

Denton County
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

During the response to COVID-19, it was determined there was a need for extended Broadband Services nationwide. Denton County plans to use state and local fiscal recovery funds under the American Rescue Plan to implement a broadband project. On August 10, 2021, Denton County Commissioners Court approved specifications of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Broadband Backbone Needs Assessment Study. This needs assessment will provide Denton County with information to prepare a solicitation for the design, installation and operation of a Broadband Backbone that will provide a path for internet services throughout Denton County. Our goals of this project include the following:

- Have the capability to deliver services to every household in Denton County and the ability to expand and provide services throughout Denton County.*
- Have the capability to allow local service providers to purchase services for their service area*
- Create a system to deliver a minimum of 100Mbps upload and download*
- Provide options to operate a Cooperative/Non-Profit to distribute and manage the system*

In addition, Denton County plans to use state and local fiscal recovery funds for Food Programs and Health/Emergency Response. We have not discussed the details of these projects to date.

Uses of Funds

We intend to use state and local fiscal recovery funds to hire a firm to assist with the establishment of a countywide Broadband Backbone Service. The cost of this service is unknown at this time as we are just in the beginning stages of the project. These funds will support the community by providing every household in Denton County with broadband service, delivering minimum speeds of 100Mbps upload and 100 Mbps download.

Denton County also plans to use some of the funds for Food Programs and Health/Emergency Response. Specific details of these programs have not been determined.

In addition, Denton County received Emergency Rental Assistance funds under the American Rescue Plan. We plan to use these funds to continue to help citizens by paying their rent and/or utility/home energy bills. Currently, we are still using Emergency Rental Assistance funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act. This program helps prevent eviction and homelessness for those individuals who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the majority of these funds have supported households at 30 percent Area Median Income and below (76.7 percent) with 23.5 percent for households at 30-50 percent AMI and 5.8 percent for households at 51-80 percent AMI. Black households are participating four times above respective county population; Asian households are participating three times above respective county population. For Hispanic households, we are seeing slightly under the respective county population. As a result, we have initiated multi-lingual outreach through local non-profit organizations, posters in area locations and flyers in outgoing food supplies. This is

the first level of outreach which will be expanded as needed to ensure equitable distribution of available funds to all eligible households in Denton County.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Equity has always been a value of Denton County. Equitable outcomes will be determined at a later date as we are in the beginning stages of our projects and specific details have not been determined.

Community Engagement

Denton County welcomes feedback from constituents and community-based organizations regarding projects funded with state and local fiscal recovery funds.

Our Broadband Project will serve all households in Denton County, which will include people of color, people with low-income, and other underserved groups.

Labor Practices

We will provide more detail on labor practices as our projects progress.

Use of Evidence

We are not currently using funds for evidence-based interventions.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

We have not spent any state and local fiscal recovery funds to date.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		

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1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Project Inventory

We will assign a project number and provide more information on Food Programs and Public Health Response when we have more detail. We will also provide more detail on Broadband after our needs assessment is complete.

Project [Identification Number]: Broadband1A

Funding amount: Unknown at this time

Project Expenditure Category: [5.17 Broadband: Other projects]

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Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)

The following items are related to the Tax Offset Provision 31 CFR 35.8.

Item	Amount
a. Revenue-reducing Covered Changes	\$0.00