunger;
- 2) Providing high quality elderly care (DuPage Care Center renovation); and
- 3) Innovating mental health service delivery (Crisis Recovery Center).

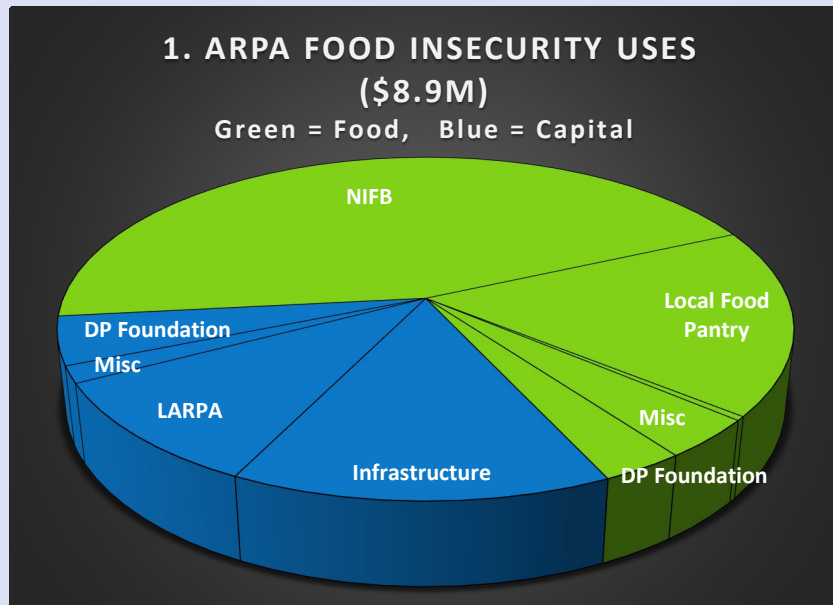
Alleviating Hunger

Strong County Board leadership, commitment, and consensus made food insecurity the highest profile initiative in Year 4 of the Program. In 2025, food insecurity was estimated to impact 92,610 people – roughly 10% of residents in DuPage County.¹ Despite the end of the pandemic, utilization of area food banks continues to rise. The County’s partner food pantry agencies continue to express a need for increased food supplies. High food and high housing costs are factors contributing to this increased demand. In addition, pending cuts to the federal food stamps program are likely to exacerbate the problem.

As of 06/30/2025, the County has pledged over \$11.3 million to alleviate hunger in DuPage County. This includes approximately \$8.9 million in ARPA funds, an additional \$1.7 million in ARPA interest funds, and \$0.7 million from the County’s General Fund. By reserving funds from its ARPA interest proceeds and appropriating funds from its General Fund, the County has demonstrated its commitment to solving this problem.

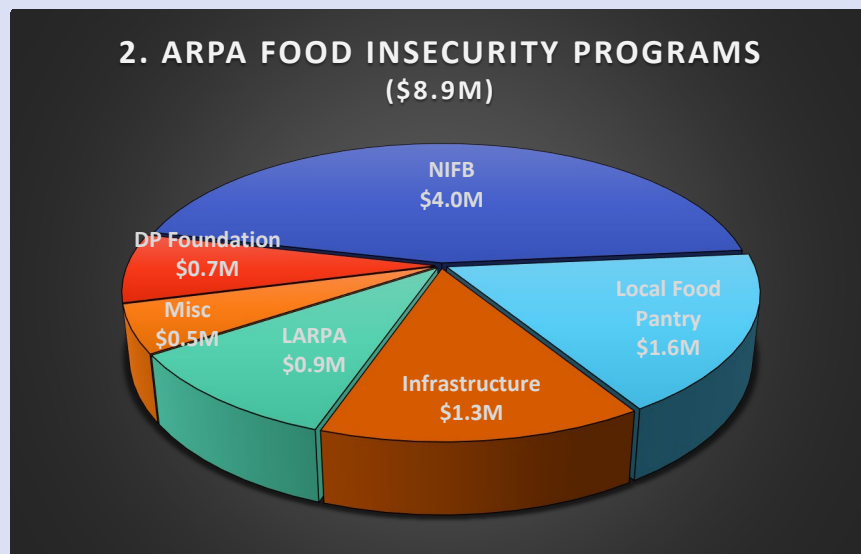
¹ “Food Insecurity among the Overall Population in the United States” (Map), Feeding America, 07/24/2025, <<https://map.feedingamerica.org/>>

Overall, the County has adopted a two-pronged approach to the problem of hunger. First, it has made investments in the infrastructure and logistics of the local food pantry network. These initiatives are shown in Chart 1 to the right with blue shading.² Through the Food Pantry Infrastructure Investment Program, the County has administered three rounds of grants that awarded approximately \$1.2 million for capital equipment and IT upgrades. The County also funded \$0.4 million through the DuPage Foundation’s competitive grant program, which awarded grants to five food pantries in the County. In general, food pantries throughout the County have used funding from both programs to: (i) improve food recovery, logistics and transportation capacity by buying vehicles; (ii) expand shelf-life of food by buying refrigerators and/or freezers; and (iii) improve client tracking and processing by implementing new software and upgrading computers.



In addition to equipment and IT investments, the County has also invested approximately \$0.9 million towards Township food pantry building improvements under the County’s local government ARPA Program (“LARPA”).

Lastly, the County funded several capital projects focused on at-risk populations. These included facility improvements for meal pickups, which serves senior citizens, and food pantry building improvements for ICNA Relief, which serves a large capacity of low-income individuals and families. In total, these investments have helped the County increase its current food pantry network capacity and improve network efficiency in the long-term. A breakdown of the County’s \$8.9 million is shown in Chart 2.³



The County’s second approach to food insecurity is focused on more and better food. In terms of more food, the County increased its allocation for the Northern IL Food Bank (“NIFB”) from \$4.0 million to \$4.5 million in Year 4. NIFB functions as a regional wholesaler/distributor for many local pantries in what has been described as a “hub and spoke”

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decentralized system. Through the use of ARPA funds, NIFB has been able to provide 38 local pantries with fresh produce in addition to diapers, wipes, toilet paper and detergent. The average number of persons served monthly by the local pantries has increased by 45% since the grant was awarded, from 102,861 persons in October 2022 to 149,232 in June 2025. NIFB has distributed 5,645,222 pounds of fresh produce and 630,940 pounds of diapers, wipes, toilet paper and detergent through June 2024. In addition to the NIFB partnership, the County also partnered with the existing network of food pantries. Since this network is locally based, workers and volunteers get to know their communities and those they serve personally. They can relay local needs and help prioritize spending requests. Because this network leverages teams of committed local volunteers, it also has the advantage of distributing food at an extremely low cost.

Similar to the capital programs, the County has several food programs that target at-risk populations. In Year 4, the County developed a new Senior's Drive-Thru Meal Pilot Program. The new program builds on a nonprofit program that was discontinued. The new program is administered by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and includes means testing for low-income seniors. The County has allocated \$142.0 thousand for this program.

Lastly, the County has piloted an innovative food program in partnership with the Conservation Foundation. Under its "Farm to Pantry Program", the Conservation Foundation grows organic certified produce on a 60-acre farm located near Naperville, Illinois. It then delivers this food directly to five food pantries in DuPage County. The program serves approximately 200 families per week and helps ensure that food pantry clients have access to fresh, high quality, pesticide-free produce.

In Year 4 of the Program, the County continued to focus on the growing problem of hunger. It administered a third round of the Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Program; it created a new Senior's Drive-Thru Meal Pilot Program using ARPA interest; it allocated an additional \$0.5 million to the Northern IL Food Bank using the County's General Fund; it continued to reserve funds from the County's own ARPA interest proceeds for food insecurity; and it reallocated unspent funds for food. All these initiatives reflect the County's recognition that food insecurity is a significant problem that will require ongoing financial support even after the pandemic has ceased and the ARPA Program is complete.

Providing High Quality Elder Care

The single largest project in the County's Program is the renovation of the Kenneth Moy DuPage Care Center ("Care Center"). In total, the County will spend approximately \$33.6 million on the Care Center. From ARPA, this includes \$26.4 million on the renovation and \$2.9 million on the HVAC system. To date, the Care Center Project is approximately 60% complete with final completion scheduled for fall of 2026. In Year 4, the County spent approximately \$9.4 million on the Care Center Project, which accounts for about 21% of the total Year 4 expenditures. The following table shows a breakdown budget and expenditures.



Care Center Project				
Description	Budget	Year 4 Expenditures	All Year Expenditures	Percent Complete
Renovation (ARPA Share)	\$26.4M	\$8.0M	\$14.3M	
HVAC (ARPA Share)	\$2.9M	\$1.4M	\$2.7M	
<i>ARPA Subtotal:</i>	\$29.3M	\$9.4M	\$17.1M	58%
Renovation (County Share)	\$4.3M	\$1.3M	\$2.9M	
<i>Total:</i>	\$33.6M	\$10.7M	\$20.0M	60%

The Care Center provides sub-acute skilled care, rehabilitative services, long-term custodial care/nursing home care, and Alzheimer's special care. It serves approximately 194 individuals – 129 of whom are over the age of 75 and 166 of whom are Medicaid eligible.⁴ This elderly, low-income population has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, so renovations are focused on new designs that will improve conditions for this at-risk population.

The Care Center building is old. Some sections date back to the 1880's when it served as the County's "Poor Farm" or "Alms House." In the 1930's, the County converted it into a nursing facility, and it eventually converted into the Kenneth Moy DuPage Care Center. This project is the first large-scale renovation in three decades.

The renovations are extensive. They include the main entrance, lobby, common areas, and nursing stations. In addition, the County is renovating all resident rooms on the north, center, and southeast wings of the facility. The new materials and designs will help limit the spread of infection, improve ventilation, strengthen sanitation, facilitate social distancing, and overall improve the quality of life at the Care Center. Investments in this critical infrastructure will benefit one of the County's most vulnerable populations for many years to come.



Innovating Mental Health Service Delivery

The Crisis Recovery Center ("CRC") is the cornerstone of the County's ARPA program.⁵ From a federal perspective, the CRC embodies the goals of the federal American Rescue Plan Act as a project that addresses the national mental health care crisis affecting both teens and adults in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the County's perspective, it solves a basic logistical problem of where to take those in crisis. Weaving together resources from American Rescue Plan Act and best practices, the County has developed the CRC - a state-of-the-art facility to serve as a national model for crisis care.

⁴ As of June 30, 2025.

⁵ For simplicity, this report refers to the CRC and the Kurzawa projects as County projects; however, these projects were designed in coordination with and will be operated by the DuPage County Health Department. The DuPage County Health Department is a Component Unit of the County.



One of the many strengths of the CRC project is its integration with existing mental health and substance use disorder facilities. The County built the CRC on its main campus in Wheaton, Illinois. It is adjacent to the DuPage County Health Department’s (“DHCD”) main office. More importantly, it is physically connected to the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (“Kurzawa”). Kurzawa houses DuPage County’s National Alliance on Mental Illness (“NAMI DuPage”), a national nonprofit mental health organization. In coordination with NAMI DuPage, the County uses the Kurzawa facility to provide group therapy, individual therapy, treatment planning, and psychiatric evaluation for those with mental health and substance use disorders. In addition, Kurzawa includes 12 adult beds for short-term residential care. By physically connecting Kurzawa and the CRC, the County can utilize existing staff for both facilities, hence lowering overall operating costs. This connection also creates a seamless continuum of care for patients, as patients can easily be transferred from the CRC after the first 24-hours to Kurzawa for more extended stays once stabilized. By locating the new facility on the Wheaton campus, the County has created a unified group of services in one central location for the public benefit.

Leveraging Other Investments	
CRC (Federal ARPA Share)	\$15.4M
US HHS	\$1.0M
State “Rebuild Illinois”	\$5.5M
DHCD	\$3.9M
	\$25.8M

Because of the interconnection between the ARPA-funded CRC and Kurzawa projects, the table below shows the total costs. Out of ARPA funding, the CRC new construction project will cost approximately \$15.4 million, and the Kurzawa renovation project will cost \$5.8 million for a total of \$21.2 million. Out of this total \$21.2 million budget, the County spent \$15.1 million in Year 4 alone. The two projects account for 33% of Year 4 total projects. With most of the construction complete, the CRC is scheduled to open in September 2025.

Health Department Projects				
Description	Budget	Year 4 Expenditures	All Year Expenditures	Percent Complete
CRC Construction (ARPA Share)	\$15.4M	\$12.7M	\$14.1M	
Kurzawa/Central Office (ARPA Share)	\$5.8M	\$2.3M	\$5.8M	
<i>ARPA Subtotal:</i>	\$21.2M	\$15.1M	\$19.9M	94%
CRC Construction (Other Sources)	\$10.4M	\$4.3M	\$4.6M	
<i>Total:</i>	\$31.6M	\$19.4M	\$24.4M	77%

The CRC will provide a place to go for those in crisis. The new facility creates a single point of entry for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. It is designed for a real-time, rapid response so that needs are evaluated and individuals are treated or transitioned to an appropriate level of care within 24 hours.

The CRC model provides caring, safe, and medically appropriate care. It is accessible for law enforcement, emergency personnel, and families to have an easy drop-off. It is intended to provide a timely and medically appropriate alternative to the emergency room or jail. This facility is strongly supported by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, which often serves as the initial point of contact for those in crisis. This single point of entry will help the County's law enforcement staff to quickly move those in crisis from first contact to the next level of mental health or substance use treatment. At the CRC, youth and adult individuals in crisis will be assessed and then placed appropriately.

In addition to this new service delivery model, the CRC building has unique features designed to support both patients and staff in the crisis setting, including:

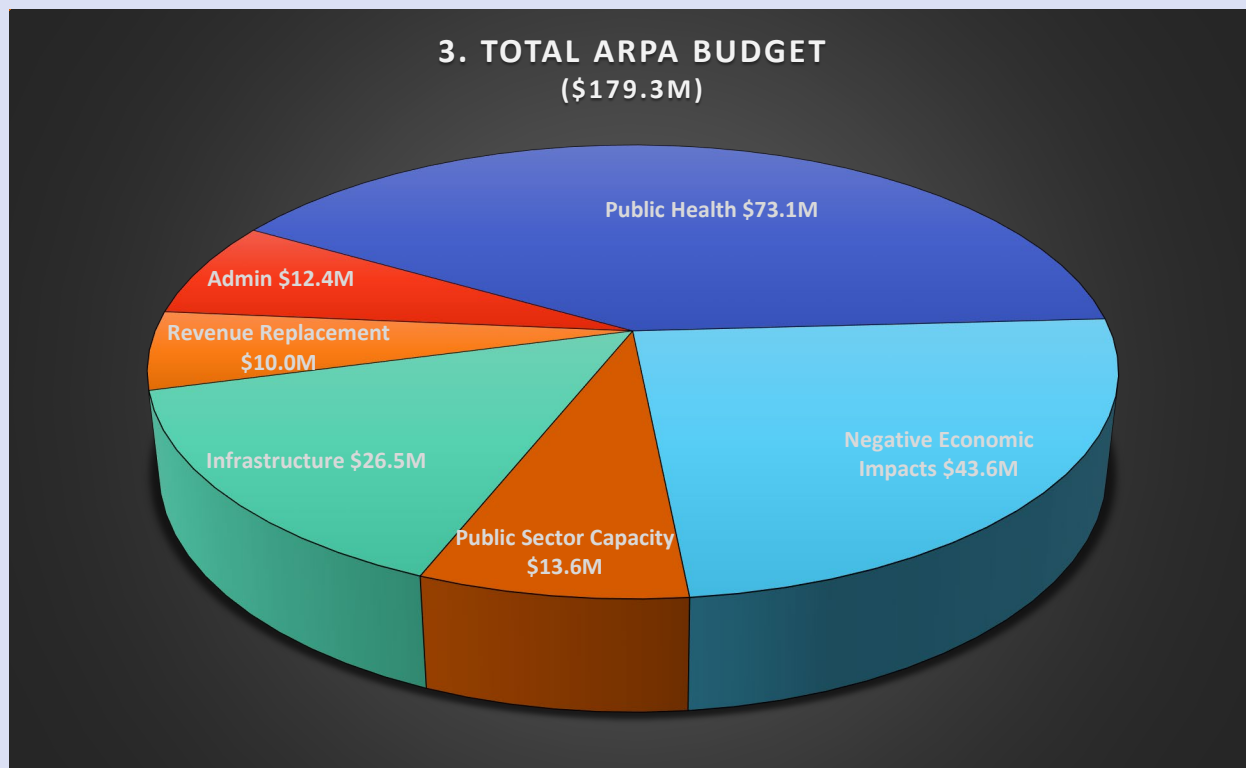
- Dropoff location designed to ensure privacy/anonymity
- Connection with Kurzawa to enable easy transition for further residential treatment
- Patient rooms with dividers providing privacy but preserving clear sightlines from nursing stations
- Secure meetings rooms for family member sessions
- "Pods" for separating different populations with different needs, i.e., youth mental health, adult mental health, adult substance use, adult substance use detox.
- Onsite security personnel
- Central connection between Pods to allow staff to pivot response to intake needs
- Natural lighting and design features to promote a calm environment
- Second floor with quiet areas, rooftop garden, patio, shared spaces, workstations, and mother's room to support staff work and staff mental health needs



The CRC is the first of its kind in Illinois. Its innovative design provides a new model for delivering care to those in crisis. Currently, this work is being showcased throughout the State of Illinois as a model of best practices. This CRC and the Care Center renovation are major investments that will have lasting impacts on DuPage County and DuPage County residents.

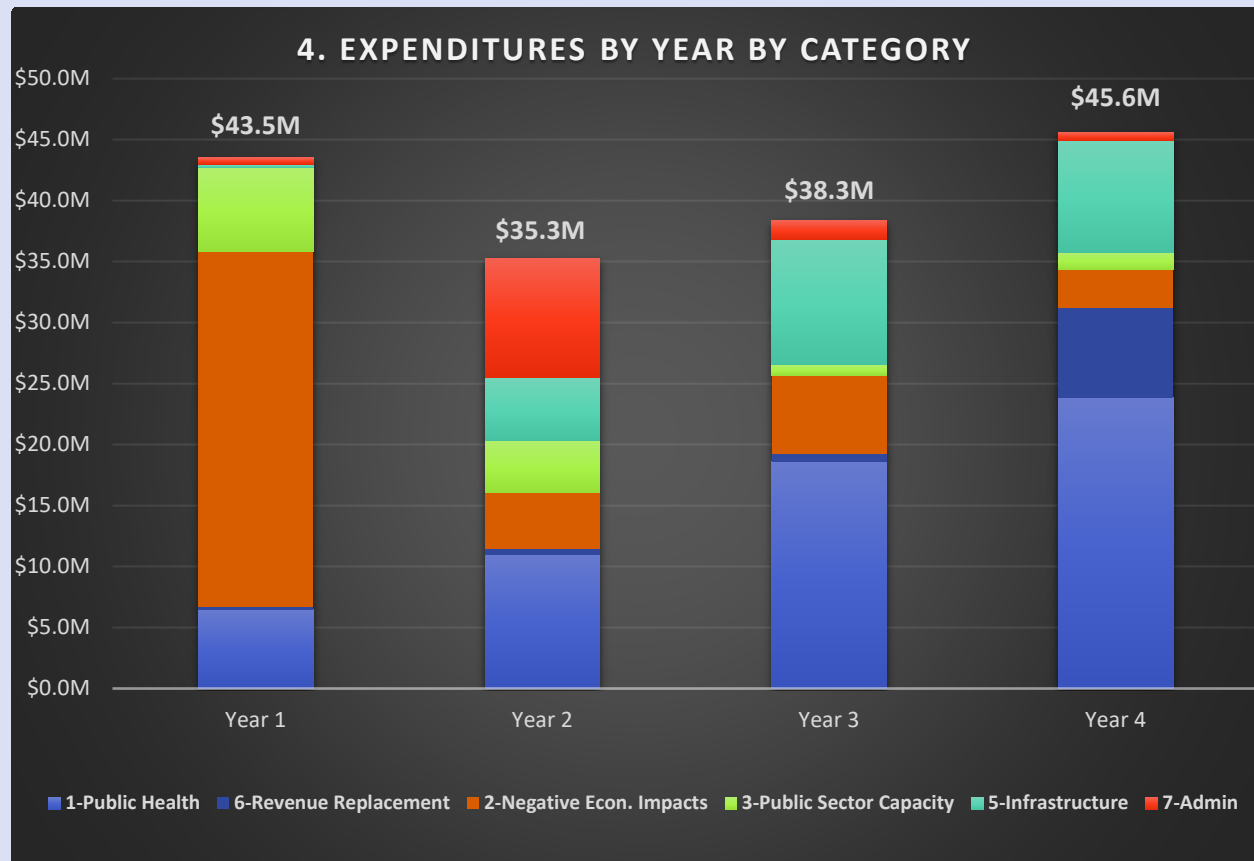
USE OF FUNDS

To date, the County has budgeted the entire \$179.3 million ARPA grant. It has obligated approximately \$179.3 million (100%) of the total \$179.3 and expended approximately \$162.7 million (91%) of the total. The County is confident that all funds will be fully spent by the end of 2026. Chart 3 below shows a breakdown of the current budget as of 06/30/2025.⁶



⁶ Totals may vary due to rounding.

The County has expended \$162.7 million over four years. Chart 4 below shows the expenditures by year broken up by expenditure category. This chart illustrates the shift of priorities during the course of the program. The Year 1 focus was emergency response but that quickly shifted to long-term recovery projects after the pandemic ended. The County's immediate pandemic response is shown in orange (Negative Economic Impacts) and drops sharply after Year 1. In contrast, the County's long-term response is shown in blue and dark blue (Public Health & Revenue Replacement).⁷ This long-term response increases steadily over the four-year period as capital projects are constructed.⁸



The following sections provide a more detailed breakdown of each category with updates for Year 4 shown in *italics*.

⁷ DuPage County used a majority of Revenue Replace fund pay for CRC capital construction.

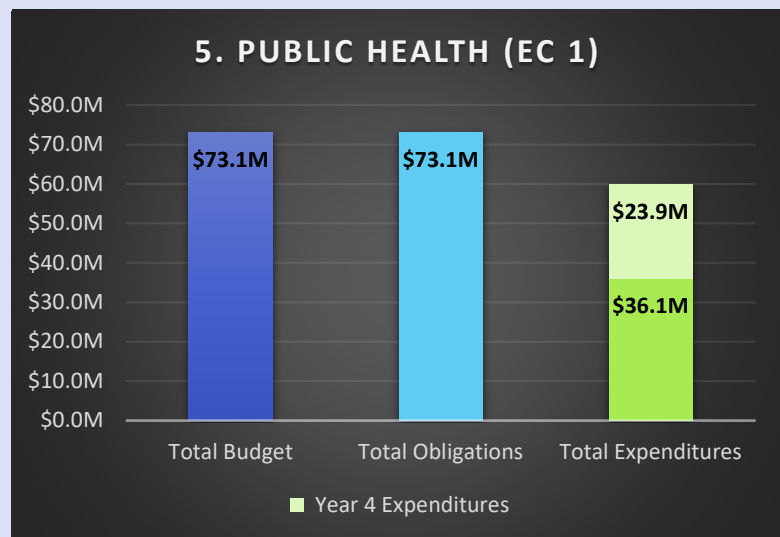
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Public Health (EC 1)

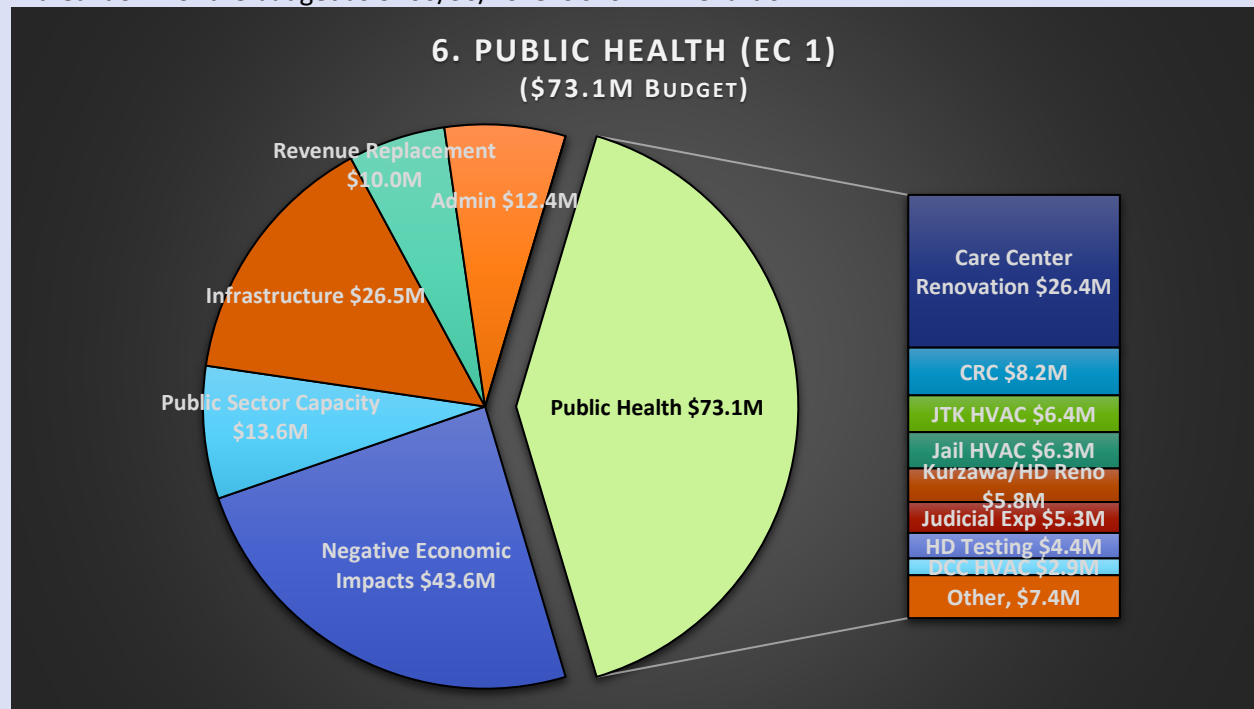
The Public Health category includes funding for the Care Center, the Health Department, and county-wide COVID-19 projects. The budget for this category is \$73.1 million as of 06/30/2025. A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 5.⁹

Major projects include:

- Care Center renovation for rehabilitation and nursing home care (\$26.4 million)
- Care Center HVAC for air quality improvement (\$2.9 million)
- CRC construction for mental health/substance use treatment (\$8.2 million)¹⁰
- Kurzawa/Central Office construction for mental health/substance use treatment associated with the CRC (\$5.8 million)
- Jail HVAC system upgrades for air quality improvements (\$6.3 million)
- Judicial Building expansion for social distancing (\$5.3 million)
- Health Department testing to protect against the spread of COVID-19 (\$4.4 million).



A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 6.¹¹



Updates

In Year 4, spending increased as major construction projects mobilized particularly for the Care Center renovation, the CRC, Kurzawa, and the JTK HVAC project. With the CRC reaching substantial completion by August 2025, most of the Year 5 expenses in this category will be at the Care Center.

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¹⁰ Excludes the Standard Allowance portion of the CRC.

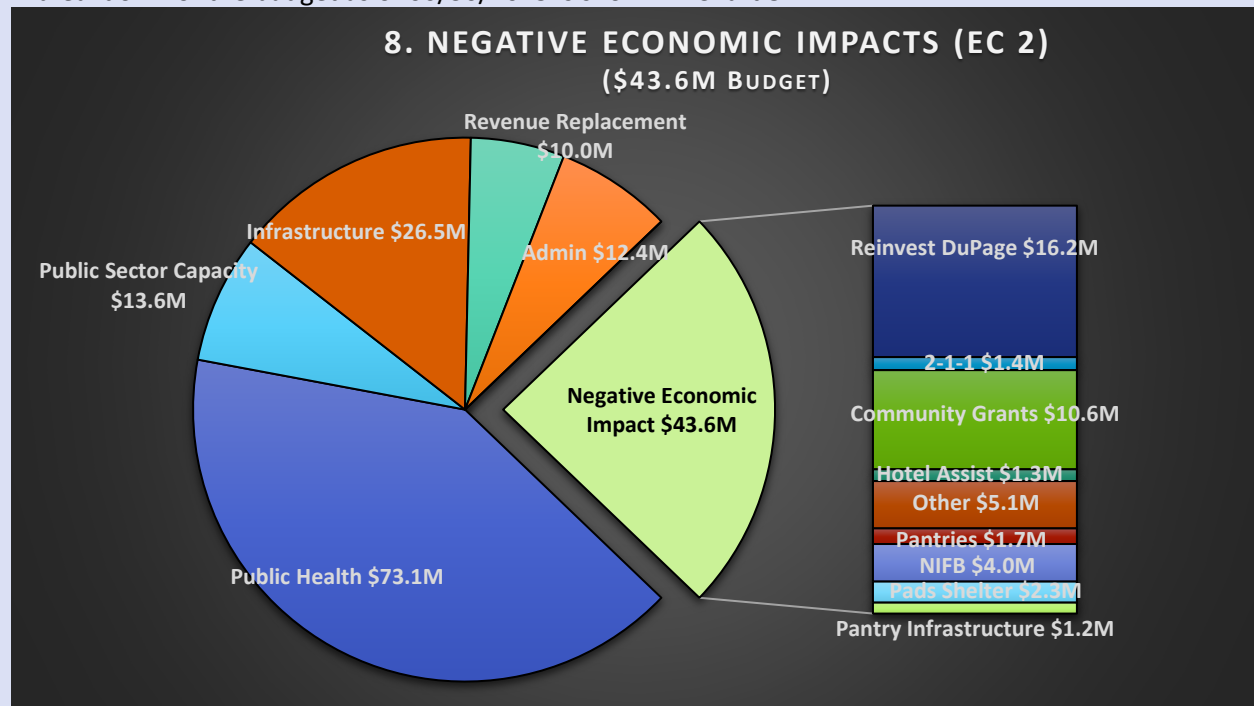
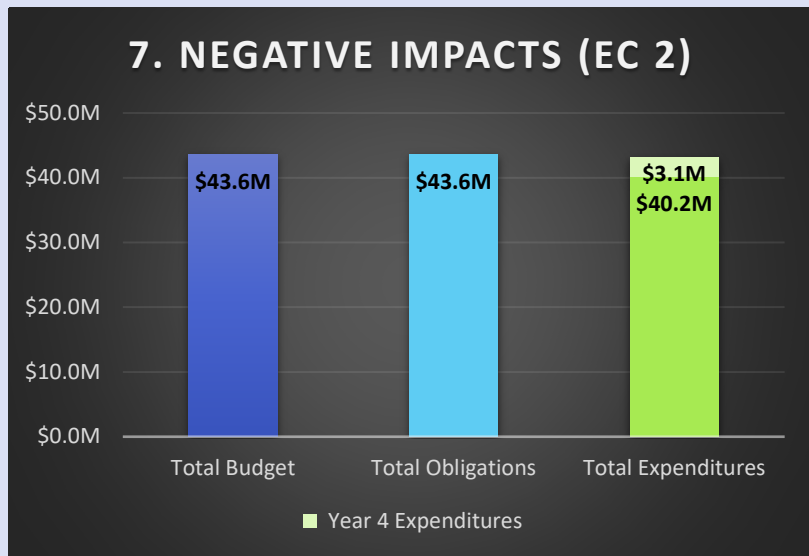
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Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

The Negative Economic Impacts category includes funding for community service programs for households and individuals. The budget for this category is \$43.6 million as of 06/30/2025. A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 7.¹² Under this category the County has:

- Implemented its small business grant program called ReInvest DuPage (\$16.2 million)
- Financed DuPage Pads purchase of a hotel for the homeless (\$2.3 million)
- Created a new 2-1-1 system for social service referrals (\$1.6 million)
- Provided hotel assistance program in support of local tourism (\$1.3 million)
- Executed a nonprofit grant program (\$10.6 million)

A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 8.¹³



Updates

In Year 4, the County spent less across the board on almost every project in this category relative to the prior year. This is to be expected, most of these projects were part of the County's immediate response to the pandemic. The exceptions are related to food insecurity, as described in earlier sections of this report. The County has continued to dedicate funds for the alleviation of food insecurity through the partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank with (\$1.4 million) and the Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Investment Program (\$310.7 thousand) in Year 4. The County also continued its support for the newly created 2-1-1 Program (\$383.1 thousand) and finished a series of smaller economic development projects in Year 4.

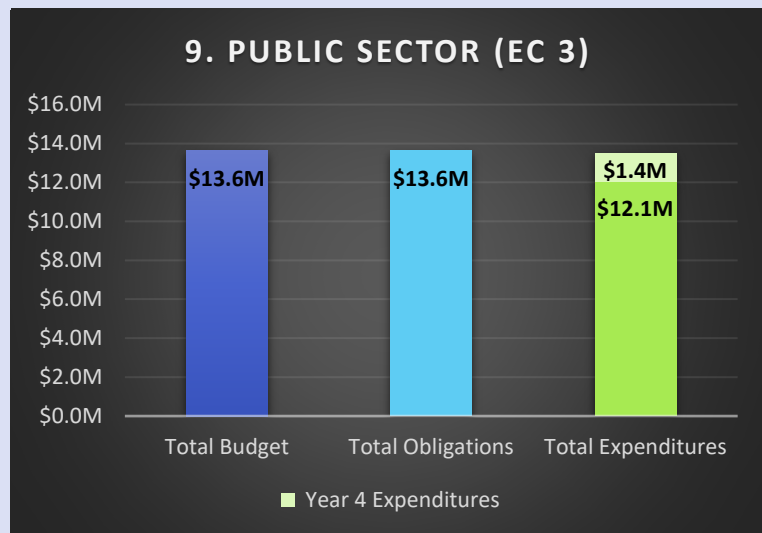
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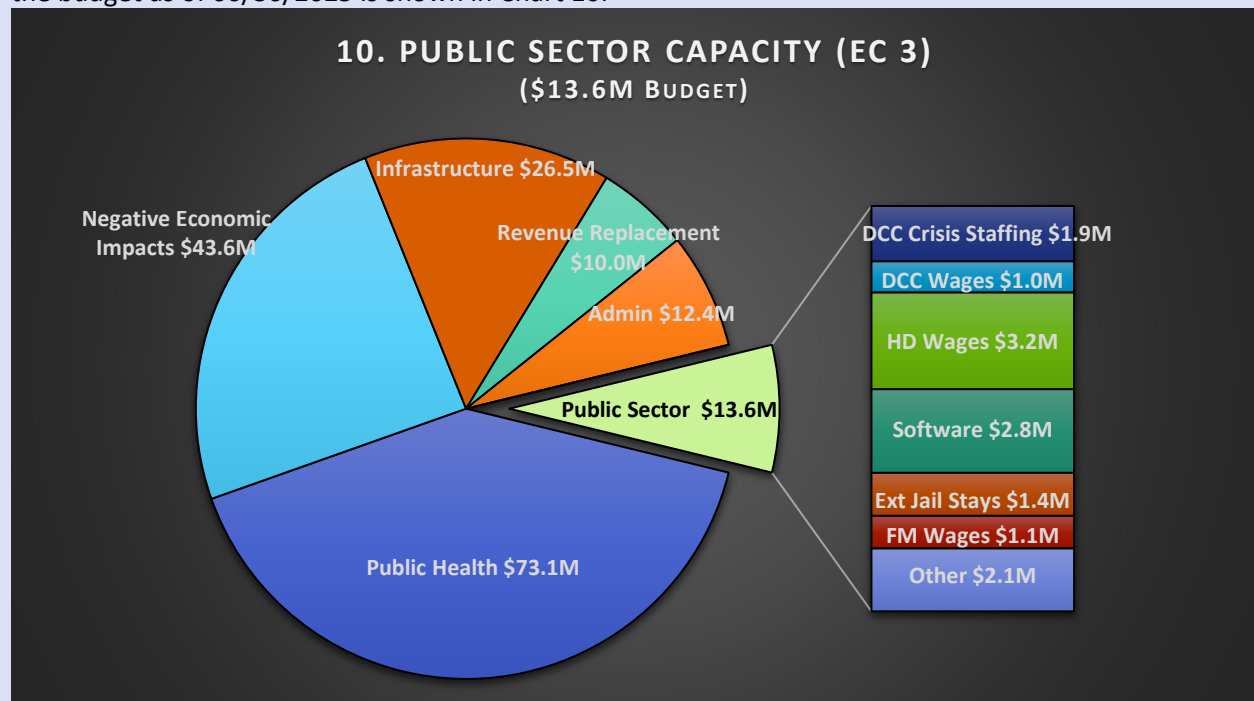
Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)

The Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity category is termed “Public Sector Capacity” for the purposes of this Plan. The Public Sector Capacity category includes funding for public health payroll, public sector workforce, and effective service delivery. The budget for this category is \$13.6 million as of 06/30/2025. A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 9.¹⁴ This category includes:

- Software (\$2.8 million)
- Health Department wages (\$3.2 million)
- Care Center Crisis Staffing (\$1.9 million)
- Extended jail stays due to State COVID policies (\$1.4 million)
- Care Center substantially dedicated/essential workers (\$1.0 million)
- Other expenses (\$2.1 million)



In terms of software, funding is used for systems that enable remote operations. It also supports the County’s OpenGov software, which improves the efficiency of ARPA budget reporting and enables performance measure reporting in a simplified way for both internal and external users. A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 10.¹⁵



Updates

Over the last 12 months, no significant changes have occurred in the budget for this category. These expenses declined by roughly 60% in Year 4 with mostly only software expenses remaining in Year 5.

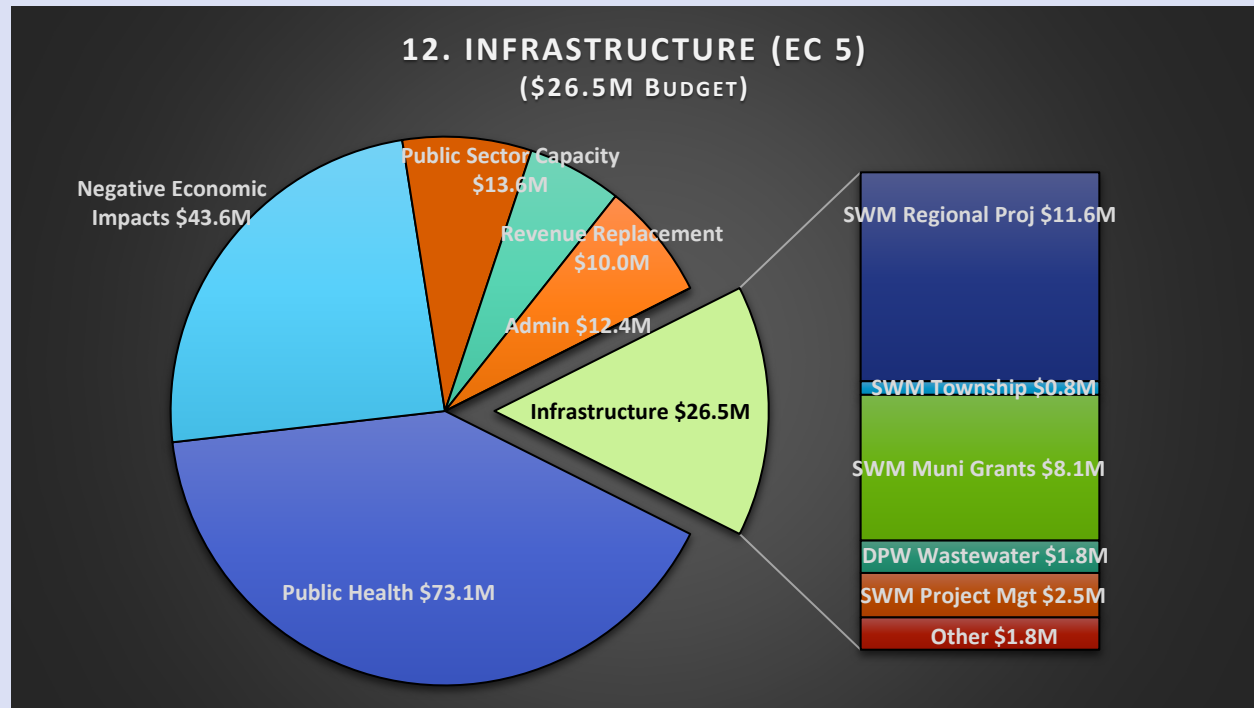
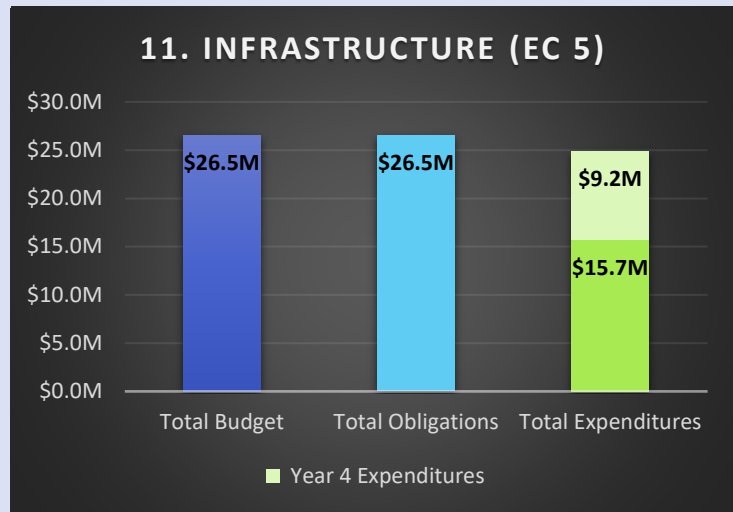
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Infrastructure (EC 5)

The Infrastructure category includes funding for water, sewer, and stormwater projects. The budget for this category is \$26.2 million as of 06/30/2025. Current funding is allocated to Department of Public Works (“DPW”) and the Department of Stormwater Management (“SWM”). A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 11.¹⁶

Most of the funding in this category is allocated to stormwater projects. Occurrences of increased rainfall due to climate change have had a strong impact on the region resulting in widespread sewer backups and basement flooding. This cost is often absorbed by residents as it happens on private property and solutions are not regional in nature. The ARPA stormwater program is designed to address such flooding issues county-wide. For SWM, these include regional projects (\$11.6 million), municipal grants (\$8.1 million), internal/external project management (\$2.5 million), township grants (\$0.8 million), and several smaller projects. A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 12.¹⁷



Updates

In Year 4, the County increased the overall Infrastructure budget by \$1.0 million as part of 12/31/2024 yearend reallocations. Year 4 expenditures totaled \$7.2 million with major projects including County Club Highland Phase II (\$709.6 thousand), Highridge (\$813.8), St. Joseph Condo (\$755 thousand), and the Municipal Grant Program (\$3.0 million). Most projects were completed in Year 4 with only St. Joseph Condo and the campus Flood Proofing project carrying into Year 5.

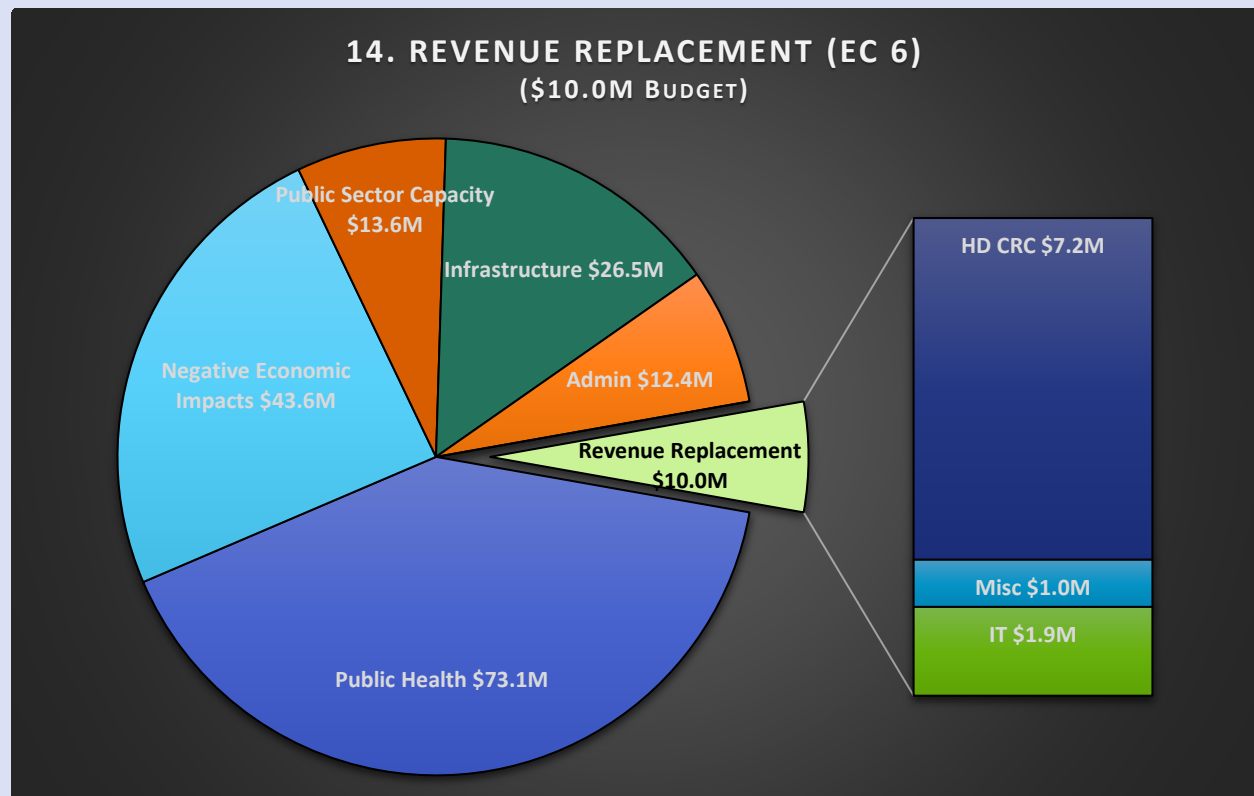
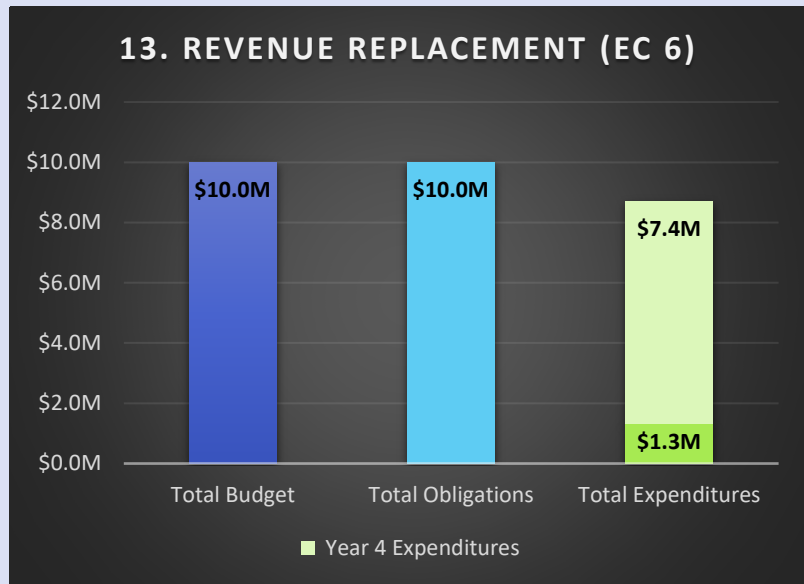
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Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

Under the terms of the Standard Allowance, \$10.0 million can be used for most General Government Services. A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures for Revenue Replacement as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 13.¹⁸

Although the County did elect to take the Standard Allowance, most of the projects currently budgeted under this category are not General Government Services, but rather are eligible under other EC categories listed above. For example, the largest allocation in this category is \$7.2 million for the CRC – an expense that is also eligible under Public Health (EC 1). The exception is Cybersecurity. Under ARPA’s final rule, Cybersecurity expenses are ineligible. Therefore, the County has assigned Cybersecurity expenses to be paid for as General Government Services using the Standard Allowance funds. A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 14.¹⁹ Cybersecurity expenses are labelled in Chart 14 as “IT” (\$1.9 million).



Updates

In Year 4, no significant changes have occurred in this category. Most remaining upspent funds will be billed out in Year 5 with the completion of the CRC project.

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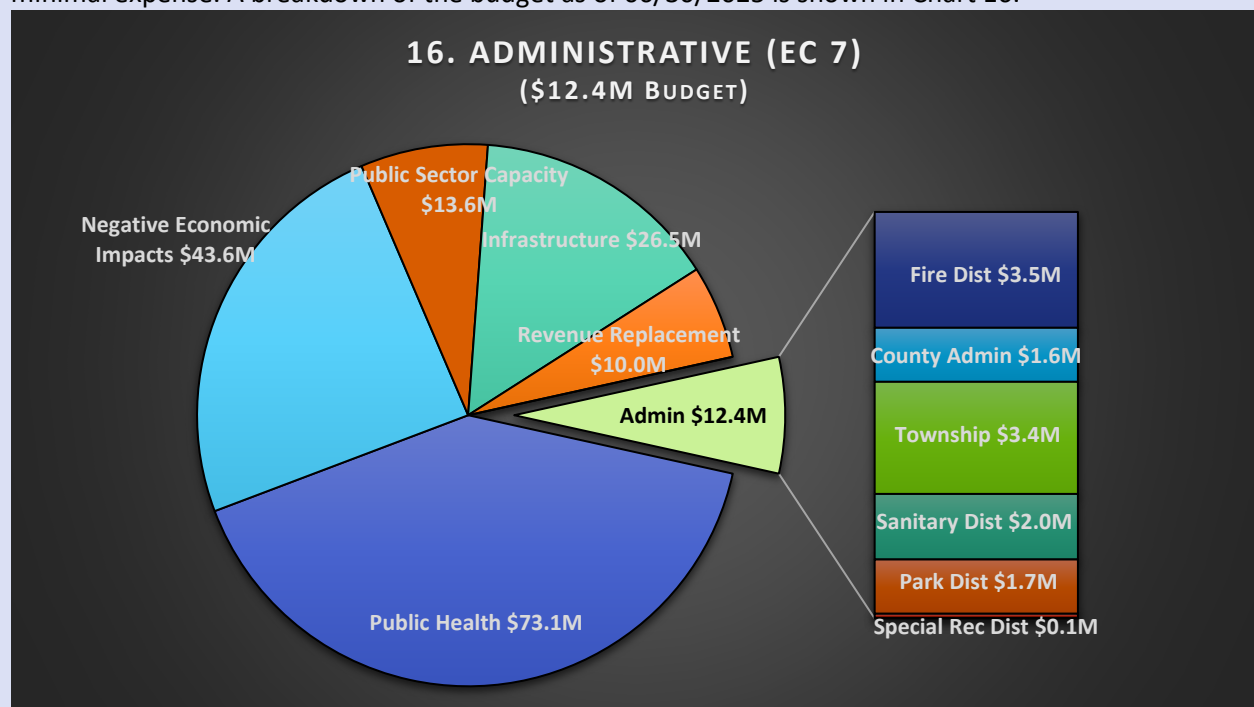
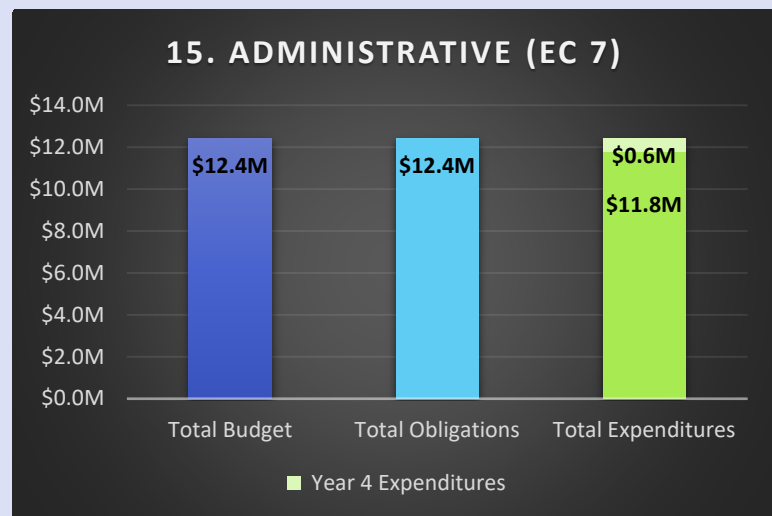
Administrative (EC 7)

The Administration category includes funding for administrative expenses, evaluations, and transfers to other governments. A breakdown of budget, obligations, and expenditures as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 15.²⁰

This category covers two groups of expenses. The first is funding for local governments. For local governments, the County created a Local ARPA program or “LARPA” program to provide grants to local governments for their COVID-19 related expenses.

In total, the County has allocated approximately \$11.0 million for such entities.

The second group is exclusively administrative. It includes payroll and related costs for staff in the Finance Department, Community Services Department, and County Auditor’s Office. These expenses are budgeted at \$1.6 million. To date, the County has successfully administered this program in-house at minimal expense. A breakdown of the budget as of 06/30/2025 is shown in Chart 16.²¹



Updates

In Year 4, the County changed the budget for this category by reducing County Admin (i.e., staff salaries) from \$3.4 million to \$1.6 million. The remaining \$1.8 million was shifted to stormwater projects, Care Center, and JTK HVAC. Going forward, the County will pay all remaining ARPA administrative grant expenses out of ARPA interest funds. This move effectively closes out this category with no unspent funds remaining for Year 5.

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Uses Summary

ARPA funding has allowed the County to directly respond to the negative effects of the pandemic by helping businesses, not-for-profits, individuals, and the community as a whole. Input from staff, elected officials and the public has ensured that funds are going towards projects that are well thought out and provide direct and effective assistance. ARPA funding has strengthened the County in countless ways and will continue to do so even after the award ends in 2026.

OTHER

Additional Funding

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

In addition to American Rescue Plan Act funds, the County was also a recipient of Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA”) funds. The County received \$27,357,321 from ERA1 and \$26,680,038 from ERA2.

Under both the ERA programs, the County worked with its key partner organization, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (“IHDA”), to implement the program. Because other counties also used IHDA, there was regional coordination across county lines and seamless processing of applications. In addition, IHDA has historical experience running similar programs and was able to effectively respond to the ERA programs and their guidelines.

To administer ERA funds, IHDA developed the Illinois Rental Payment Program to provide rental assistance to Illinois landlords and prevent eviction of tenants unable to pay their rent due to financial hardships directly or indirectly due to the pandemic. Illinois landlords and tenants were able to apply for rental assistance on any unit with a current balance of rent owed because the household was experiencing financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the pandemic. In order to qualify, the tenant’s household income needed to be below 80 percent of the Area Median Income, adjusted for family size. While the ERA1 grant period has closed, the County's ERA2 program is still currently operating. In the most recent year of the ERA2 program, the County has administered its own program, which is independent of IHDA. This program will close in September 2025.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County is committed to promoting equitable outcomes. To date, it has allocated millions to help those who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The table below shows that a majority of County projects serve disproportionately impacted target groups.

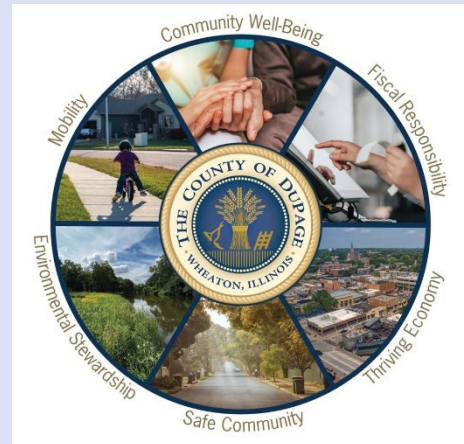
ID #	Project Name	Target Group that are or have:
CCT-001	CCT Eviction Mediation	Homelessness or with housing insecurity
CS-001	CS 2-1-1	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, workforce training, etc.
CS-002	CS DuPage Foundation Community Grants	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders
CS-004	CS Homeless Shelter	Homelessness or with housing insecurity
CS-005	Family Center Improvements	Elderly
CS-006	Healthy West Chicago	Latinx
CS-008	Northern Illinois Food Bank	Food insecurity
CS-009	DuPage County Food Pantries	Food insecurity
CS-010	Community Service Remodel	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, workforce training, etc.
CS-011	Conservation Foundation Farm to Pantry Program	Food insecurity

ID #	Project Name	Target Group that are or have:
CS-012	Conservation Foundation Nature RX Program	Teens
CS-013	DuPage Senior Citizens Council Drive-Thru Food Events	Elderly, low-income
CS-014	DuPage County Housing Authority Social Distancing Meetings	Homelessness or with housing insecurity
CS-015	PADS Educational Specialist	Homelessness or with housing insecurity
CS-016	Community House	Minority, low-income, behavioral health disorders, substance use disorder
CS-017	Metropolitan Family Services	Domestic violence, behavioral health disorders, substance use disorder, teens
CS-018	Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans	Homelessness or with housing insecurity, veterans
CS-019	YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	Food insecurity
CS-020	Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Investment Program	Food insecurity
DCC-001	DCC Testing	Elderly, low-income
DCC-002	DCC PPE	Elderly, low-income
DCC-003	DCC Medical Expenses COVID Wing	Elderly, low-income
DCC-004	DCC Contract Crisis Staffing	Elderly, low-income, healthcare workers
DCC-005	DCC Medical Expenses COVID Wing	Elderly, low-income
DCC-006	DCC Misc Expenses COVID Wing	Elderly, low-income
DCC-007	DCC Wages	Elderly, low-income, healthcare workers
DCC-008	DCC Misc Expenses COVID Wing	Elderly, low-income
DCC-009	DCC Wages	Elderly, low-income, healthcare workers
DCC-011	Kenneth Moy DuPage County Care Center Expansion	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, workforce training, etc.
DCC-10	Care Center HVAC	Elderly, disabled, low-income
DCHD-001	HD Vaccination	COVID-19
DCHD-002	HD Testing	COVID-19
DCHD-003	HD Contact Tracing	COVID-19
DCHD-004	HD Personal Protective Equipment	COVID-19
DCHD-005	HD Capital	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, etc.
DCHD-006	HD Public Health Outreach Referrals	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, etc.
DCHD-007	HD Public Health Payroll	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, etc.
DCHD-008	HD Mental Health	Behavioral health disorders
DCHD-009	COVID Flu Vaccination	COVID-19
DCHD-011	Health Department Central Office Remodel	Food insecurity, housing instability, substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, transportation needs, disabled, utility assistance, dental care, elderly, low-income, etc.
DCHD-012	Linda A Kurzawa Community Center Remodel	Substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, teens
DCHD-013	Crisis Recovery Center Construction	Substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, teens
FIN-003	Disparity Study for Supplier Diversity Inclusion Program	Minority, women
FIN-004	Software for Supplier Diversity Inclusion Program	Minority, women, veterans, disabled
FIN-005	Supplier Diversity Program	Minority, women, veterans, disabled
ROE-001	ROE Apprenticeship	Teens
ROE-002	ROE Educational Misc	Teens

Goals

The County follows the goals established in its new Strategic Plan. Adopted on March 26, 2024 this new Strategic Plan is guided by four overarching values. These values are woven throughout the six strategic priorities that will turn the Plan into action steps including Community Well-Being, Fiscal Responsibility, Thriving Economy, Safe Community, Environmental Stewardship, and Mobility. These core principles and priorities set the direction for the future of the County. Each of the plan's goals include performance measures and desired outcomes allowing the County to provide periodic updates on this program.

The first priority goal in the Strategic Plan is Community Well-Being. The County has funded numerous Well-Being projects through ARPA. For example, it launched a county-wide 2-1-1 program. This 24 hours per day, 365 days per year referral system connects residents to a wide range of social service programs. The County also used ARPA funding to renovate the DuPage Care Center, which serves low-income seniors. Furthermore, the County has improved Community Well-Being with its large investments in programs to address food insecurity as described in earlier sections of this report.



Another Strategic Plan priority is a Thriving Economy. ARPA funding has allowed the County to support this priority goal throughout the pandemic. The County has expended over \$43.2 million of its ARPA funds to help stimulate the economy. This includes multiple programs with partners such as Choose DuPage and DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (“DCVB”). These programs have supported local small businesses, hotels, and promoted tourism throughout the entire County.

In support of the Environmental Stewardship goal, the County has committed over \$23.8 million in stormwater projects.²² Included in these projects are improvements to drainage systems in multiple locations, the stabilization of several stream banks, and general flood reduction practices. A portion of this overall budget was set aside for municipality and township stormwater-related projects. The municipalities and townships entered into agreements with the County to share the cost of these projects. The County was able to use these funds to make an impact in every part of the County by improving drainage, replacing storm sewers, and stabilizing streams. Working together with other taxing bodies has allowed the County to stay on the path of meeting its goals in this priority.

It should be noted that as part of its Fiscal Responsibility goal, the Strategic Plan specifically looks ahead to the post-ARPA period. This was a major discussion topic during the planning process. County Board members, executive staff, and the Finance Department all agreed that careful planning is needed now to avoid steep reductions in the FY2027 budget. The move to shift administrative staff off of the ARPA grant in Year 4 is one step towards ensuring that the County has the resources to manage its operations in the post ARPA period.

In terms of Fiscal Responsibility, at this point County staff are looking towards the end of program. Careful management of construction schedules and project closeouts is critical for closing out the program.

Awareness

The County strives to market and advertise services funded by ARPA funds as equitably and practically as possible to residents of the County. Marketing and outreach for the above-mentioned programs has

²² Includes all Stormwater projects (SWM-001 through SWM-016 and AS-002).

been broad-based and extensive. This includes use of the County’s website, which is available in both English and Spanish. All County Committee agendas are shared on the website and all Committee meetings are recorded. The public can view these agendas, meetings, and any associated documents at any time. Upon Board approval of ARPA funded programs or projects, the County will usually send out a press release to raise public awareness of a new service, partnership, or program. Anyone can make an appointment with the County’s Community Services Department to discuss their needs and find out about applicable services and programs that are available. The Community Services Department is actively running programs for County residents with the use of ARPA funds and continuously advertises its services to residents and its network of partners.

The ARPA program itself has improved awareness for various ARPA initiatives through its 2-1-1 Call Center program. The ARPA-funded 2-1-1 program provides social service information and referrals 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This service provides a central point of contact for social service programs and information.

Access and Distribution

Across multiple departments, County staff are available to troubleshoot extensively and answer questions over the phone or via email. Partnering organizations also have staff available to answer questions and help clients fill out applications. While members of the public are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a Community Services or a Health Department representative, there are opportunities for the community to use walk-in services as well.

Outcomes

While the detrimental impact of COVID-19 continues to be seen and felt across the County, many of the other programs being funded by ARPA still focus on closing the gap for persons experiencing food insecurity, housing insecurity, health needs and mental health needs. By partnering with multiple organizations, the County can quickly address a broad range of social and environmental issues and work towards lessening their effects at the same time.

Goals and Targets

During Years 1-4, the County met its goals and targets for its immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Of note, these included programs such as ReInvest DuPage, the LARPA Program for Local Governments, DuPage Foundation grants, Community Services programs, the eviction mediation program for housing stability, and a multitude of food insecurity programs. See preceding sections on “Promoting Equitable Outcomes” and “Goals.”

For Years 4 and 5, the County will have a number of large construction projects finishing on the County campus. Board Members and staff are excited to see efficient working spaces, more space for distancing in congregated areas, improved shelter spaces in the Animal Services building, safer rooms in the Care Center, and an entirely new CRC facility dedicated to mental health services.

Project Implementation

Under the direction of the DuPage County Board, approved ARPA services and projects have promoted equity as a key focus area. Services and projects such as funding for the Health Department, funding for the Care Center, ReInvest DuPage, DuPage Community Transformation Grant, 2-1-1 Services, DuPagePADS, the LARPA Program, eviction mediation, food insecurity and others have assisted those most vulnerable and adversely impacted within the community.

Community Engagement

To engage constituents and stakeholders, the County uses the ARPA Senior Team, which includes staff from the County Board Office, Facilities, Public Works, Finance, State's Attorney's Office, and Community Services. This group of experts has been working together since the start of the pandemic. The ARPA Senior Team collects, reviews, discusses, and evaluates all funding requests in terms of eligibility. Once a request has been deemed as ARPA eligible, it will then be presented to the Finance Committee for Board Member approval. At this time, members of the public can also attend and participate in any public comment if desired. The meetings are also recorded and available on either the County's website or on YouTube. All ARPA funded procurements were required to go through applicable Illinois and County procurement policies, and all ARPA funded projects had to first be approved by the County Board before funds can be disbursed.

In 2023, the County worked with its consultant, BerryDunn on community outreach and engagement. In July and August of 2023, BerryDunn conducted interviews and focus groups. In September, it held community forums, and in October it worked with the County Board and senior staff to elicit input on County mission, goals, objectives, and effectiveness.

County staff has worked with departments and partners ahead of time to tailor specific performance metrics for all projects and services that require evidence-based interventions. Most of the projects and services require data to be submitted on a monthly basis with current and cumulative metrics. Having a clear and organized format to submit monthly metrics will assist staff in analyzing the effectiveness and success of the various projects and services, as well as identify any areas that may need specialized attention.

Labor Practices

ARPA-funded infrastructure projects must adhere to applicable laws and agreements. The County adheres to all applicable procurement policies of the State and County. It is the County's goal to promote strong employment opportunities within the County to help reverse the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Prevailing Wage Act

The Prevailing Wage Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics employed on public works construction projects no less than the general prevailing rate of wages (consisting of hourly cash wages plus fringe benefits) for work of a similar character in the county where the work is performed. The County complies with this Act.

Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act

The County also complies with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, which took effect on July 1, 2021. Due to the high unemployment rate caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this Act requires that employees on all public works projects must be comprised of a minimum of 90% Illinois residents. The Illinois Department of Labor ("IDOL") administers the Act, which was passed to alleviate unemployment in Illinois by ensuring that most workers on public works projects live in the State. The requirement to employ 90% Illinois workers applies to all labor on public works projects or improvements. The County must comply with this Act.

Use of Evidence

The County has started an evidence-based evaluation of the ReInvest DuPage small business grant program. To evaluate the long-term effectiveness of this program, the County has started work on a longitudinal study of current recipients that considers factors such as business closures, bankruptcies, credit worthiness, and layoff over time.

Performance Report

To better its performance management strategy, the County implemented OpenGov, Inc. budgeting and planning software. This dashboard-based software automates a multitude of tasks that are unique to government. As a software, it provides a more streamlined and customizable approach for ARPA reporting. In addition, it serves as the platform for all external and internal monthly performance measure submissions for reporting. This software helps improve efficiency, reduce duplication, and encourage resource sharing across County government.

DuPage County, IL
ARPA Project Inventory List
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds



American Rescue Plan Act

July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

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Project Name

Health Department COVID-19
Vaccinations

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.1, COVID-19 Vaccination

Project Funding Amount

\$882,554

Project Overview

Vaccines demonstrated strong protection against the most severe outcomes associated with COVID-19, including hospitalization and death. The primary deliverable was to increase total vaccination numbers and vaccination rates in all eligible age cohorts. The DuPage County Health Department led the local county vaccination efforts both delivering shots to residents directly, as well as



supplying technical assistance to a diverse range of local healthcare providers to ultimately achieve one of the highest rates of vaccination in the state and country. The Health Department operated a combination of fixed-site clinics and mobile clinics, and currently still operates at the Central Public Health Center in Wheaton.

Expenses included personnel costs for staff administering vaccines, costs of supplies necessary to administer vaccines, and costs associated with providing technical assistance to community partner providers to ensure their ability to administer vaccines. A small portion of the funds also went towards providing flu shots for residents to aid in reducing illnesses overall.

Use of Evidence

The Health Department is responsible for compiling COVID-19 data for DuPage County. Throughout the pandemic, the Health Department has used this information to direct the County's response. The goal of the Vaccination Program was to reduce spread of COVID-19 and associated severe health outcomes. The primary deliverable was to increase total vaccination numbers and vaccination rates in all eligible age cohorts.

Performance Report

Through May 19, 2024, the Health Department administered nearly 353,000 first doses of the COVID vaccine to residents in DuPage County. COVID vaccine administration is no longer being monitored.

Project Name

Health Department COVID-19 Testing

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

**Project ID**

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure**Category**

1.2, COVID-19 Testing

Project Funding Amount

\$4,408,710

Project Overview

The availability of timely COVID-19 testing in DuPage County was a benefit to the community. The Health Department supported strategies that ensured the availability of free COVID-19 testing for community members including partnerships with contractual vendors. Testing was an important tool in detecting and preventing the spread of COVID-19, allowing infected individuals to identify their status and limit their likelihood of exposing others.



Expenses for the Testing Program included costs for contractual vendor services to provide free COVID-19 testing to DuPage County residents.

Use of Evidence

The goal of the Testing Program was to identify COVID-19 cases. This identification enabled individuals to take actions to prevent further spread and to seek care as needed. The primary objective of the Program was to make appropriate, reliable testing accessible to residents. The Health Department was responsible for collecting and analyzing COVID-19 testing data for DuPage County as reflected in the subsequent section. It used this data on an ongoing basis to adapt its strategy for COVID-19 response and prevention.

Performance Report

The Centers for Disease Control provided a final update to the COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard on May 22, 2024. No further updates are being provided at this time.

Project Name

Health Department COVID-19 Contact Tracing

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.3, COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Project Funding Amount

\$25,317

Project Overview

Monitoring COVID-19 case activity, investigating new cases and outbreaks, conducting contact tracing, and swiftly isolating or quarantining individuals at-risk of transmitting were all important tools to help minimize the spread of COVID. The Health Department and contract staff were responsible for communicating with infected residents, managing associated epidemiological data, and providing technical assistance to local businesses, schools, and other employers. The Health Department Contact Tracing Program was designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The objectives were to identify COVID-19 trends, exposures, and cases to help residents take action to prevent further spread. Monitoring case activity and conducting investigations in high-risk settings were critical aspects of the response.



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Expenses for the Program included costs for the Health Department and contract staff to identify and contact individuals with COVID-19 exposure, as well as funding for supplies and services necessary to effectively conduct contact tracing protocols.

Use of Evidence

The goal of this program was to reduce the spread of COVID. Its chief goal was to identify COVID-19 exposures, cases, and probable cases to help residents take action to prevent further spread. The Health Department was responsible for collecting and analyzing COVID-19 contact tracing data for DuPage County. It used this data on an ongoing basis to adapt its strategy for COVID-19 response and prevention.

Performance Report

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Project Name

Health Department Personal
Protective Equipment

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.5, Personal Protective Equipment

Project Funding Amount

\$33,812

Project Overview

This project funded the cost of Health Department Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”). It also included funding for related items such as cleaning and disinfectant supplies. PPE protected both Health Department employees and clients. Its use limited the spread of COVID-19, and it was required to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols at the Health Department.

Use of Evidence

Use of evidence is not required for this category.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Health Department Mental Health Services

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.12, Mental Health Services

Project Funding Amount

\$366,128

Project Overview

Funds for this category were used to cover expenses to support the increasing demand for mental health services exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and to address gaps in existing treatment services for those with severe mental health conditions. The County employed a medical services supervisor, a contract psychiatrist, and a psychiatrist who all worked together to provide effective delivery of psychiatric services to the County's underserved population. This included working with providers to ensure evidence-based practices were being used consistently in the treatment approach, such as medical reconciliation, collection of vitals/BMI for meaningful use, use of IMPACT scales (PHQ-9) for determining levels of depression, as well as ensuring prescribers and nurse workflows were working to effectively serve clients in-person and through telehealth.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category as it only pertains to staff salary.

Project Name

Health Department Other COVID-19
Public Health Expenses

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

Project Funding Amount

\$1,351,836

Project Overview

Several other public health needs not directly associated with vaccination, testing, and case investigation/contact tracing have also been addressed such as public information, media relations, community education and outreach, referrals and coordination of services to meet related social needs, public health infrastructure/technology support, and medical consulting. This also includes efforts to address COVID-19-related health disparities in racial and ethnic minorities in DuPage County via the Health Department-anchored Health Equity and Access Response Team ("HEART"). Community leadership through HEART supports a foundational aspect of ARPA designed to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequitable impact of the pandemic on certain populations. The HEART collaboration enables improved community access to each of the core pandemic response initiatives cited above (i.e., PPE, testing, vaccination).

Funds for this category also include salary costs for Health Department staff working on COVID-19 response activities, public education, outreach, and referrals. It also includes professional services costs for medical consulting and technology support/applications (i.e., Constant Contact) for COVID-19 outreach and messaging.

Use of Evidence

As briefly described above, a core component of the Health Department's response was to focus on the disparate impact of the pandemic on the County's most vulnerable residents. Coalition formation and the use of community leaders have been demonstrated as an effective public health strategy to address such issues. In the fall of 2020, the Health Department formed the Health Equity and Access Response Team ("HEART"). This collaborative community-based approach supported the Health Department's ability to monitor the epidemiological data identifying the areas/communities most impacted, while also ensuring equity in response strategies including rapid deployment of prevention, testing, and vaccination resources to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 among these populations. Proposed intervention strategies were developed with or reviewed by HEART, which included leaders and trusted messengers of vulnerable communities who could identify potential challenges and propose revisions to such strategies. By mobilizing a stakeholder network through HEART, DuPage County was positioned to address longer-term health disparity needs beyond the initial infectious disease response as well as focus on lingering needs such as access to mental/behavioral health services. Regular HEART meetings, HEART-supported community events, and monitoring of related data have been an ongoing component of the Health Department's pandemic response.

Performance Report

While HEART was designed to benefit all DuPage County residents, special attention was paid to those residents who were disproportionately impacted. Education and outreach programs were also available to all DuPage County residents. Lower-income areas and areas where transportation was not as easily accessible were prioritized.



DuPage County Health Department Mobile Care

Project Name

Health Department Public Sector
Workforce

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

3.1, Public Sector Workforce

Project Funding Amount

\$3,004,644

Project Overview

This item primarily funded payroll costs for Health Department employees who were assigned to COVID-19 response activities or supporting tasks.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Health Department Public Sector
Capacity Effective Service Delivery

**Board Approval Date**

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

3.4, Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

Project Funding Amount

\$574,260

Project Overview

This item includes two capital projects. The first project upgraded the Health Department's healthcare facility ventilation systems to minimize the risk of COVID transmission at County public health centers. Improved building ventilation was a core recommendation from the CDC to reduce exposures to COVID-19. The second project created a temperature-controlled storage facility to accommodate a significant amount of PPE (>1.2M items distributed), the medical van utilized for mobile community vaccinations, and other emergency preparedness supplies that were needed for the COVID-19 response. Mobile response to COVID-19 was a critical strategy to reach all residents equitably with life-saving vaccinations and other health-supporting services. The storage facility enabled this cost-efficient approach and reduced the Health Department's use of a temporary rental facility. This project reduced rental costs and centralized all response supplies in one space on the county campus near the Health Department's Central Public Health Center. The Health Department provided over 200 mobile events and 4,000 vaccinations throughout the County at critical community sites including local businesses, faith-based organizations, townships, libraries, and schools.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Health Department Infrastructure
Investments – Crisis Recovery Center

Board Approval Date

June 27, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0156-23

Project Expenditure Category

1.12, Mental Health Services

Project Funding Amount

\$15,345,029

Project Overview

In response to the mental health care crisis at both the national and local levels, the County and the Health Department developed a plan for the Crisis Recovery Center (“CRC”). The CRC builds on the Health Department’s current system which provides support to individuals suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders through multiple modes via “Someone to Call, Someone to Respond, Somewhere to Go” approach. The Health Department currently operates a 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, so people have “Someone to Call.” It also has mobile crisis teams for “Someone to Respond.” The CRC will complete the picture by providing “Somewhere to Go.”

The new CRC facility serves as a single-entry point to the mental health and substance use system. It will provide for assessments and appropriate placement of youth and adult individuals experiencing a crisis. The facility provides a safe, caring, and medically appropriate alternative to an emergency room or jail. This new facility is designed to house the mental health and substance use crisis services, while being directly connected to the Health Department’s crisis respite program (Kurzawa) to allow for a unified group of services in one clear location for the public benefit.



The design and concept of the CRC is among emerging community-based strategies to engage and better serve vulnerable populations. The facility will be an ideal behavioral health crisis system. It will serve as a triage location that will assess and stabilize patients before transporting them on to the next step for care. It will serve as an alternative to hospital emergency rooms and provide a single point of care for residents and emergency responders.

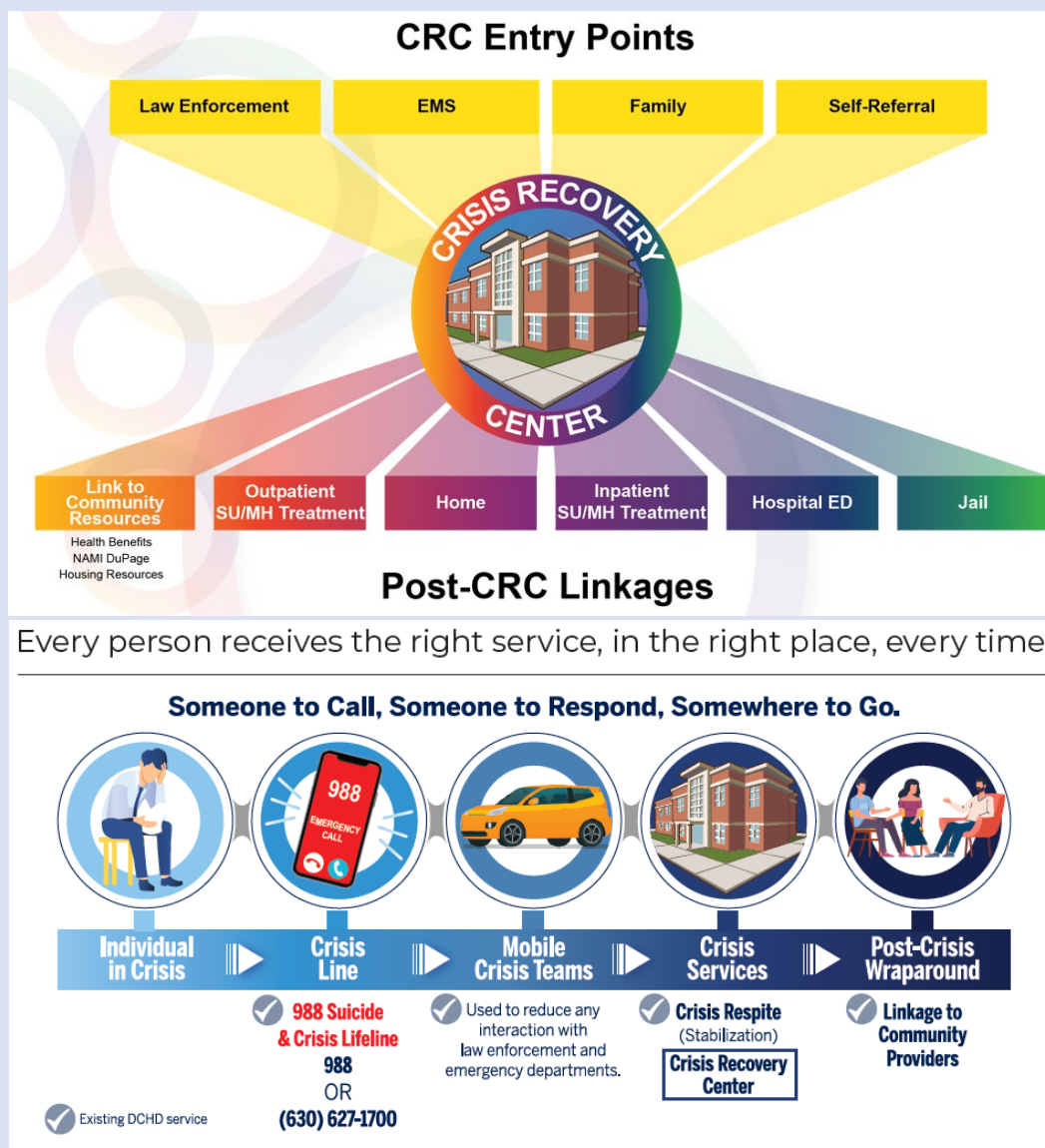
The facility will be staffed with trained professionals and will benefit individuals in crisis, law enforcement, emergency medical staff, hospital systems, and the community as a whole. It will provide patients with screenings, safety risk assessments, guidance from mental health professionals, assistance in alcohol and/or drug withdrawal, and other means of support. While many mental health crisis situations can be addressed over the phone, many more require direct face-to-face interaction to resolve a crisis successfully.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category, but construction is nearly complete. The opening of the Crisis Recovery Center is scheduled for August/September 2025.



Project Name

Kurzawa/Central Office

Board Approval Date

June 27, 2023

**Project ID**

FI-R-0156-23

Project Expenditure Category

1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Funding Amount

\$5,800,000

Project Overview

A substantial amount of ARPA funding has been allocated to the Health Department's Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center ("Kurzawa") expansion/upgrade and its Central Office improvements. The Kurzawa project includes adding a wing to physically connect Kurzawa to the CRC. By connecting the two buildings, existing staff can be used for both facilities, hence lowering overall operating costs. This connection also creates a seamless continuum of care for patients, as patients can be easily transferred from the CRC after the first 24-hours to Kurzawa for more extended stays once stabilized. By locating the new facility on the Wheaton campus, the County has created a unified group of services in one central location for the public benefit.

To be able to expand overall mental health care services, updated designs were needed for both Kurzawa and the Central Office. Establishing enough space for efficient, safe, and private care, as well as meeting space for both the staff and the clients is a top priority for the remodels. The redesigned spaces include:

- Expanded clinical areas and client meeting spaces,
- Clinical services in concentrated areas,
- Office spaces with shared workspaces for hybrid work schedules, and
- More small meeting rooms for collaborative work.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

All projects and improvements will be completed by the end of 2026.

Project Name

Care Center COVID-19 Expenses

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

Project Funding Amount

\$5,064,016

**Project Overview**

The DuPage Care Center ("Care Center") provides long-term care and short-term rehabilitative services to DuPage County residents. Since the start of the pandemic, the Care Center has focused on protecting its residents from the COVID-19 virus and mitigating the spread of the disease. Funds allocated to the Care Center were used for:

- **Testing (EC 1.2, COVID-19 Testing)**

The Care Center put in place strict policies for identifying COVID-19 cases. These policies include frequent COVID-19 testing of residents and staff. Extensive COVID-19 testing and stringent isolation protocols were key to the Care Center's ability to minimize the spread of COVID-19 at the facility.

- **Payroll & Benefits (EC 3.1, Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Workers)**

The Care Center provides long-term care and short-term rehabilitative services to DuPage County residents. Since the start of the pandemic, the Care Center has devoted enormous staffing time to COVID-19 related tasks from increased sanitation measures to nursing hours on the COVID-19 isolation wing. Expenses covered in this item include wages and benefits. Crisis staffing for contractual employees is listed separately in a subsequent item.

- **Personal Protective Equipment (EC 1.5, Personal Protective Equipment)**

Staff and visitors at the Care Center were required to wear the proper protective equipment to keep themselves and others safe.

- **Isolation Wing Expenses (EC 3.4, Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery)**

The Care Center had to quickly create and maintain an isolation wing to house residents who tested positive for COVID-19. Staff were dedicated to working only in this area and not traveling to other parts of the facility.



- *Contract/Crisis Staffing (EC 3.3, Public Sector Workforce: Other)*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DuPage Care Center has experienced extensive and prolonged staffing shortages. Hiring contractual staffing has been a critical resource, especially with periodic surges in COVID-19 cases.

Use of Evidence

Use of evidence is not required for this category.

Performance Report

The Care Center provides services for elderly low-income populations. This group has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding from both the CARES Act and ARPA was key to the Care Center's ability to respond to the pandemic.



Project Name

Stormwater Municipal Grant Program

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Funding Amount

\$8,096,982

**Project Overview**

The Stormwater Municipal Grant Program provided grants to municipal governments in DuPage County. The grants funded shovel-ready projects that demonstrated flood protection and resilience measures. The Program required that the municipalities provide at least 50% of the project's total cost. The County's share could be no more than \$500,000 per awarded project. The Program encouraged projects that would offer strong multi-jurisdictional and multi-purpose benefits. The Program distributed approximately \$8.1 million of funding. These funds were for construction only and will not be County-owned/maintained infrastructure.

The Stormwater Department ("SWM") began work on the Program at the end of 2021, when the County Board officially approved the ARPA budget. SWM collaborated with municipalities, the DuPage Mayors and Manager Conference, peer counties, and industry representatives to develop the grant application process. The DuPage County Stormwater Management Planning Committee awarded approximately \$8.1 million to 25 projects in 17 municipalities. The selected projects, which total nearly \$40.7 million, improved flood control and water quality throughout DuPage County. The Committee also awarded more than \$1 million to five townships to fund seven local drainage projects.

Use of Evidence

To be eligible, all projects had to meet ARPA and State Revolving Loan Fund (EPA) requirements. In addition, SWM prioritized projects based on the following criteria:

- Projects that reduced flooding, reduced structural damage, improved water quality, improved natural resources, encouraged multiple use, and included a public education component;
- Projects in environmental justice areas;
- Projects that promoted longer term resiliency in the face of increased flooding risks;
- Projects that protected critical facilities as defined by FEMA;
- Projects that had a County-adopted watershed plan; and
- Projects that leveraged greater than 50% non-County cost share.

As noted above, SWM prioritized projects in environmental justice areas, which is consistent with requirements of the EPA State Revolving Loan Fund Criteria. For this analysis, SWM staff used an environmental justice model that is slightly different than the census tract data utilized by the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information on the County's approach can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>.

Performance Report

The County's goal of serving residents in environmental justice areas was accomplished with the award of two projects in these areas. A breakdown of the projects by district can be seen below.

District 1	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
Tall Oaks Detention Basin Retrofit Project	City of Wood Dale
Levitt Pond Stormwater Improvements	Village of Bloomingdale
Roadway Infrastructure Improvements	Village of Itasca
Addison Creek Storm Sewer Improvements	Village of Bensenville
District 2	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project	City of Elmhurst
Otis - Grant - Florence Avenue Drainage Improvements	Village of Downers Grove
Rolling Drive & Lisle Junior HS Stormwater Drainage Project	Village of Lisle
Village Center North Storm Sewer Improvements	Village of Lisle
Wisconsin Avenue Drainage Improvements	Village of Downers Grove
Storm Sewer Replacement	City of Oakbrook Terrace
District 3	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
Fifth & Grant Drainage Project	Village of Hinsdale
Charleston Road Drainage Project	Village of Hinsdale
Ailsworth Flood Mitigation	City of Darien
Regency Grove Flood Mitigation	City of Darien
District 4	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
Dorset Flood Improvement Project	City of Wheaton, Illinois
Cadillac & Wakeman Flood Improvement Project	City of Wheaton, Illinois
Pearl Avenue & James Court Drainage Improvement Project	Village of Glendale Heights
District 5	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
South Central Interceptor Sewer Stabilization Project	City of Naperville
8th - Ellsworth - Main Stormwater Improvements	City of Naperville
Columbia Street Flood Improvement Project	City of Naperville
District 6	
Project Title	Legal Organization Name
Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization - Section I	Village of Carol Stream
Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization - Section III	Village of Carol Stream
Mitchell Lakes Restoration Project	Village of Carol Stream
Klein Road Culvert Replacement	City of West Chicago
East Side Drainage Project	City of Warrenville

Project Name

Stormwater Township Grant Program

Stormwater Committee Approval Date

October 4, 2022

Project ID

SM-R-0456-22 – Wood Creek Culvert
SM-R-0457-22 – Valley Road Culvert
SM-R-0458-22 – Maple Ave. Culvert Replacement
SM-R-0459-22 – Broker Road Stormwater Improvements
SM-R-0012-23 – Various Storm Structure Replacements

Project Expenditure Category

5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Funding Amount

\$755,314

Project Overview

The Stormwater Township Grant Program was established to fund shovel-ready projects that demonstrate flood protection and resilience measures for unincorporated areas within DuPage County. Under this Program, funds were allocated to various projects initiated by the unincorporated township districts within DuPage County. The Program was limited to construction and did not include County-owned or maintained land once constructed. A total of seven projects were selected, supporting projects in five different townships.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Stormwater Staffing

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Funding Amount

\$1,570,893

**Project Overview**

To implement DuPage County's overall \$23.8 million Stormwater program, approximately \$1.6 million is allocated for staffing.¹ This includes \$839 thousand in funding for contractual staff and \$732 thousand for salaried staff. Contractual staff will provide design and project management services, while salaried staff will design and implement the grant programs, work on outreach and communications, work on overall program planning, and perform administrative functions such as budgeting and accounts payable.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



¹ Includes all SWM 1-16 and AS-002.

Project Name

Stormwater Regional Projects

Board Approval Date

November 8, 2022

Project ID

SM-P-0307-22

Project Expenditure Category

5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Funding Amount

\$12,509,841

**Project Overview**

This project includes: (i) larger regional projects, (ii) “shovel ready” projects, and (iii) on-call stormwater services. The scope will include countywide flood control projects, unincorporated drainage projects, and streambank stabilization projects. This project also allows for on-call construction to assist SWM with various construction projects countywide. Work includes streambank stabilization, storm sewer improvements, earth excavation and grading, along with associated paving and restoration as required for each project. Vegetation management may also be required for each project.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.

Project	Description
County Club Highlands Subdivision	Stormwater conveyance and detention for flood relief in Unincorporated Elmhurst.
Smith and Cambridge Drainage Improvement Project	Restoration work in the West Branch Forest Preserve of DuPage County on more than 3,000 feet of storm sewer.
Lufkin Pond Drainage Improvements	Enlarging the detention pond and natural landscaping to help mitigate localized flooding in the Village of Villa Park.
Main Street Flood Storage Facility	Creation of a stormwater storage basin and associated storm sewer improvements in the Village of Lisle.
Brighton Ridge Shoreline Restoration	Pond shoreline restoration at Brighton Ridge Park in the City of Naperville
Stanford Meadows Shoreline Restoration	Creek shoreline restoration at Stanford Meadows Park in the City of Naperville.
Highridge Flood Project	Storm sewer enhancement and restoration for flood relief in Unincorporated Lombard.
Woodland Oaks Project	Stormwater conveyance and erosion control for drainage relief in Unincorporated Wheaton.
Bluff Road Project	Stormwater conveyance improvements in Unincorporated Lemont.
Tamarack Drainage Project	Flood protection and stormwater conveyance with natural landscaping in Unincorporated Glen Ellyn.

Project Name

Public Works Efficiency
Improvements at Woodridge
Treatment Plant

Board Approval Date

February 2, 2022

Project ID

PW-P-0056-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Funding Amount

\$1,800,000

Project Overview

The Woodridge Greene Valley Treatment Plant is designed to clean 12 million gallons of wastewater per day. The Efficiency Improvements Project replaced the turbo blowers at the Woodridge treatment plant, which significantly improved water quality and the local environment. Running blowers for aeration is the most energy consumptive part of the water treatment process. Blower replacement reduces energy demand at the plant by up to 40% and provides a reliable air supply to maintain water quality standards. Public Works is being reimbursed for the ARPA portion of the project costs. Total project cost is estimated at \$2,252,000.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Public Works Water Connection Assistance Program

Board Approval Date

May 24, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0225-22

Project Expenditure Category

5.16, Water and Sewer: Private Wells

Project Funding Amount

\$885,793

**Project Overview**

The County created the Water Connection Assistance Program to connect all possible DuPage County residents to Lake Michigan water. The Program was available to all DuPage County homeowners who were using well water for the residential property water source. Also necessary was an existing watermain connection. The County established the Program as grant reimbursements, so homeowners could only apply for payment after confirmation that the home was receiving Lake Michigan water.

The maximum reimbursement for any single property connection was the lesser of \$3,000 or 50% of the total project cost. Only costs associated with the connection fee, service line installation, interior plumbing modifications, or required infrastructure buy-in fees were considered eligible expenses for this project. Reimbursements were only made to individual property owners. Any connection that occurred after May 1, 2022 was considered eligible for this program.

Of the \$885,793 allocation, \$185,793 was spent on homes to connect to Lake Michigan water and \$700,000 was used for a water connection project in the Liberty Park Subdivision in Westmont.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

At the end of the project, 63 households participated in the Water Connection Assistance Program and were connected to Lake Michigan water. The number of households from the Liberty Park Subdivision is yet to be determined because the project is ongoing with final billing occurring in Year 5.

Project Name

Circuit Court Eviction Mediation Program

Board Approval Date

September 28, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0445-21

Project Expenditure Category

2.5, Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention

Project Funding Amount

\$245,244

**Project Overview**

The Eviction Mediation Program was designed to help mitigate the surge of evictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and its ensuing economic fallout. The Program goals were helping tenants and landlords avoid eviction. The Program was designed to promote efficiency and facilitate mutually beneficial solutions through mediation rather than trial.

To date, the Program has hosted 1,274 mediation sessions for tenants and landlords. In Year 4, the Program was 68% successful. This means that of the ordered/voluntary mediation cases, 68% were resolved prior to trial. These case resolutions included full agreements, partial agreements, or temporary agreements prior to the mediation.

In addition, the Program includes partnering with staff at Prairie State Legal Services and DuPage County Community Services Housing Supports Division. Through July 12, 2025, Prairie State Legal Services has assisted with 2,332 DuPage tenants. Both Prairie State Legal Services and DuPage County Community Services Housing Supports Division have helped the parties reach their own agreements and have helped the parties to access funding through the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program ("ERA2").

Use of Evidence

Funds are not being used at this time for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Performance report metrics have been provided throughout the project overview description.

Website

https://www.dupagecourts.gov/18th_judicial_circuit_court/programs/residential_eviction_mediation_program.php.

Project Name

Community Services Housing Support Staff

Board Approval Date

September 28, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0444-21

**Project Expenditure Category**

2.18, Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Funding Amount

\$316,364

Project Overview

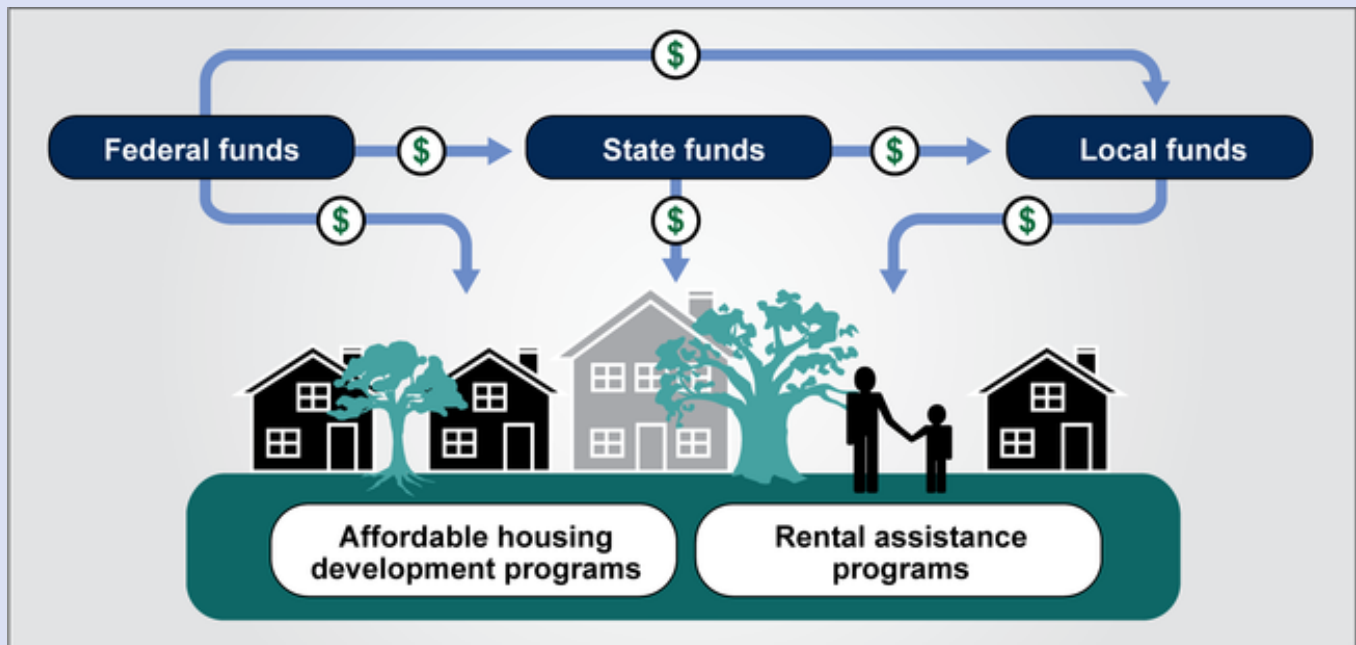
The County funds housing services for assistance with (i) rent payments, (ii) mortgage payments, (iii) security deposits, (iv) housing insecurity, and (v) homelessness. These services are designed to help keep people in their homes or to help them move into housing if they are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. In addition, financial assistance may be available for homeowners to complete home repairs and improvements to correct code violations, and address health and safety issues. In some cases, financial assistance may go towards utilities. Housing assistance staff can guide and direct residents based on their various needs.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence as it only pertains to staff salary.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Source: GAO analysis of federal and participating audit offices' program information. | GAO-15-645

Project Name

Community Services DuPage Community Transformation Partnership

**Board Approval Date**

January 25, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0066-22

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$10,600,000

Project Overview

The County awarded \$10.6 million to the DuPage Foundation for the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership Program. The Program funds grants for nonprofits social service organizations to provide assistance with food, housing, and mental health services² in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. A planning team comprised of DuPage County Board Members, DuPage County staff, DuPage Foundation Board Members, DuPage Foundation and staff, and local community volunteers developed the multi-year Program.



Criteria for selecting recipients included:

- Organization's experience in eliminating food insecurity, promoting housing stability, and providing mental health treatment;
- Proposed program alignment with the goals of ARPA included promoting equitable outcomes for historically underserved or groups disproportionately impacted by COVID-19;
- Commitment to utilizing evidence-based interventions; and
- Other criteria consistent with the Foundation's mission, the funding purpose, and in keeping with the requirements for 501(C)(3) organizations.

Guidelines and applications were established for two grant categories: (i) Immediate Intervention, and (ii) Transformational as detailed below.

Immediate Intervention

These grant opportunities were offered in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Immediate Intervention grants provided financial resources to enable organizations to respond to the immediate needs of clients or to quickly increase organizational capacity to deliver services and resources in the target service areas.

² For the Program, mental health services include treatment for substance use disorder.

- **Transformational**

These grant opportunities were offered in 2022 and 2024. Transformational grants supported evidence-based programs focused on eliminating food insecurity, promoting housing stability and providing effective mental health and substance use disorder treatment or prevention programs. Priority in grant selection was on programs with strategies that build capacity, improve efficiency, change behaviors and solve fundamental issues that exist in DuPage County such as a lack of affordable housing, limited public transportation, language barriers and difficulty navigating systems to access resources.

Funds Awarded

The DuPage Foundation has awarded \$9.20 million to date. The remaining \$1.25 million will be distributed in October of 2025.

Grants Awarded	Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder	Housing	Food Insecurity	Total
Immediate	\$1,555,584	\$1,125,544	\$684,200	\$3,365,328
Transformational	\$6,149,169	\$654,633	\$280,870	\$7,084,672
Total	\$7,704,753	\$1,780,177	\$965,070	\$10,450,000 ³
Percent	74%	17%	9%	100%

Website

<https://dupagefoundation.org/grants/dupage-community-transformation-partnership.html>

³ DuPage Foundation donor-advised fund representatives expanded the impact of this grant program by recommending an additional \$450K to support Transformational projects. Source: <https://dupagefoundation.org/grants/dupage-community-transformation-partnership.html>

Project Name

Community Services 2-1-1 DuPage Program

Board Approval Date

March 22, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0152-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Funding Amount

\$1,392,515

Project Overview

In response to unmet needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, the County created a new 2-1-1 telephone hotline to provide emergency social service referrals 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. The new 2-1-1 Program connects callers to social service programs and agencies. The County officially launched the Program on November 15, 2022 and since that time has been administering the Program with an intergovernmental agreement to use the Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center ("ACDC").

The 2-1-1 Program uses the Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS") database of government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Services and issues covered include, but are not limited to: housing, food, income, mental health, legal, public safety, veterans, and disabilities. Organizations that do not meet the database's inclusion criteria are excluded. Excluded services would include services that are (i) not offering services for free or on a sliding scale for eligible clients, (ii) not accepting Medicaid or Medicare, and (iii) misrepresenting services in any way, or (iv) engaging in fraudulent or illegal activities.

In addition to direct email and telecommunication with provider partners throughout the year to keep listings updated, 2-1-1 DuPage sends out a weekly newsletter and shares partner news and program information regularly on official social media platforms. DuPage County Community Services publishes an Annual Report highlighting the agency's achievements. Staff attend and actively participate in a variety of community meetings (Community Connections at Catholic Charities, ADAPT, Community Quality Council, Regional Office of Education Roundtable, etc.) and events (Back to School Fair, College of DuPage Social Services Fair, etc.) where information about 2-1-1 DuPage is shared including marketing/informational material. Provider community partnerships are further strengthened through the execution of Memorandums of Understanding and through virtual and in-person presentations.

The Program currently provides services through telephone, email, and text. The Program also brought "2-1-1 Counts" to DuPage County, which is a data dashboard on the 2-1-1 DuPage webpage. This dashboard shows the previous days' calls and the needs clients are calling about. Staff analyses 2-1-1 performance metrics to improve awareness and showcase the information available.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Website

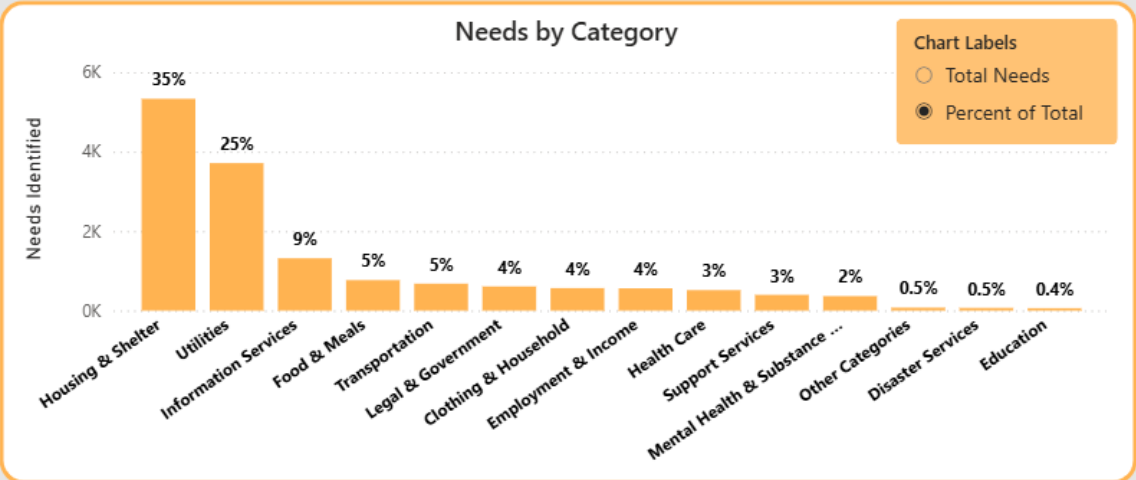
<https://211dupage.gov/>

Performance Report
See the performance report below.

211 of DuPage County handled
8,460 CONTACTS
between 07/01/2024
and 6/30/2025.

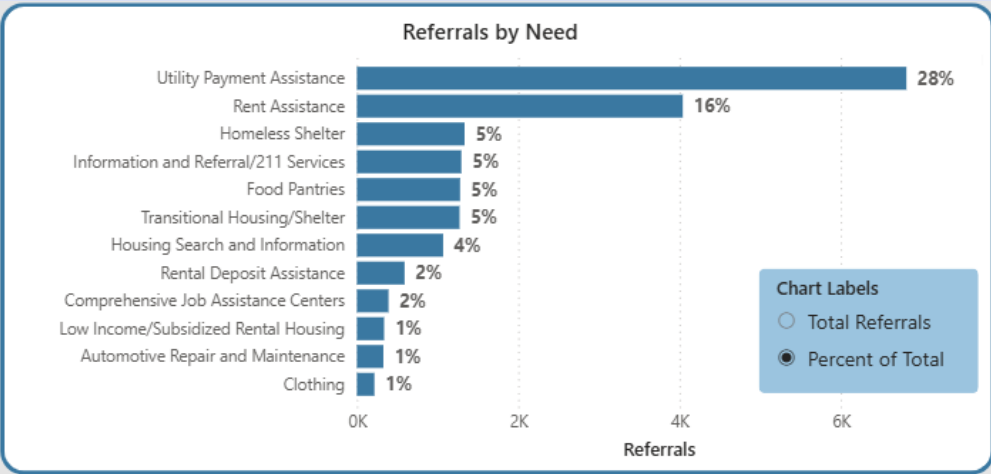


211 of DuPage County Identified
15,032 NEEDS
between
07/01/2024
and
6/30/2025.



TIP: Hover over a column in the table to view the top individual service needs within the category.

211 of DuPage County
24,758 REFERRALS
to Community Providers
between 07/01/2024
and 6/30/2025.



TIP: Hover over a column to see the top providers for that need.

Use the **ZIP CODE** filter on the left side of the page to see the top providers referred to callers in your zip.

Project Name

Community Services DuPagePads Project – Interim Housing Center

Board Approval Date

November 23, 2021

Project ID

HHS-R-0529-21

**Project Expenditure Category**

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

Project Funding Amount

\$2,000,000

Project Overview

The County allocated ARPA funds to assist DuPagePads in purchasing a hotel to serve as an Interim Housing Center (“IHC”) for individuals experiencing homelessness in DuPage County. DuPagePads purchased the 130-unit hotel in Spring 2022. Using this repurposed hotel, County has helped DuPagePads to improve health, improved safety, and provide support services for homeless families and individuals.

COVID-19 forced DuPagePads to meet its mission differently, rethinking how to best provide interim housing solutions that help individuals and families move beyond homelessness. Expanding on the hotel-based temporary housing that has helped over 430 individuals, including 130 children, since the pandemic began is transformative to its mission. Providing clients with privacy in a secure space to temporarily house themselves and family members has resulted in an 80% reduction in mental health incidents and a 75% reduction in health incidents such as flu, respiratory illness, and other physical health issues.



Interim Housing Center owned and operated by DuPagePads

Approximately 33% of DuPage

County’s homeless population are children. Parents experiencing homelessness are reluctant to utilize congregant sheltering or other safe environments because they lack privacy, security, and space for families to call their own. Repurposing the hotel property as an IHC prevents children from being forced to live in cars with their families or other more dangerous living situations. DuPagePads prioritizes rooms at the IHC to families with children, individuals with mobility or significant health issues, and those fleeing domestic violence.

Once checked in, clients can focus on their wellness and stability, making it more possible to move forward using the suite of resources and support provided by DuPagePads to regain their independence. The IHC provides a central location where clients are not forced to travel daily, endure harsh conditions, or have concerns about where they may eat and sleep. It also provides community partners with a centralized destination for delivering support services that align with ending homelessness. Since beginning this model in

2020, DuPage Pads has observed a 500% increase in the utilization of case support services by clients in interim housing.

This model of hotel-based shelter has demonstrated proven health, wellness, and security benefits. Providing a private room with washroom has proven to reduce the risk of infectious illnesses spreading to families, volunteers, caseworkers, and health care providers. Investing in the IHC provides an asset to help end homelessness in our community and improve the overall health and safety of all our neighbors while supporting individuals on their journey to regain long-term housing stability.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Prior to COVID-19, DuPagePads operated a congregate shelter model with 26 faith congregation sites throughout DuPage County. Sites were operated by volunteers and worked on a rotational basis. In March of 2020, this model was replaced with a hotel-based shelter model following guidance from the CDC and the DuPage Health Department. These entities strongly recommended social distancing as a way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Utilizing this model has provided a safer option for DuPage Pads clients and the overall community.

The project both prevented and responded to COVID-19 and also allowed for client health and safety. DuPagePads' pursuit of hotel ownership follows the organization's findings that the hotel-based shelter model has myriad benefits for clients—particularly children, who comprise 1/3 of DuPagePads' hotel-based shelter population—significantly reducing client medical conditions and encouraging families who sleep in their cars to choose shelter and case management instead of facing their challenges alone. Hotel-based shelter provided for social distancing during COVID with a closed door, preventing the spread of disease. The movement to hotel-based shelter was done with continued guidance from the DuPage Health Department. They guided DuPagePads in terms of best practices for isolation and social distancing, and safe food provision during the pandemic.

Website: <https://dupagepads.org/solutions/ihc/>

Project Name

Community Services DuPagePads Project – Winter Housing

Board Approval Date

November 22, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0486-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

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

Project Funding Amount

\$250,000

Project Overview

The mission of DuPagePads is to end homelessness in DuPage County. The agency has the solution to end homelessness, which is housing coupled with support services and employment. As the only non-restrictive emergency shelter in the county, DuPagePads is essential to the community. The agency is often the first point of entry for the homeless population and serves the majority of individuals and families who are homeless in DuPage County. DuPagePads services first address the participants' most basic need for shelter and food to ensure safety and prevent hunger. Once this has been met, professional case managers seek to address the barriers that result in homelessness by providing a variety of services with the ultimate goal of obtaining permanent housing. As a result of these comprehensive programs, families and individuals work toward stable housing, improved health and financial stability.

Funding for this project allowed DuPagePads to provide shelter to persons in need, in 1-week increments, at a DuPage County hotel. It also provided a temporary case manager to manage giving out and renewing the hotel rooms. Because DuPagePads has relationships with local hotels, they negotiated the cost per room to be \$60 per night or less. The goal was to provide one week of hotel-based shelter, then evaluate whether there is an opening at the Interim Housing Center. Individuals could renew their hotel stay for another week until they reached their spot on the waitlist to enter Interim Housing. The program ended at the end of March 2024.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

From 12/1/2022 through the end of project spending on 3/31/2024, hotel rooms were provided to 346 individuals, for a total of 6,904 nightly hotel stays. Of those, 107 were under the age of 17, 209 were between the ages of 18-59, and 30 were 60 and older.

Project Name

Community Services DuPagePads Project – Education Specialist

Board Approval Date

August 22, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0185-23

**Project Expenditure Category**

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

Project Funding Amount

\$194,183

Project Overview

Children who experience homelessness face significant barriers to obtaining education, resulting in a myriad of academic disadvantages that can disrupt their learning and negatively impact their scholastic achievement. According to the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall, 1 in 30 American children will endure some form of homelessness over the course of a year. Based on population counts, this amounts to roughly 6,700 children in DuPage County alone. Unfortunately, 23% of students experiencing homelessness must repeat a grade compared to 1.5% of their stably housed peers. Students who are achieving below their grade levels or who are older than their classmates can be stigmatized by their peers as being inferior. This stigma, along with the traumatic experience of homelessness in general, can be overwhelming for children and can drastically impair their educational experience. When education becomes a child's enemy, their perception of its importance diminishes and they can become less likely to pursue further education, limiting the chance of rising out of poverty as an adult.

DuPagePads envisions better and more equitable academic outcomes for the children in their care. Their youth-specific education services and programming are designed to help augment a safe, nonjudgmental and empowering environment in which youth can become more comfortable requesting assistance, building skills to increase comprehension and application of grade-appropriate proficiencies through tutoring, and learning from each other through prosocial activities.

DuPagePads employs staff who help to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of students experiencing homelessness who are attending local school districts surrounding the organization's Interim Housing Center (IHC) where they are residing with their families on the path to stable housing. The staff members ensure that unhoused students are connected with tutors and other school supports as needed. The staff members also assist families to coordinate with their respective districts to secure daily, discrete transportation to and from school.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Since the beginning of this project, the education specialist has served approximately 64 students per month, including on average: 26 male students, 36 female students, 1 questioning student, and 1 transgender student.

Project Name

Community Services Healthy West Chicago Initiative

Board Approval Date

January 25, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0081-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

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

Project Funding Amount

\$15,000

Project Overview

The Healthy West Chicago Program was a ground-breaking collaboration among community organizations committed to improving the health of West Chicagoans. The mission was to ensure that all residents of West Chicago had access to an optimal state of health and wellness. The goal was to increase healthy eating and physical activity to make West Chicago one of the healthiest communities in the region. Through engaging events, educational offerings and policy efforts, the Program aimed to make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

At the onset, the Program was funded by a three-year grant from United Way of Metro Chicago. These funds helped establish the background of the Program and provided for the hiring of a Program Coordinator and the very first, wildly successful program, Rethink Your Drink. This initial funding was supplemented by the City of West Chicago and WeGo Together for Kids, in addition to several smaller grants targeted at enhanced programming in the community. The through the City and other supplemental funding the City receives, the Program continues to have its infrastructure expenses covered, with additional program funding from WeGo Together for Kids and smaller grants from entities like the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and the American Heart Association.

While this Program is no longer funded with ARPA funds, it continues to receive generous funding from other sources. This program remains a fixture in the community and continues to provide residents with healthy eating, physical activity, and educational opportunities.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Key performance indicators for this program are in development.

Website: <https://www.healthywestchicago.org/>.

An example of classes sponsored by this program can be seen below. More information can be found on the website provided above.



Wellness Nights

Join Healthy West Chicago once a month for a family fun night of wellness! Parents enjoy a free Zumba class while kids are having fun in the kitchen preparing a healthy snack with our friends from The Kitchen Table.



In-Person Community Cooking Classes

Join us for a free family fun cooking class on the third Wednesday of the month!



Edible Landscapes

A DuPage County Master Gardener will be presenting a program on incorporating beautiful and delicious edible landscaping to your yard!



Summer Picnic Salads



Garden Education Programs

About the Program

West Chicago residents are invited to an in-person garden education program with Healthy West Chicago. Our programs will be covering topics that include gardening tools, starting your garden early, growing your own mini garden (with free supplies!), and much more!

Registration

Interested families may choose from the events below to register their families for an event.

Event Cost

All classes are free of charge to all the live and/or work in West Chicago. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Project Name

Local American Rescue Plan Act Program

Board Approval Date

June 14, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0239-22 (Fire Protection Districts)
FI-R-0246-22 (Park Districts)
FI-R-0266-22 (Special Recreation Associations)
FI-R-0340-22 (Townships)
FI-R-0341-22 (Sanitary Districts)



Local ARPA Program

Project Expenditure Category

2.36, Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Funding Amount

\$10,737,113

Project Overview

The County's Local American Rescue Plan Act ("LARPA") Program provides funding to local government agencies for ARPA eligible expenses. Units of local governments included are Fire Protection Districts, Park Districts, Special Recreation Associations, Townships, and Sanitary Districts. A breakdown of the Program can be seen [here](#) on the PowerPoint which was presented to local governments.

Under the CARES Act, the County ran a similar program, called the Local Government Program. At that time, municipalities were also included in the funding. Under ARPA, municipalities received their own allotments of SLFRF funds, so were not included in the LARPA Program. Under the CARES Act, this program was very effective and beneficial for the recipients.

Due to COVID-19, the local governments above had to restructure their services. These entities were not able to shut down and were faced with new challenges and expenses. SLFRF funds provide immediate relief for expenses such as payroll and non-payroll items. In addition, more long-term relief was provided for various capital projects and programs.

County staff worked closely with the local governments to maximize the funding received while ensuring that expenses were ARPA eligible. The County prepared intergovernmental agreements with fourteen (14) Fire Protection Districts, twenty-one (21) Park Districts, four (4) Special Recreation Associations, nine (9) Townships, and five (5) Sanitary Districts.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

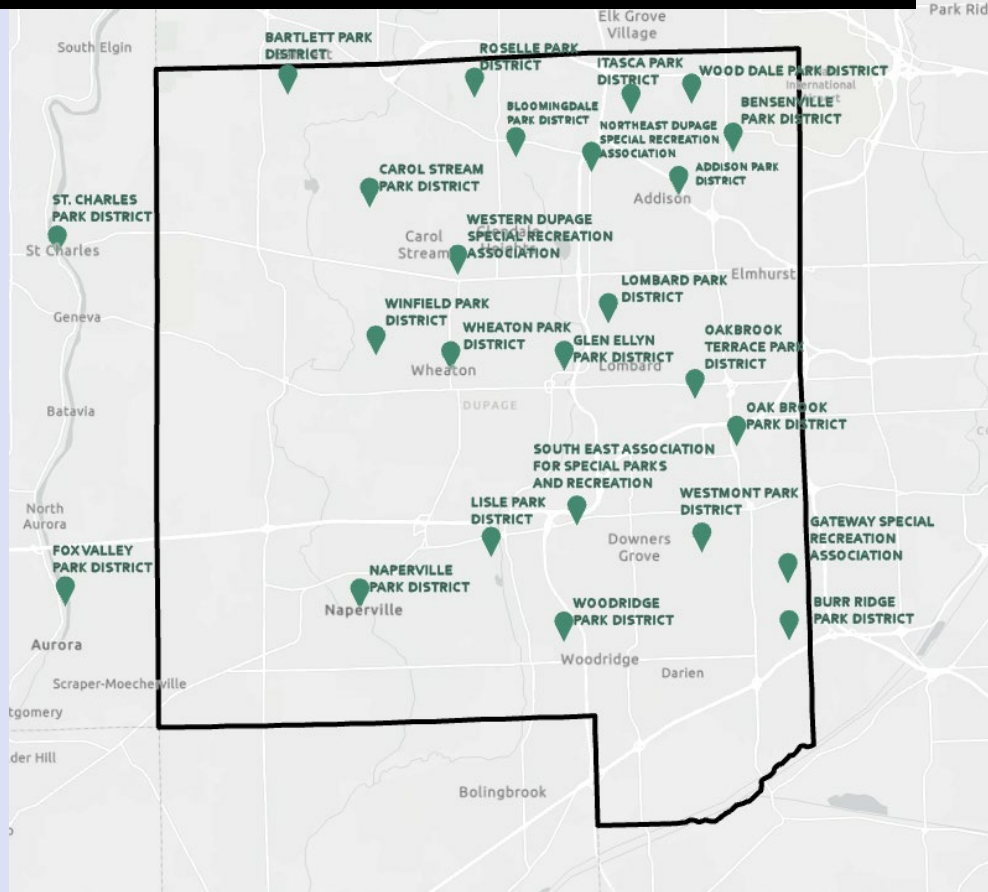
Performance Report

Key performance indicators for this Program are in development.

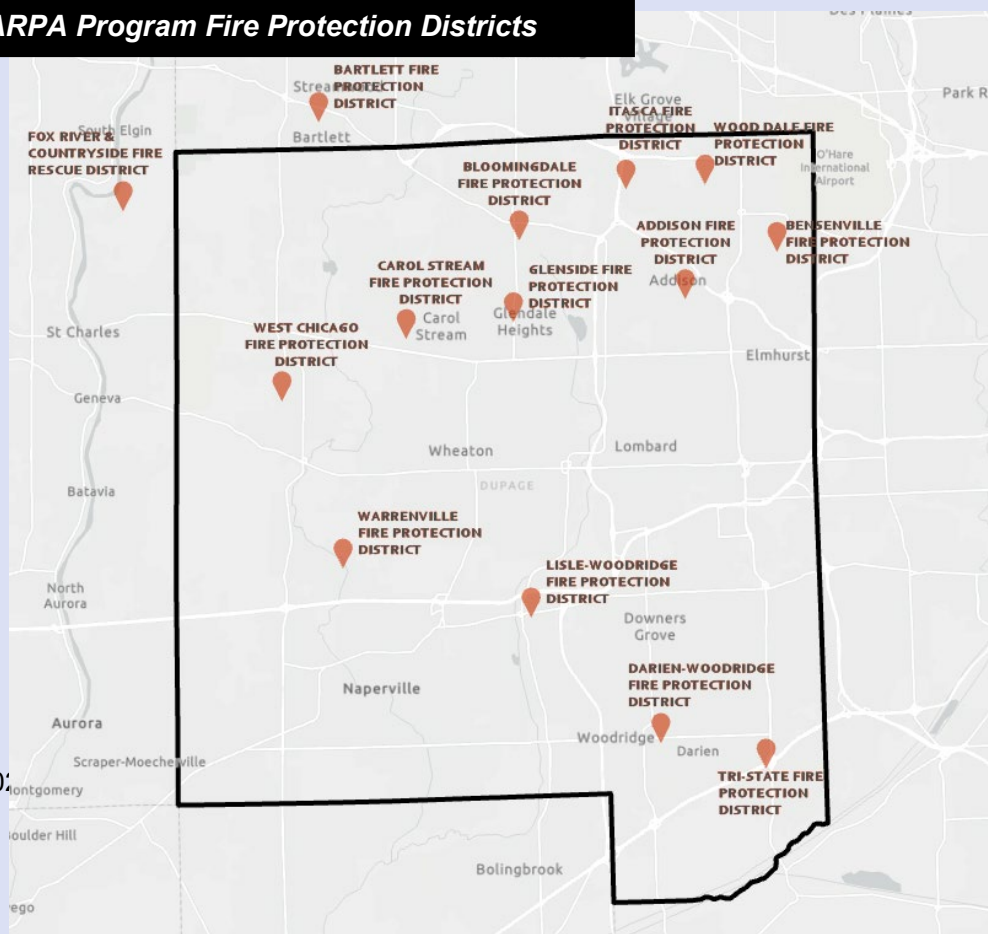
Website

More information on the County's Local American Rescue Plan Act Program can be found [here](#).

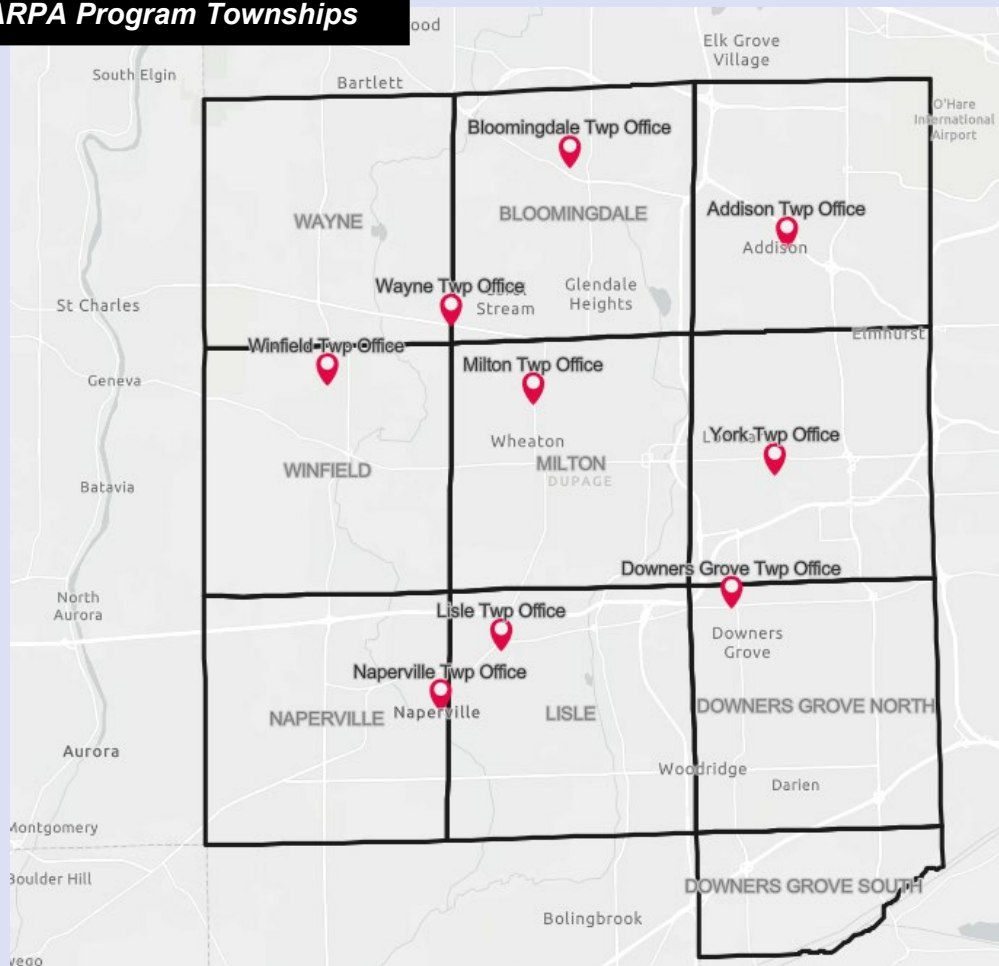
LARPA Program Park Districts and Special Recreation Associations



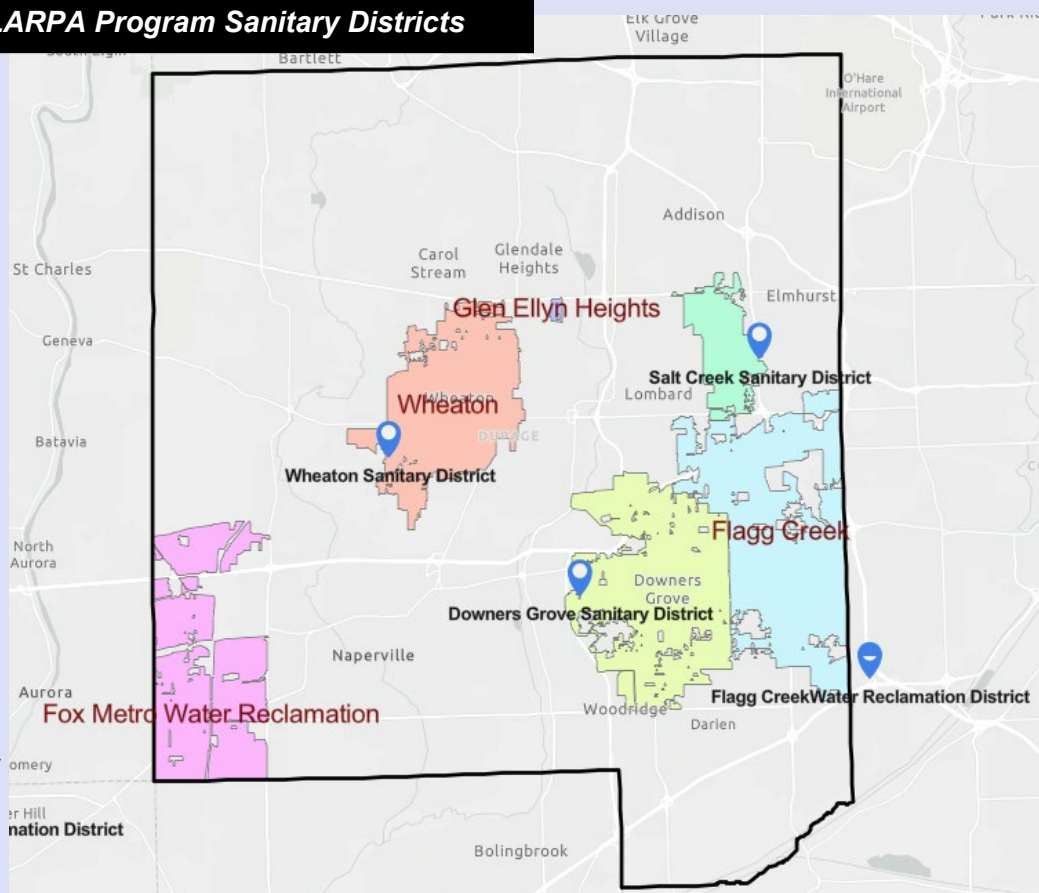
LARPA Program Fire Protection Districts



LARPA Program Townships



LARPA Program Sanitary Districts



Project Name

Regional Office of Education – Truancy Program

Project ID

FI-R-0106-24

Project Expenditure Category

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

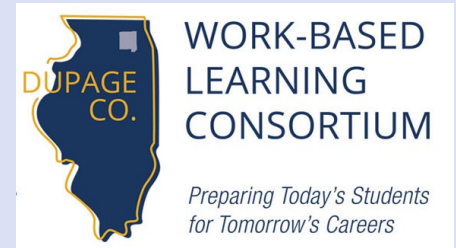
Project Funding Amount

\$380,725

**Project Overview**

The underlying causes that contribute to excessive absenteeism and truancy can be complex and frustrating for students, parents, school staff and school administrators. With this in mind, the DuPage Regional Office (“ROE”) has worked to ensure that school attendance laws are enforced. In addition, proactive truancy support programs and services are also a part of the ROE truancy program model. We want to assist students to avoid reaching the critical stage of chronic truancy.

The DuPage ROE Truancy and Attendance Team developed a multi-tiered system of support for the students they service, as well as expanded opportunities to strengthen prevention and link resources for schools. The DuPage ROE works closely with the school districts and requests the following from them: multiple attempts via home visits, phone calls, and Zooms to meet with the family; correspondences, including compliance documents and attempts to engage parent(s), provided via email, mailed, and brought to the home; schedule adjustments and/or academic supports; and provide transportation to students. When the above attempts fail, the DuPage ROE has the statutory responsibility for chronic truancy (9 or more unexcused absences in a single school year), and two case workers oversee the cases with these challenges. In one day alone, the ROE received 170 chronic truants from just one school district. The goal is for 75% of students who enter the DuPage ROE Truancy Program to maintain a 90% attendance rate throughout school 2024-2025.

**Use of Evidence**

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Outreach Meetings Provided to School	Number of Train-the- Trainer Sessions	Number of Home Visits	Student Counseling Sessions
Through May 2025	615	9	68	176

Reporting Timeframe	Meetings with School Officials and the Family to Develop a Goal and Action Plan	Referrals and/or Connections for Families	Parents Training Held	Parental Neglect Filed with Courts
Through May 2025	923	71	6	19

Project Name

Regional Office of Education – Student
Apprenticeship Program

Project ID

FI-R-0105-24

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$403,920

Project Overview

Today's high school students need access to exploratory career experiences to prepare for their professional lives beyond graduation.

The DuPage County Regional Office of Education ("ROE"), in partnership with College of DuPage (Project Hire-Ed), and GPS Education Partners (GPSEd), is proud to support hands-on work-based learning opportunities and career exploration for students in a variety of industries throughout DuPage County.

This program was designed to help high school students access training and education to develop their career readiness so that they can succeed in the labor market. Students enrolled in the program can experience paid internships or apprenticeships with local business partners. Students will also have opportunities to tour workplaces, job shadow, and participate in other work-based learning activities to help them align their personal interests with a possible career.

ARPA funds for this project cover expenses for the services of a work-based learning intermediary and ROE staff costs.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Number of High Schools	# of Students in Work-based learning program	# of low-income students	# Students with disabilities	# of area businesses interested in participating	# of area business involved per pathway	# of aligned community partners
Through October 2024 (Average)	7	33	8	4	104	63	26



Project Name

HVAC Air Purification Systems

Project ID

FM-P-0432-21 (Helm Mechanical)
FM-P-0358-21 (Homme Medical)
FM-P-0085-22 (Homme Medical)
FM-P-0020-22 (Wight Construction)
FM-P-0081-22 (Wight Construction)
FM-P-0087-22 (Greeley & Hansen)

Project Expenditure Category

1.4, Prevention in Congregate Settings

Project Funding Amount

\$18,112,960

Project Overview

The HVAC Air Purification Systems projects incorporate the upgrade of HVAC systems throughout multiple areas of the County.

501 Jail 'B' HVAC Air Purification Systems

The DuPage County Jail 'B' building is a congregate living/incarceration setting that houses inmates as well as the associated Bond Court, Jail Intake and Sheriff Offices. The COVID-19 pandemic affected Jail operations and protocol, and the existing HVAC system was not designed to accommodate pandemic requirements.

A new HVAC system replaces the 1970s-era system that was in place and will utilize Bipolar Ionization and Ultraviolet treatments in reducing infectious particulates. Air quality and change rates



will improve throughout the Jail facility. This new system will also allow for better system and resource control, and allow other ARPA-funded improvements to add isolated and social-distancing rooms to the building. The additional VAV's and VFD's on the air-handlers will improve efficiency and reduce operating costs.

Power Plant HVAC Improvements

The central 'Power Plant' services all County campus buildings with hot and cold water, which is utilized by each building to run their individual HVAC systems. These individual building HVAC systems are essential in mitigating COVID-19 throughout the County campus, including incarceration and congregate living buildings, and cannot function without this essential service.

The pandemic highlighted the risk due to aging mechanical systems within the Power Plant, including a deteriorated Chilled Water expansion tank, MUW tank, condenser water pumps and chilled water control

valves. The campus-wide boiler system also requires repair to its natural gas supply line to remain functioning. This project will safeguard the campus-wide HVAC system.

Mobile HEPA Filtration Units for Select County Offices

As waves of the pandemic continued to affect County employees, Housekeeping and Facilities Management responded to County Department requests to clean and isolate portions of County offices as employees or visitors tested positive for COVID-19 and notified others via contact tracing.

Facilities Management purchased mobile HEPA air filtration units to serve portions of County Department offices that serve public visitors and large numbers of employees. These units supplemented the existing building HVAC systems and increased fresh and filtrated air turnover. These units also have specialized HEPA filters that trap infectious particles and heat them to a temperature that they are destroyed at. Additional units are deployed as-needed by Facilities Management Housekeeping to filter office spaces that have had a recently confirmed COVID-19 case.

501, 503 & 505 Building Improvements

The 501 Jail/Sheriff building and 503/503 Judicial Office Facility (Courthouse) and Annex buildings are large facilities that are used by hundreds of inmates, public visitors, County staff, and Circuit Court staff. This comprehensive project upgraded HVAC access and room programming in the three buildings. Coordinated with the previous CARES Act and ARPA HVAC improvements, improved ventilation and spacing mitigates COVID-19 risk throughout the courtroom, probation, public visiting and staff office areas. This project included socially distant courtroom and waiting areas, isolated interview rooms, and improved HVAC air changes.

This project also added additional private offices and socially distant meeting and conference rooms that allow for virtual meetings, trainings, and presentations. The 501 remodeled space, the 3rd floor of the Annex, as well as the new and remodeled spaces in the Courthouse have new, more efficient plumbing, lighting and lighting



controls installed. The new lighting greatly increases energy efficiency and minimizes future maintenance. All HVAC upgrades and improvements increase energy efficiency as well as air quality. All new furniture is designed to minimize the spread of viruses and is easily sanitized. Building materials are being utilized that reduce future maintenance costs and provide for easier sanitation.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

All projects and improvements will be completed by the end of 2026.

Project Name

Campus COVID Building Projects

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FM-P-0022-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.4, Prevention in Congregate Setting

Project Funding Amount

\$27,081,286

**Project Overview**

The County planned a number of projects on the County campus that were designed to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and enable remote operations. The three improvement areas included in this item are the Care Center building, the Community Services Department, and the Circuit Court Clerk Office.

Care Center Building

The Care Center requires a variety of rehabilitation, renovation and modernization projects that comply with ARPA requirements and will improve the quality of life for residents. These upgrades will also protect those who work at and visit the Care Center. These improvements include: physical plant improvements to the congregate living public facility, adaptations to the public building to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics, support for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation or other services, ventilation improvements, social distancing redesigns and increased remote access capabilities. Treasury Guidelines also target disproportionately impacted communities; specifically, those with systemic public health and economic challenges due to the pandemic, including low-income communities and people of color. Many Care Center residents are members of these socioeconomic communities.

The Care Center's North Wing was the first section to undergo construction. The North Wing consists of 80,000 square feet and 128 updated resident rooms.



Community Services

The Community Service intake area had insufficient space to properly socially distance staff and visitors. With increased staffing needs, sufficient space was no longer possible. This project expanded and improved the public intake portions of the County's Community Services Department. Due to ongoing ARPA-related programs being administered by Community Services, changes to the existing space had to be made to account for the increase in public visitors and clients. This included moving the "Check-In" area to a better-accessible spot near the elevators, which incorporated social distancing measures, protective glass and improved HVAC design to minimize potential COVID-19 spread. This protects both public visitors and County employees. The previous layout also had six undersized and open-air Intake Rooms that had temporary social distancing setups to try and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These are rooms where Community Services staff meet directly with the public to enroll and participate in Community Services programs, including the ARPA-funded ERA and HOME programs. This project resulted in nine individual intake rooms, allowing staff and visitors to safely interact while separated via protective glass, and an improved HVAC design to minimize potential COVID-19 spread. The new rooms are also fully enclosed up to the ceiling, allowing for more private discussions.



Circuit Court Clerk

The Circuit Court Clerk court building had glass dividers/shielding installed glass for increased protection of staff and the public.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

All projects and improvements will be completed by the end of 2026.



Project Name

DuPage County Judicial
Office Facility Annex
Expansion

Board Approval Date

January 11, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0034-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

1.4, Prevention in Congregate Settings

Project Funding Amount

\$5,386,671

Project Overview

The pandemic created a need for DuPage County to provide facilities which mitigated the potential for the transmission of the COVID-19 virus for both the public and staff while conducting their judicial operations. Mitigation strategies to prevent this transmission included creating adequate space for social distancing while judicial operations were conducted, resulting in a demand for larger areas and additional facilities for socially distanced court operations, attorney-client meeting spaces, bond court, interview areas, etc. The existing judicial facilities were already at near-maximum capacity. To meet the need for socially distanced facilities, added space needed to be secured, and some of the existing spaces needed to be reconfigured to allow for these mitigation strategies. Features of the County's Judicial Office Facility Annex Expansion Project included:

- Upgrades and improvements to air quality systems
- Redesign/reconfiguration of employee and visitor building spaces to allow for social distancing
- Increased capability for staff and the public to work remotely
- Probation & Court Services
 - Client meeting areas made safer
 - Improved separation between juvenile & adult areas
 - Increased space for pre-trials
 - Expanded current space to accommodate 13 additional staff
- Public Defender's Office
 - Expanded current space to accommodate 41 additional staff
- State's Attorney's Office
 - Expanded current space to accommodate 36 additional staff
 - Constructed evidence viewing rooms
 - Relocated and improved reception area
 - Provided interview rooms
 - Realigned staff by division and courtroom group
- Expanded Grand Jury room to allow for better personal distancing
- Built out more Domestic Relations courtrooms to handle increased volume within that division

Use of Evidence

ARPA funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

This expansion project is complete.

Project Name

Animal Services Facility Addition

Board Approval Date

May 24, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0215-22

Project Expenditure Category

1.4, Prevention in Congregate Settings

Project Funding Amount

\$900,000

Project Overview

The County's Animal Services facility was in desperate need of both an upgrade and expansion. ARPA funds allocated for this project contributed to the following improvements:

Infection & Quarantine

- Limit and isolate the spread of viruses and bacteria, especially those of a zoonotic nature, to prevent infection between species and transmission of animal diseases to humans.
- Redesign space for programming to improve social distancing and repair/replace porous surfaces to allow for better cleaning practices.

Renovate Existing Dog Enclosures

- Repair wear and tear of existing dog housing using substances that assist in infection prevention and mitigation by increasing disinfection and decreasing porosity.

Ventilation

- Improve air quality and circulation in office areas, corridors and storage spaces by incorporating BiPolar Ionization, UV-C Airborne Irradiation, 100% outside air exchange, HEPA filters, stronger fans, local room HEPA filtration units, air quality sensors in all spaces, and addition of a second boiler to support increased air circulation and outside air.
- Facilitate distance learning to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 with virtual animal training.



The expansion included more than 4,300 square feet of renovations, nearly 11,500 square feet of added enclosed spaces, and a 2,200-square-foot covered patio for outdoor training or events. It provided for a much-needed surgical unit to care for animals and give them their own recovery space. It also provided separate rooms for cats, additional kennels for dogs, and an area for small exotics, including rabbits, birds and the occasional goat, hen, or

peacock. A strong volunteer foster program aids in the shelter's live release rate and overall success. Funds for this project also include a campus Stormwater pond expansion, which is required due to the new construction.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions on this item.

Performance Report

Construction finished in June 2025.

Website

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov/AnimalServices/>.

Project Name

Information Technology Software and Equipment for Remote Operations

Board Approval Date

December 14, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0020-22

Project Expenditure Category

3.4, Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Funding Amount

\$5,290,048

**Project Overview**

This project funded county-wide Information Technology equipment and software upgrades. These upgrades assisted in allowing efficient remote operations in response to the COVID pandemic. Costs included cybersecurity expenses, which increased due to remote operations and remote access. This item also included technology related projects such as AV upgrades in courtrooms, wi-fi installation, and a distributed antenna system.

Use of Evidence

Use of evidence is not required for this category.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Operating Costs for County Departments

Project Expenditure Category

7.1, Administrative Expenses

Project Funding Amount

\$5,708,902

**Project Overview**

Funding for this item included various ARPA-eligible expenses incurred by County departments. Examples of expenses were County Auditor staff salaries, Finance Department staff salaries, and Facilities Management Department staff salaries.

Previous funding for this item included Sheriff's Office extended jail stays, Sheriff's Office quarantine meals, an upgrade to the Treasurer's Office conference room, and an upgrade to software in the State's Attorney's Office.

The County started paying all ARPA administrative expenses from ARPA interest funds in December 2024.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.



Project Name

Choose DuPage – ReInvest DuPage Small Business Grants

Board Approval Date

June 21, 2021 and August 24, 2021

Project ID

FI-R-0326-21 and FI-R-0413-21

Project Expenditure Category

2.29, Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Funding Amount

\$16,191,955

**Project Overview**

ReInvest DuPage was a grant relief program designed to assist businesses, independent contractors, and nonprofits within DuPage County, who were adversely impacted by COVID-19. Under the program, applicants applied for grants through an on-line portal. Their applications described their current situation and the impact that COVID-19 had on their business. Applicants uploaded their submissions into an online portal which was monitored by Finance staff. Key elements of the application included: (i) evidence of revenue decline due to COVID-19 based on official financial reports (e.g., ST-1 Forms, Profit & Loss Statements, Sales Tax Receipt Runs); (ii) verification of status as small business, independent contractor, or nonprofit; (iii) proof that the entity was in operation as of January 1, 2019; (iv) verification that the business was in Good Standing with the IL Secretary of State; (v) attestation that the information provided was true and accurate; and (vi) proof that the entity was located in DuPage County.

All applications were thoroughly reviewed and vetted. First, the Choose DuPage staff reviewed the applications. Next, the Choose DuPage Grant Committee performed its review. The approved applications were then transferred to the County, where Finance, GIS, and Audit Departments performed various reviews prior to County Board approval. Multiple reviews assured compliance and accuracy. Any application that failed to meet any of the criteria outlined in the County's resolution was deemed ineligible.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Key performance indicators for this program are in development.

Website

<https://www.choosedupage.com/dupage-county-launches-reinvest-dupage/>

Project Name

Choose DuPage – Supplier Diversity Program

CONNECT DUPAGE

Board Approval Date

January 25, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0069-22

Project Expenditure Category

2.36, Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Funding Amount

\$75,000

**Project Overview**

The County partnered with Choose DuPage to administer the Supplier Diversity Program. The goal of this program was to promote commercial collaboration within DuPage County by providing a means for businesses to access local suppliers and vendors within their supply chains. This program addressed the supply chain challenges caused by the pandemic. It also raised awareness for DuPage's certified veteran, minority, women, disadvantaged, and disabled-owned businesses, and fostered connections for those looking to increase their operations within the DuPage business community.

To accomplish the goals of the program, Choose DuPage developed & managed the following initiatives:

- **Supply Chain Resource Database**
Choose DuPage developed an online database that enabled businesses to search for and connect with companies located in the county that are certified and verified minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned.
- **Commercial Collaboration**
Choose DuPage developed a series of programs that foster commercial collaboration with the DuPage business community by educating businesses about their own supply chain through a detailed industry-sector analysis. This analysis also connected businesses to the certified and verified minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned businesses in DuPage that fall within their supply chain.
- **Supplier Diversity Connection for DuPage County**
Choose DuPage worked with DuPage County's Procurement Division to expand its use of certified and verified minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned businesses in DuPage. Choose DuPage increased the exposure of opportunities to work with the County, while educating minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned businesses in DuPage about the process for becoming a supplier to the County.
- **Education & Awareness Marketing**
Choose DuPage created a marketing strategy that educated the business community about doing business with minority, women, veterans, disadvantaged, and disabled-owned businesses. It also conveyed the overall impact that these businesses have on the local economy and raised awareness for the supplier diversity database and commercial collaboration education. In addition, Choose DuPage utilized targeted digital advertising, social media, and email campaigns. Lastly, Choose DuPage created a community outreach plan to engage partner organizations and other stakeholders as appropriate.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

There are several key performance indicators that can be used to measure the results of the above initiatives. This includes (but is not limited to):

- Number of visits to the Supplier Diversity Database.
- Utilization of the detailed supply chain industry analysis (i.e., number of downloads).
- Attendance at programming and events.
- Measurable increase in purchasing by the County from certified and verified minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned businesses in DuPage.
- Measurable increase in the number of certified and verified minority, women, veteran, disadvantaged, and/or disabled owned businesses in DuPage.
- Digital advertising metrics such as clicks, conversions, visits to websites, social media engagement, email opens, etc.

On April 24, 2023, DuPage County hosted its first in-person outreach event called *County Connection: How to do Business with DuPage County*. County staff from Information Technology, Procurement, Stormwater and Transportation held a Q&A panel session for the businesses in attendance and were available for any questions before or after the presentation. Staff from Choose DuPage were also present to answer questions and moderate the event. While 46 businesses had registered for the event, nearly 75 attended that day. Business owners said the event was informational and that they look forward to doing business with the County in the future. County staff had created a QR code which participants could scan upon arriving at the event. This code would lead them to a page where they could enter their business information, which was then stored in the County's procurement database. The County plans to hold its next event on September 24, 2025, with even more learning opportunities planned for the surrounding business community.

Website

<https://www.choosedupage.com/minority-owned-business-resources/>

Project Name

Choose DuPage – Economic Partnership Initiative

Board Approval Date

August 23, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0343-22

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$454,325

Project Overview

DuPage County joined together with Cook, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Lake, and Will Counties and the City of Chicago in an innovative partnership to drive economic growth and advance equity across the region. The Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership focused on promoting the region's assets – including extensive freight infrastructure, diverse talent, strong exporting industries, world-class research institutions, and culture to develop an identity that can compete on a global scale.

World Business Chicago manages this Partnership. Through the partnership, regional agencies work to strengthen jobs and capital investment. By working together, they accomplish more than any one community can on its own. The region's extensive assets offer significant opportunities to provide shared prosperity across different and diverse communities. This joint action worked for robust, equitable economic growth by building a globally competitive ecosystem for everyone, with world-class transportation infrastructure, economic sectors, talent, and innovation.

Use of Evidence

Use of evidence is not required for this category.

Performance Report

Twelve months of notable achievements and milestones included:

- The partnership supported job growth, helping to create and retain more than 8,500 jobs.
- The partnership published the [Greater Chicagoland Region Asset Map](#) — a valuable tool that highlights our region's strengths.
- The partnership featured public sector opportunities and key wins with economic impacts

Website

<https://www.choosedupage.com/greater-chicagoland-economic-partnership-drives-regional-economic-development-collaboration/>

<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/greater-chicagoland-economic-partnership>





Regional leaders gathered on January 4, 2023, to announce the launch of the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership. Left to right: Jim McConoughey, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Xochitl Flores, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development; Kyle Schulz, World Business Chicago; Andrea Sáenz, The Chicago Community Trust; Scott Gengler, Kendall County Board; Erin Aleman, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Peter Austin, McHenry County Administrator; Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President; Greg Bedalov, Choose DuPage; Deborah Conroy, DuPage County Board Chair; Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Will County Executive; Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor of Chicago; Doug Pryor, Will County Center for Economic Development; Irene Sherr, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development; Jim Reynolds, Loop Capital; Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair; Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners; Michael Fassnacht, World Business Chicago

Project Name

Choose DuPage – Feasibility Studies

Board Approval Date

June 25, 2024

Project ID

FI-R-0107-24

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$189,148

Project Overview

DuPage County partnered with Choose DuPage to develop two studies through third-party experts to determine the feasibility of constructing a sports complex and a performing arts center in DuPage County, with the goal of promoting tourism within the County. An inventory of the County's current facilities took place first, followed by an analysis of available land for such facilities to be built. Nearby regions with already existing sports complexes and performing arts centers were also evaluated. After Phase I of this project was complete, it was determined that a new sports complex would not benefit the County due to the availability of existing facilities in nearby areas. Phase II research will focus solely on the benefits of a new performing arts center, whether that be located on the County's campus or in a different location in the County.

Use of Evidence

Use of evidence is not required for this category.

Performance Report

Phase I services included research, analysis, and preparation of the two feasibility studies. DuPage County board members, staff, and outside experts had to determine if a sports complex and/or a performing arts center would add a benefit to the County. At the conclusion of Phase I, it was determined that a new sports complex would not benefit the County due to the availability of existing facilities in nearby areas. Phase II research will focus solely on the benefits of a performing arts center.



Project Name

FMC Natatorium

Board Approval Date

July 12, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0046-22

**Project Expenditure Category**

2.36, Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Funding Amount

\$150,000

Project Overview

FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park is a 71,000 square-foot aquatic facility in the DuPage County community of Westmont, just over 20 miles west of downtown Chicago. The facility was built to give Illinois swimmers a new home for meets, and also to host national-level events. The FMC Natatorium is a regional destination that makes swimming accessible to as many children and adults as possible. The Olympic-size Myrtha pool offers three sides of permanent seating for up to 1,200 spectators.



ARPA funds for the FMC Natatorium aided in securing business and events for this facility. As a result, visitors from around the world came to DuPage County and spent money in the local hotel, restaurant and retail businesses. These funds helped drive economic development and address negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Month	Number of bids submitted this month	Number of bids awarded this month	Number of visitors who attended and/or competed in events this month which was bided
November '22	3	3	2,871
March '23	1	1	2,956
May '23	3	3	11,828
August '23	2	2	3,600
January '24	1	1	1,610
April '24	2	2	5,000
August '24	1	1	834

Website

<https://www.fmcnatatorium.org/page/home>



Project Name

Colette Holt & Associates - Diversity and Inclusion Disparity Study

Board Approval Date

June 14, 2022

Project ID

FI-P-0192-22

Project Expenditure Category

2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Project Funding Amount

\$197,756

**Project Overview**

The County partnered with Colette Holt & Associates to perform a Disparity Study Analysis. The Study compared the actual number of Minority-owned/Women-owned Business Enterprises ("M/WBE") used on County contracts with the number of M/WBEs available in the market area for a five-year period. The Study's scope included: data collection, data analysis, reports, recommendations, and presentations. The Study's findings can be used to help the County set its contracting goals for M/WBEs if needed. This Study was part of the County's original Diversity and Inclusion Vendor strategy ("Strategy"). The purpose of the overall Strategy was to attract, retain, and support a diverse vendor pool with a focus on M/WBEs. The selected vendor, Colette Holt & Associates, has worked with the County before and has a national reputation with extensive experience in the Chicagoland area.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds were used for the County's Disparity Study Analysis. The vendor performing the Study provided evidence-based suggestions to the County as one of the Study deliverables.

Performance Report

The Disparity Study Analysis analyzed previous projects and County metrics for M/WBE's participation in County contracting opportunities and provided recommendations, including effective race and gender-neutral measures, to ensure full and fair opportunities for all firms to participate in the County's prime contracts and associated subcontracts.

Project Name

B2GNOW - Software

**Board Approval Date**

March 22, 2022

Project ID

FI-P-0096-22

Project Expenditure Category

7.1, Administrative Expenses

Project Funding Amount

\$134,387

Project Overview

The County partnered with B2Gnow for the purchase of a diversity management software solution. As the nation's leading diversity, procurement, and grant management software provider, B2Gnow has been powering the creation of business opportunities and driving economic growth for over 20+ years. B2Gnow's cloud-based, cost-effective and modular software platform is utilized by hundreds of government, education and private sector organizations throughout the US, and addresses all aspects of supplier diversity, procurement, and grant management, including: managing the complex compliance and regulatory requirements of supplier diversity programs, facilitating meaningful increases in spending with disadvantaged firms, increasing visibility and optimizing the procurement process, and efficiently providing data management solutions for granting and pass-through government transportation agencies. In accordance with the County's original Diversity and Inclusion strategic imperative, and to create a Business Enterprise Program for the County with an emphasis on construction and professional service contracts, a software solution was needed to track, document and report on minority, women and veteran owned businesses performing work on Departments' projects, either as contractors or sub-contractors. The software was implemented in April 2023.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.

Project Name

OpenGov - Budget Software

Board Approval Date

April 12, 2022

Project ID

FI-P-0134-22

Project Expenditure Category

3.5, Public Sector Capacity: Administrative needs

Project Funding Amount

\$548,399

**Project Overview**

The Finance Department sourced budgeting and planning software from OpenGov, Inc. The OpenGov software is designed specifically for units of government and, as such, it automates a multitude of tasks that are unique to government. Given the size of the ARPA program and its unique and extensive reporting requirements, Finance staff was challenged by federal reporting requirements. This software helps address the current needs by providing a more streamlined and customizable approach for ARPA reporting. The Open Citizen's Services module will be used to collect ARPA performance metrics/indicators from internal sources (i.e., Departments), as well as external providers (e.g., local governments and nonprofit agencies). The system can create charts and graphs that summarize the metrics and display the data on the County website. The OpenGov software helps automate this process, which allows data to be comprehensive and easier to understand for staff, County Board Members, and residents. The OpenGov contract is partially paid for by ARPA funds and partially paid by the County's General Fund.

The ARPA team began tracking performance metrics in OpenGov in November of 2022. Feedback from the entities who are required to report to the County has been very positive. The County's Budget team is also utilizing OpenGov for fiscal year budget planning. Staff have been satisfied with the software as a budgeting tool.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.

Project Name

DuPage County Hotel Assistance Program

Board Approval Date

July 12, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0280-22

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$1,255,707

Project Overview

The County partnered with the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (“DCVB”) for the creation of the DuPage County Hotel Assistance Program. The mission of the DCVB is to actively promote DuPage County as an enticing destination, attracting individual travelers and meeting/event planners in order to enhance the County’s economic fiber and resident quality of life. DCVB is a nonprofit partner-based organization that was established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987. It was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois as the official agency to promote the County’s multi-billion dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as a destination for visitors and conventions, and to help drive economic development.

DuPage County hosts more than four million hotel guests every year. Those visitors account for a major and irreplaceable source of revenue for local businesses: restaurants, museums, shops, arts & culture organizations, recreation outlets, and more. Residents rely on the quality of life afforded by those businesses - underscored significantly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents need these businesses and DuPage businesses need a healthy visitor industry. DCVB works to ensure that DuPage has a voice in the marketplace, competing for customers and visitors - safeguarding that essential cycle of economic development and DuPage way of life.

The overall goals of the Hotel Assistance Program were to:

- Support DuPage County hotels through dollars per room for audio-visual support, transportation, and hosting fees. Hotels were allotted \$112 per hotel room.
- Complement the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association’s state allocation for payroll and benefits, \$75M across Illinois per hotel room. (40% of DuPage hotel employees are DuPage residents.)
- Resume growth to generate demand and support for hotels across the County.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Out of the 110 hotels in DuPage County (at the time of this project), 72 received grants funds in the amount of \$1,255,707.



Project Name

Tourism and Business Attraction Marketing Campaign

Board Approval Date

July 12, 2022

Project ID

FI-R-0281-22

Project Expenditure Category

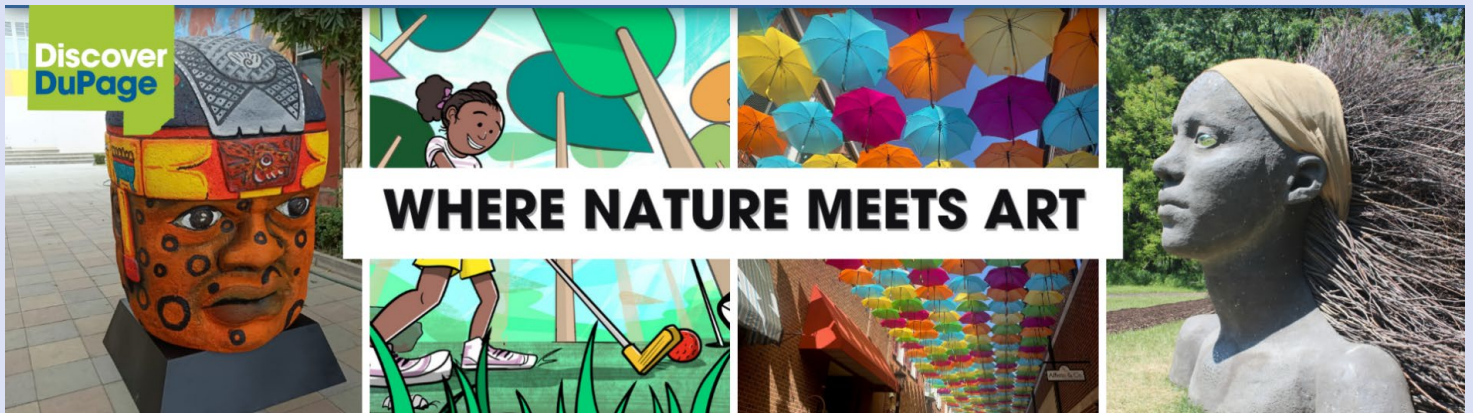
2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$747,864

**Project Overview**

The DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau partnered with Choose DuPage to implement and administer the DuPage County Tourism and Business Attraction Marketing Campaign. This program is a continuation of a previous partnership approach, previously funded under the CARES Act, and continued to align messaging to optimize efficiency and reach. This collaboration benefits those that have been impacted by COVID-19,

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optimizing investment to generate direct economic impact through businesses, employment, income and taxes. This program and collaboration develops promotions in key out-of-market areas when deemed appropriate and timely, to address economic recovery needs of residents, employees and small businesses that depend on visitation.

Program expenses included: a co-branded campaign for DuPage, tradeshow marketing (print and digital), geo-fencing tradeshows, video production and media buys for streaming, Connect Meetings campaign (digital and print), sports digital native ads, events content creation, Leisure Midwest boosted posts, marketing agency fees, plans and media.

Cantigny Park, The Morton Arboretum, the McAninch Arts Center, and the County's various downtown areas all continue to be very popular locations in for drawing in crowds and hosting fun and exciting cultural events and exhibitions.



Alebrities Exhibit at Cantigny Park

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

The County had increased leads in group business, increased opportunities for hotel bookings, increased hotel occupancy and guest spending, and increased ticket sales for events and tournaments.

Website

<https://www.discoverdupage.com/>

Project Name

"Visit Chicagoland" Travel Campaign

Board Approval Date

July 12, 2022

Project ID

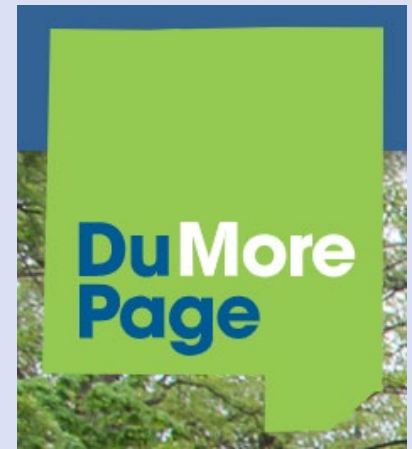
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Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$35,000

**Project Overview**

DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with other Chicagoland Convention & Visitors Bureaus, chose to participate in the 2022 and 2023 seasonal campaigns facilitated by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. These campaigns encouraged travel to and around northeastern Illinois. Through this collaboration of regional leaders, the leisure tourism campaign highlighted local attractions and businesses within a one-hour drive of downtown Chicago. Visit Chicagoland reintroduced the Chicago metropolitan area as a welcoming, thriving destination and a region that is open for business.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

The County had increased leads in group business, increased opportunities for hotel bookings, increased hotel occupancy and guest spending, and increased ticket sales for events and tournaments.

**Website**

<https://www.visitchicagoland.com/>

Project Name

DuPage Sports Commission Tourism Support

Board Approval Date

May 9, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0127-23

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$324,953

Project Overview

DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau launched the DuPage Sports Commission in 2019 with the goal of growing visitation to the County. To continue securing events going forward, additional ARPA funding was requested to be put towards hosting fees and rental fees. Funds were used for the following events, all which were held in DuPage County:

- TNBA Annual Championship Equity in Bowling Conference
- USBC Junior Gold Bowling
- Warhawk Open and ISBPA/Kegel Collegiate Classic
- Storm Baker Challenge Tournament
- USA Water Polo Olympic Development Program National Championship
- DuPage E-sports Collegiate Invitational and E-sports Frosty Faustings XV

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

**Performance Report**

During the spending period for this project, 8 different events were booked in DuPage County.

Project Name

Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau

Board Approval Date

June 13, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0149-23

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$42,000

**Project Overview**

The Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau ("NCVB") is a locally run and locally funded tourism bureau. The NCVB represents the hospitality industry in the city of Naperville which includes 18 hotels and 2,500 hotel rooms, which makes the NCVB as large or larger than several of the state certified bureaus in Illinois. The City of Naperville has been generous in providing funding for operations and marketing tourism in Naperville; however, the impact of the pandemic was incredibly disruptive to the industry. As the NCVB worked with the industry to recover and thrive, additional resources were needed for extraordinary efforts. The NCVB used funding specifically for enhancing marketing efforts to attract national and regional events.

The NCVB targets social, military, educational, religious, and fraternal meetings/conferences, and sporting events – both youth and adult – which account for a high volume of family travel in the Midwest. To enhance its sports marketing, the NCVB created the Chicago West Sports Group with drone video of sports venues throughout the area.

Bid fees were applied to leasing facilities in Naperville (or elsewhere in DuPage County), including sports fields (indoor and outdoor), banquet rooms, conference centers; assistance to the event rights holder staff and media; transportation between Naperville hotels and event destinations; and room incentives for hotel rooms in Naperville/DuPage County.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

During the spending period for this project, 1 different events were booked in DuPage County.

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Project Name

Food Insecurity Initiatives

Board Approval Date

March 12, 2024

Project ID

Various

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$4,015,617 (Northern Illinois Food Bank – FI-R-0051-24)

\$1,540,245 (Local Food Pantry Program – FI-R-0472-22)

\$1,168,069 (Infrastructure Investments – FI-R-0025-24)

Project Overview

A negative impact of the pandemic still being experienced by many residents in the County is food insecurity. Food pantries struggle to keep up with the increased demand for food, especially fresh produce and proteins for the families in their communities.

The County awarded funds to Northern Illinois Food Bank (“NIFB”) to provide food, essential commodities, and the distribution of these products to the local food pantries. NIFB makes deliveries outside of the scope of what the food pantries are already receiving from other donors.

The County also awarded funds to local food pantries through the Local Food Pantry Program. The food pantries could use the funds for the purchase of food, essential commodities, or equipment and supplies, which have improved agency’s ability to safely store and package food and commodities.

Lastly, the County created the Infrastructure Investment Grant Program to support future infrastructure investments. Covered expenses included refrigerated food trucks, walk-in refrigerators/freezers, redesign of building space, and other capital equipment. The County and the food pantries are aware that ARPA funding is limited. The goal of this Program is to help the food pantry network create a more efficient and sustainable system going forward.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Key performance indicators for this program are being developed.



Project Name
ICNA Relief USA

Board Approval Date
February 14, 2023

Project ID
FI-R-0076-23



Project Expenditure Category
2.34, Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Project Funding Amount
\$128,000

Project Overview

ICNA Relief USA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters. ICNA Relief USA strives to build healthy communities, strengthen families, and create opportunities for those in despair while maintaining their dignity. In the Midwest region, ICNA Relief has supported residents and built trust within the community. ICNA Relief's unique programs are 100% free and open to any neighbor in need. Their local food pantry serves people of all faiths, ages, races, genders, and nationalities in DuPage County. Funds for this project were used for construction, capital equipment, and miscellaneous expenses associated with the addition of a food pantry in the organization's existing building.



Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Project Name

DuPage Senior Citizens Council

Board Approval Date

May 9, 2023

**Project ID**

FI-R-0129-23

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$240,000

Project Overview

The nonprofit DuPage Senior Citizens Council (“DSCC”) created and implemented a Drive-Thru Food Event for older adults. This event occurred 2 times per month and eventually served over 700 recipients. At the event, older adults proceed to a drive-thru process. DSCC staff were present to assist the older adults, and volunteers helped pass out the meal packs. When older adults arrived, they gave their first/last name and were checked off a master list. A 5-pack of frozen meals was placed in their trunk or back seat. The 5-Pack Meal Pick-Up Events supported the long-term health and longevity of a vulnerable group of older adults in DuPage County that have been invisible. The meals helped to prevent or reduce the risk of chronic conditions that negatively affect the quality of life of older people. The older adults in this population were low-income, many were disabled, several were underserved minorities, and all individuals could not pay for grocery delivery.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Total Funds Spent on Food	Total Meal Packs Provided
October 2023 - December 2024	\$240,000	53,250 Meals

Project Name

Conservation Foundation Farm to Pantry Program

Board Approval Date

May 9, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0131-23

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$93,600

**Project Overview**

The Conservation Foundation administers the Farm to Pantry Program. This Program provided organic certified vegetables for 200 families per week, totaling just over 30,000 pounds of fresh produce over two growing seasons. The Conservation Foundation grew the produce on its farm and distributed the food to local food pantries throughout the summer months.

The Program responds to the County's growing need for food. Food insecurity was exacerbated by the pandemic, but it has continued to the current day. It is estimated that 10% of people in DuPage County suffer food insecurity.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.



Reporting Timeframe	Pounds of Food Grown and Distributed
July 2023 – November 2024	30,226 Pounds

Project Name

Conservation Foundation Nature Rx Program

Board Approval Date

May 9, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0133-23

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$48,077

**Project Overview**

The Conservation Foundation administered the Nature Rx Program. Funds for this Program were used to connect teens and young adults through tailored outdoor sessions, contributing to positive mental health outcomes. Sessions included: mental health/mindfulness nature experiences, forest therapy/outdoor sensory experiences, hands-on garden and farm-based experiences, physical activities & outdoor skill-building, and themed hiking experiences.

Young people today face high-stress, sedentary, isolated, and screenful lives, all which increase the risk of poor mental health. Research shows that when people spend time outdoors it is good for their physical, mental, and emotional health. It lowers stress, builds the ability to manage stress, and provides a sense of social connection. Addressing the mental health crisis is a priority for the County and for the nation as illustrated by ARPA.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Number of Persons Who Participated
August 2023 – November 2024	1,612 Participants



Project Name

DuPage Housing Authority – Zoom Room

Board Approval Date

August 22, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0186-23

**Project Expenditure Category**

2.36, Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Funding Amount

\$32,837

Project Overview

The DuPage Housing Authority (DHA) is responsible for the administration of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) federal funds to provide housing assistance and program options to income eligible families, individuals, veterans, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. Their mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable/workforce homes for all; improve the potential for long-term economic success and a sustained high quality of life in DuPage County, Illinois. The DHA facility was not equipped to display digital notifications or facilitate hybrid in-person Zoom meetings in this post-pandemic era. Funds for this project were used to create a digital lobby board and an interactive Zoom conference room to facilitate client service needs and to host public board and committee meetings.

**Use of Evidence**

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

Performance reporting is not required for this category.

Project Name

American Legion (Post 76)

Board Approval Date

August 22, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0187-23

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$40,000

Project Overview

The American Legion Post 76, located in Carol Stream, IL, was awarded a two-year contract (2024 and 2025) to host the Great Lakes Regional Baseball Tournament to promote tourism in DuPage County. Funds for this Project were used to pay for costs associated with hosting the tournament. This event hosted 144 players, 8 umpires, and 4 tournament representatives. Other attendees include parents and families for each player, as well as members of the community. At the peak of the tournament, an average of 174 hotel rooms were rented out. It is estimated that \$450 thousand was generated through restaurant sales, entertainment venue sales, and retail sales. The event partnered with the Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce to ensure that local businesses in Carol Stream participated and, as a result, benefited economically from this event.

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair. The league still stands behind the traditional values upon which it was founded in 1925. American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income level or social standing.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

The American Legion will submit a performance report which includes the number of people hosted and the estimated number of hotel rooms booked.



Project Name

Exchange Club of Naperville – Ribfest

Board Approval Date

August 22, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0188-23

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$25,000

**Project Overview**

Ribfest was a major fundraiser put on every year by the Exchange Club of Naperville to help fight child abuse and domestic violence, while strengthening families in our local communities. As a result of these fundraising efforts, in Ribfest's 32 years, over \$18 million was contributed back to the local communities in support of these causes. Ribfest blended community, entertainment, and of course award-winning ribs from vendors across the country.

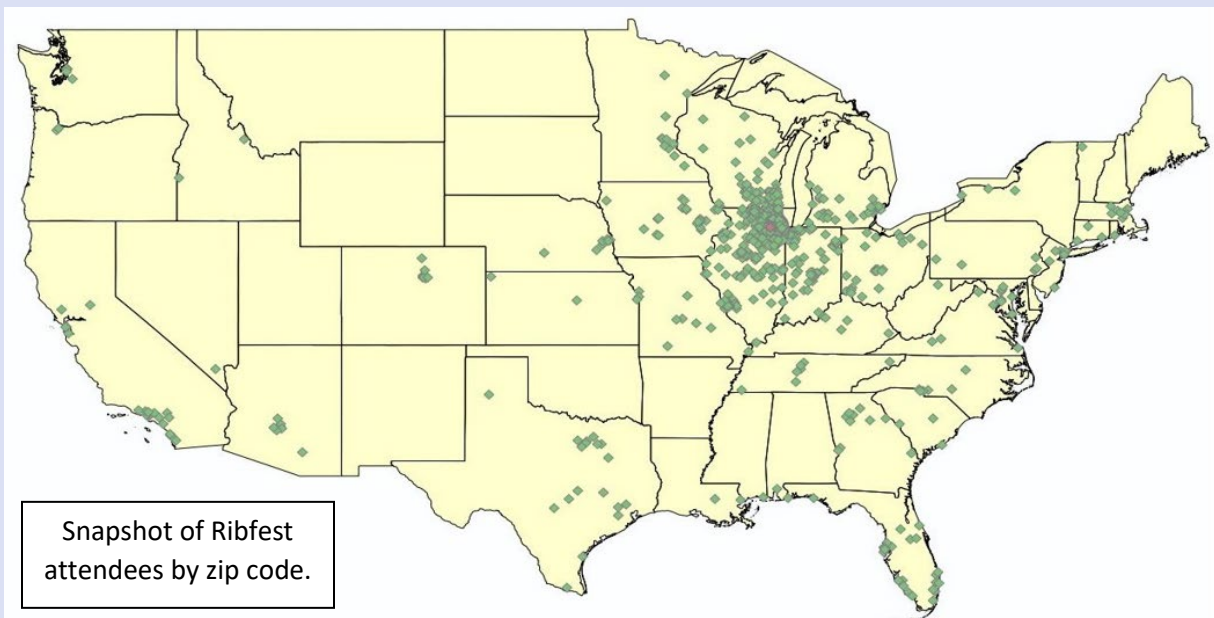
Funds for this project were used to help pay for costs associated with logistics, marketing, and advertising for hosting Ribfest.

Use of Evidence

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

An estimated 10,500 tickets were sold for the event.



Project Name

College of DuPage – McAninch Arts Center

Board Approval Date

September 26, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0223-23

Project Expenditure Category

2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Funding Amount

\$50,000

**Project Overview**

Since opening in October 1986, the McAninch Arts Center (MAC) has been focused on enriching the community with world-class entertainment opportunities that bring tourists into DuPage County. Along with offering the most diverse range of programming in the area, the MAC prides itself on providing unique outreach and engagement programs before or after performances to enlighten and educate its audiences. Over the last few decades, the MAC has remained a conveniently accessible cultural arts and gathering place in DuPage County offering exceptional entertainment and enriching programs for regional and national audiences.

From June 3 – September 10, 2023, the MAC hosted the exhibit *Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop*. This multi-faceted exhibit provided the opportunity to experience Andy Warhol's original works. Funds for this project were used to pay for marketing and other expenses related to hosting the exhibit.

**Use of Evidence**

The Expenditure Category referenced above does not require the Use of Evidence.

Performance Report

An estimated 32,279 tickets were sold for the exhibit.

Project Name

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Board Approval Date

October 10, 2023

Project ID
FI-R-0226-23



Project Expenditure Category
2.34, Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
(Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Project Funding Amount
\$556,684

Project Overview

Founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leading service provider in the areas of sexual violence support services, early childhood and childcare provider services, family support services, youth STEM programming, and economic empowerment services. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies. Contributing to our diverse and balanced economy, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is working at the individual and systems levels to create an inclusive marketplace where everyone thrives. The organization is also an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, representing the interests of and advocating for policies that positively affect women and families.

Significant barriers due to racial disparities, particularly among Black and Hispanic communities exist in the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood, which is located within DuPage County. Many families who reside in the unincorporated Willowbrook Corner neighborhood moved from public housing in Chicago in an effort to find better opportunities for their families. However, the subsidized housing community in Willowbrook lacks resources and amenities that most suburban areas offer, leaving many families living in low-income neighborhoods. The majority of the student population in the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood is made up of 66.7% identifying as African American students with 12.6% identifying as Hispanic, and 10% identifying as White. The overall poverty rate at School District 180 is 7.41%. However, split by demographics, the poverty rate for Hispanic households is 12.41% and 40.77% for African American households. Overall, 14.82% of residents fall below the 200% poverty line and 4.6% are classified as living in deep poverty. In addition, over 1,000 residents are uninsured with 10% of adults self-identifying as having poor mental health.

These factors all contribute to high stress environments for parents and caregivers. Families in the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood experience challenges due to systemic barriers stemming from their unincorporated status such as language, and generally have little or no access to transportation, healthcare, and basic needs such as food access and housing. Paired with parent/caregiver's lack of knowledge on child discipline, family engagement and developmental expectations, children are vulnerable to child abuse and neglect within the home. There is no shortage of research finding that safe, stable, and nurturing environments play a significant role in healthy child development. Studies find that children who face significant adverse childhood experiences (ACES) such as physical abuse, emotional abuse, or poverty are at higher risk for heart disease, cancer, or other illnesses later in life. Addressing these experiences early on and providing a solid foundation upon which children can develop and grow can help break the cycle of abuse and poverty and can lead to improved health outcomes across generations.

According to the Illinois Report Card, the chronic absenteeism rate in School District 180 is 43.8% with 27.5% of students missing 5% or more school days per year without a valid excuse. While school officers tasked with addressing truant students exist in both Anne M. Jeans Elementary School and Burr Ridge Middle School,

they're over capacity with the number of students not returning to school, which has only heightened after the pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of adolescents reporting poor mental health is increasing, highlighting the need for protective relationships for students within schools and their homes. Building strong bonds and relationships with adults and friends at school and at home provides youth with a sense of connectedness. As part of the Strong Families Parent Mentor Program, Family Support Specialists help develop protective factors within parents and caregivers, including coping and resilience, so they can in turn build the same skills within their children. Ultimately, this leads to better readiness for school and greater success academically, socially, and emotionally.

The Strong Families Parent Mentor Program aims to build family strength, foster family resilience, and minimize the risk of child abuse and neglect by improving parents' skills in problem-solving, gaining concrete support, and reducing family stress. YWCA is an accredited child abuse prevention program using the National Exchange Club's Parent Aide Model, evidence-based and grounded in research, as the foundation driving our one-on-one home visits. Each family commits to a one-year weekly partnership with their mentor and receives approximately 54 hours of education and support. Mentors support parents as they develop the capacity and confidence needed to nurture the development of their children, giving them a strong start towards future success. Our work benefits caregivers by helping them understand child development, identify and manage situational stress, strengthen social support networks, and increase their ability to connect with needed services.

Specifically, the program addresses five protective factors that are embedded in all of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's home visitation programs:

- Parental resilience developed by teaching problem-solving skills, modeling effective parenting, providing support and referrals to services;
- Social connections developed and fostered through social support building and connecting parents to other necessary services;
- Concrete support in time of need to help families get through crises such as domestic abuse, mental illness or substance abuse;
- Knowledge of parenting and child development focusing on appropriate expectations for children's behavior; and
- Social-emotional competence of children developed by strengthening parental nurturing and communication.

As individuals go through each week of the program, they are more equipped to build healthier parent-child relationships and enhance their child's social and emotional development. The Family Support Specialist works with parents and caregivers to develop a family goal plan, which is re-visited weekly. The plan defines goals and outcomes and describes how the family will work toward these outcomes creating a road map to a successful intervention. The plan also allows the Family Support Specialist to determine what other areas need to be addressed like setting up regular primary care visits or connecting families to community resources such as the DuPage County Health Department, DuPagePads, or local food pantries. To ensure caregivers can continue creating a nurturing home environment after they successfully complete the program, we teach caregivers how to develop social support networks and locate resources essential to meeting their family's specific needs. Based on the various families' needs and through our partnerships in the community, YWCA can provide concrete resources to help establish safe environments for families such as car seats, school supplies, furniture and more.

YWCA strives to enhance the holistic development of families in our Strong Families Parent Mentor Program, which is why they also conduct case management services by providing support and assistance to parents with crisis intervention, connecting them with community resources so they can meet their and their children's physical, emotional and educational needs. Creating a referral pipeline with community partners such as the Community House allows parents, caregivers and children to also address and focus on their mental health.

Funds for this project are being used to help pay for costs associated with administering the program, including but not limited to equipment, supplies, marketing, training, and salary costs for a full-time family support specialist to deliver the parent mentor program to parents specifically in Willowbrook. With this support, YWCA aims to serve 11-15 additional families through weekly home visits per year depending on the needs of each family. Part of their work will also be targeted toward conducting more outreach and finding outlets for youth. YWCA plans to create events tailored to youth such as bringing youth-focused employment opportunities and utilizing our community partners to aid in creating connections between the youth and their community. YWCA also plans to develop a Youth Leadership Group modeled after their Parent Leadership Group.

Use of Evidence

YWCA measures success within the Strong Families Parent Mentor Program by determining the parents/caregivers level of growth in developing and sustaining the protective factors. These factors are re-visited weekly to make sure parents are making progress as noted in their Family Goal Plans. These factors are the essence of building family strength and a family environment that promotes child and youth development. They also act as safeguards, helping parents who otherwise might be at risk to find resources, support or concrete strategies that allow them to parent effectively – even under stress. The Program’s specific, measurable outcomes are to:

- Decrease caregiver’s Parenting Stress Index, thereby improving their ability to handle the daily stresses associated with parenting. Parents and caregivers are given the assessment before and after participating in the program.
- Increase caregiver’s Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory scores, thereby reducing the risk of abusive behavior. Parents and caregivers are given the assessment before and after participating in the program.

Currently, in the Strong Families Parent Mentor Program:

- 80% of families who chose to complete all 12-months of the Strong Families Parent Mentor Program services showed a decrease in their Parenting Stress Index.
- 65% of families who completed the 12-month one-on-one parent mentor program increased their Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory Score (AAPI).

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Number of Individuals Served
March 2024 – June 2025	721 Individuals

Project Name

The Community House



THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Board Approval Date

October 10, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0225-23

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$277,357

Project Overview

Based in Hinsdale, Illinois and serving the surrounding suburbs, The Community House is a nonprofit organization that offers both community recreation and quality social services to people of all ages and walks of life. The Community House makes a difference in the lives of thousands of families and individuals by providing local opportunities for athletics, arts and culture, counseling, education services, volunteer opportunities, and community connections.

The Community House offers programs in a wide array of areas including the arts, theater, fitness, athletics, education, group outings, special events, adult programming and fitness, senior services and programming including fitness, computers, trips and more. These programs give participants, both children and adults, an opportunity to build friendships, create memories and improve their quality of life.

The Community House is vital to the western suburbs as an option for important services. The Counseling Center provides highly qualified therapists to offer psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families, and groups. Residents of the isolated Willowbrook Corner neighborhood receive opportunities in recreation, learning and education.

For nearly 30 years, The Community House has provided programming and services targeted to the unincorporated and under-resourced Willowbrook Corner neighborhood, focused on improving the quality of life for residents in the key areas of:

- After School Care and Summer Camp: These vitally important programs provide education support focused on strengthening literacy, career exploration, social emotional wellness curriculum, financial education, and experiential learning in the critical non-school hours to allow working parents the opportunity to maintain employment. The Community House's programs include collaboration with multiple other non-profit and public agencies including School District 180, Indian Prairie Library, People's Resource Center, Metro Family Services, Hinsdale Rotary Club, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Willowbrook-Burr Ridge Chamber, Economic Awareness Council, and more.
- Youth Recreation and Community Events: The Community House has led and/or collaborated to bring community celebrations to strengthen community bonds and relationships; including Fall Fest and Halloween Costume Giveaway, Christmas Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Bash, Black History Celebration, Mother's Day Dinner and more. In the past year, we expanded to serve nearly 100 children in programs including soccer and tennis programming, babysitter certification, and more. The Community House is launching an expanded recreation listing for residents in fall 2023 with subsidized pricing to make participation accessible to all families.

- **Mental Health Resources:** The Community House's relationship with this community started with their Counseling Center after tragic violence in the 1990's. Through providing dedicated social work staff officed in the community, The Community House has provided individual and group therapy to residents on a sliding scale; eliminating the barriers of transportation and cost. In addition to individual therapy, their services have included social emotional education and group therapy integrated into their after-school program and summer camp.

Due to this area being unincorporated and its isolated location bordered by multi-lane highways and forest preserves, it is also under-resourced and lacks access to amenities most suburban areas offer like park district programming, walkable parks, and access to grocery stores. The 2021 Mental Health Index, created by Conduent Healthy Communities Institute, is a measure of socioeconomic and health factors correlated with self-reported poor mental health. According to this index, 60527 (Willowbrook) has the highest need for mental health at 53.2 (Index value from 0 (low need) to 100 (high need)).

ARPA funds will support the increased provision of trauma-informed mental health services and case management for the immediate mental health care needs of low income/underinsured youth and young adults in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook. Funding will be used to:

- Provide trauma-informed individual, group, and family therapy utilizing evidence-based interventions by clinically licensed professionals.
- Conduct support groups for children, adolescents, and their parents.
- Provide case management services to strategically connect residents to resources.

Many of the residents of the neighborhood are underinsured with no mental health insurance coverage or have no insurance at all. In focus groups that were hosted in 2021, mental health resources for young people were among the top two desired services the community sought. This funding will provide trauma informed, mental health counseling through individual and groups sessions and will be administered in 3 ways; from walkable offices located within the community, from school-based sessions in collaboration with School District 180 and School District 86, and during after-school and summer camp programs. By offering services from a walkable location, available for students on-site during school hours or during programming they are already attending, The Community House is eliminating the barrier of transportation and by providing services on an income-based sliding scale, they are eliminating the barrier of cost. In addition to individual and group therapy, The Community House plans to provide case management services to clients to connect them to immediate resources. Implementation would also include support group services to youth and their families.

The funding will increase the availability of mental wellness services to those impacted directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 pandemic. These services will help reduce symptoms of depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorders, impulse control, trauma, etc. that may have arisen or been made worse by the pandemic.

Use of Evidence

The Community House measures client success by tracking the number of unique clients served, session counts and anonymous aggregate client assessment data, including:

- Bi-annual anonymous satisfaction surveys to assess client experience with the services.
- Those clients who receive Solutions-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy will receive pre and post assessments which will provide empirical qualitative data.

Performance Report

The performance report will include the number of persons served by month.

Project Name

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Board Approval Date

October 24, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0256-23

**Project Expenditure Category**

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

Project Funding Amount

\$50,000

Project Overview

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans' (MSHV) vision is to end veteran homelessness so that no person who has defended our homes goes without a home. Their mission is to empower at-risk veterans, and their families, to become self-sufficient, productive members of their communities. MSHV has six core programs (affordable housing, freedom commissary, permanent supportive housing, supportive services for veteran families (SSVF), transitional housing, and veteran employment) that serves more than 400 unique homeless and low-income veterans each year. 100% of the veterans served at MSHV are considered low income. 70% of those veterans fall within the extremely low-income category, with an AMI from 0-30%. MSHV defines low income as 80% or lower of area median income which is in accordance with HUD and VA standards.

Covid-19 has had a negative impact on the lives of MSHV's clients. Rent increases coupled with inflation made it difficult for many households to sustain their housing. Low housing stock, the lack of affordable housing, in addition to the ending of the eviction moratorium, made it difficult for literally homeless individuals to find housing.

MSHV's Veteran Emergency Housing Assistance program serves the veteran homeless population in DuPage County by providing temporary financial assistance to veteran households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. As one of the only current Supportive Services for Veterans and Their Families (SSVF) providers in DuPage County, MSHV has focused on increasing assistance to DuPage veteran households who are homeless. This program works closely with MSHV's SSVF team, a VA funded program.

Funds for this project are being used to provide direct emergency assistance to DuPage veterans that fall within the extremely low (0-30%) and very low (31-50%) income limits. Funds are distributed directly to the hotels.

Use of Evidence

MSHV utilizes a Homeless Management Information System and their internal program tracker to collect data regarding their clients. The metric they use to measure impact is the number of veterans housed and the number of veterans who avoid literal homelessness by maintaining their emergency housing and transitioning into permanent housing.

Performance Report

See the performance report below.

Reporting Timeframe	Number of Individuals Served
December 2023 – January 2025	25 Individuals

Project Name

Family Shelter Service of Metropolitan Family Services

Board Approval Date

November 28, 2023

Project ID

FI-R-0278-23

Project Expenditure Category

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

Project Funding Amount

\$50,000

**Project Overview**

Family Shelter Service of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage (FSS) transforms lives by offering help and hope to those affected by domestic violence. Since 1976, Family Shelter Service has answered the call in its community to help victims of domestic violence escape abuse and rebuild their lives. FSS works to eliminate barriers, provide faster, greater and more equal access to services in an environment where survivors can feel supported and empowered to disentangle from their situation. It builds community and provides lifesaving services and critical programs to serve clients as they restore self-worth and lives.

Funds for this project were used to pay for salary expenses for domestic violence advocate positions who provide supportive services including counseling, case management, and advocacy for adult victims of domestic violence and their children.

Use of Evidence

FSS seeks to achieve the following impactful metrics of their services for both shelter and non-shelter adults as detailed below:

Indicator	Target Metric
They know more ways to plan for their safety.	80%
They have a better understanding of domestic violence.	80%
They know how to access legal assistance.	80%
They know of available community resources.	80%
Their children have learned non-violent ways to solve problems.	80%

Performance Report

Performance reports submitted to the County will include the number of adults served per month, the number of children served per month, the number of individuals on the waitlist, the number of individuals served by category (i.e., counseling, support groups, case management, and advocacy), and the race/ethnicity of those served, to the extent that this information can be lawfully collected.



EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

IN FY24, MFS PROVIDED

161,993 hours
of service

to behavioral
health clients

AS THE ONLY PROVIDER OF ADOPTION PRESERVATION SERVICES
IN CHICAGO AND THE NINE SURROUNDING COUNTIES,

MFS helped **147**
adoptive families
stay together

preventing 184 children
from re-entering the
state welfare system



EDUCATION

IN FY24

82%

of K-12 students
in Community
Schools programs

improved their socio-emotional
skills from low to age-appropriate
or higher in a single year.

IN FY24

100%

of high
schoolers

improved their age-appropriate
socio-emotional skills in a single year.



ECONOMIC STABILITY

IN FY24

829

workforce program
participants were
placed in a job.

IN FY24

370 youth

were employed through **One Summer Chicago**
(93% OF PARTICIPANTS)

earning **\$913,536.07** for under-resourced communities



EMPOWERMENT

DESPITE A GLOBAL PANDEMIC,
OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS

90%

of DV clients

have seen a reduction in their PTSD
symptoms through our DV counseling
programs, helping them move on positively
from their traumatic experiences.

IN FY24

96%

of DV clients

created a robust, individualized
plan with MFS staff to keep
themselves safe, which is the first
step in building a new life.