



Hamilton County OHIO

***RECOVERY PLAN
PERFORMANCE REPORT***

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2025 REPORT**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hamilton County, Ohio (County) received \$158.8 million from the American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA). Upon notification of this funding in 2021, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners initiated stakeholder processes and public hearings to help inform their decisions on programs that will:

1. Address any continued urgent needs of families, residents, and community due to the pandemic, and
2. Address broader community needs that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

The community engagement and stakeholder processes were detailed in previous recovery plan performance reports. Since receipt of ARPA funding, the County has expended \$129.6 million and has an additional \$29.1 million in obligations (total of \$158,784,547 obligated and/or expended).

ARPA Funding Total: \$158.8M*



**Sum of programs may not match total due to rounding.*

Programs that continued over the past year were focused on increasing affordable housing stock; preventing homelessness; continued operation of the 513 Relief Bus to bring services directly to the community; and deployment of stormwater grants. As programs closed out, the Board of County Commissioners reallocated funding as necessary with all funds obligated by 12/31/24. As such, some allocation amounts in this report will differ from previous years. The County is proud of the partnerships and impacts the programs had on our community, much of which is focused on one-time projects. A couple program highlights are summarized in the following pages with more detailed information in the Project Inventory section.

HOUSING

With ARPA funding, the Board of County Commissioners embraced the opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership to make transformational change in housing. **\$49.4 million is allocated** towards this effort and includes mortgage assistance, affordable housing production and preservation, and homelessness prevention as further summarized below. All programs support the Board of County Commissioners priorities of affordable housing and helping residents stay in their homes.

Affordable Housing Production Numerous local and national studies have been published on the need for additional affordable housing. The Board of County Commissioners recognized this need by allocating \$36.4 million for production of new affordable housing and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units. Of this allocation, \$8 million is targeted specifically for re-entry, senior, and disabled housing. Without the Board's commitment to affordable housing and these federal dollars, several of the affordable housing projects that were funded would not have moved forward.

Affordable Housing Preservation To help keep people in their homes, \$1.3 million is obligated for a home repair loan program administered by LISC. The program launched in September 2024.

Mortgage Assistance \$6.7 million is budgeted for mortgage assistance. The majority of the funding has been deployed.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,902 households received mortgage assistance.
- Prevented 681 adults and 1,083 children from homelessness.
- \$29.4 million in awards will create or preserve **more than 1,000 units** of affordable housing. These projects leveraged \$10.68 for every \$1 of ARPA funding.

Homelessness Prevention One of the most effective ways to reduce homelessness is to step in before someone loses their housing. Not only is it more cost-effective, but more importantly, it is less disruptive on the person or family. **\$3 million in ARPA funding is obligated to expand the shelter diversion program** which is targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. In addition, **another \$1.89 million is being distributed in grant funds for solutions to prevent homelessness**. Both programs are focused on residents that are in jeopardy of losing their housing.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – SENIOR HOUSING

Logan Commons: \$1 million in ARPA funding was provided to Logan Commons, a new 42-unit senior housing development, in Cincinnati's Over-The-Rhine neighborhood and next to Findlay Market. The total project cost was more than \$14 million. The apartments are targeted to seniors making 60% or less of the Area Median Income.



Pedretti Place: \$1.6 million in ARPA funding was provided to Pedretti Place, a new 48-unit senior housing development in Delhi Township. The total project cost was \$15 million. The apartments are targeted to seniors making 60% or less of the Area Median Income.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The Board allocated funding for sewer and stormwater infrastructure. The Board awarded \$5 million to Whitewater Township Regional Sewer District for the expansion of sewer service in a currently unsewered area in rural Hamilton County. The Board also authorized \$5.4 million for competitive stormwater grants to help mitigate overland flooding and help strengthen stormwater collection systems.

Stormwater grant funding was focused on priority projects that provide relief to structures with overland stormwater flow during rain events and projects providing relief to pockets of known prone single family or commercial buildings that have experienced water in basement.

Highlights

- 15 stormwater projects were funded in 12 different communities.
- Projects will help reduce overland flooding.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – STORMWATER GRANTS

City of Norwood: The City of Norwood received a \$2.3 million grant to install a new storm sewer system. This project will alleviate severe flooding along Elm Avenue. The roadway flooding presents a dangerous situation for residents and damage has occurred to basements of homes, apartment complexes, and vehicles. Additionally, the roadway is blocked for emergency vehicles to respond during flooding events.

Columbia Township:

Columbia Township received a \$293,000 grant to rebuild the existing stormwater collection structures and add new structures to mitigate overland flooding in Madison Place by slowing high-velocity water flow and adding stormwater storage. Currently, this area's steep topography causes flooding impacts to a school, park, and single-family homes on multiple streets, including garages and basements



City of Norwood flooding. A \$2.3 million stormwater grant is designed to help address this issue.

USES OF FUNDS

INTRODUCTION

ARPA provided Hamilton County with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the most significant impacts of the pandemic while ensuring that the community emerges more resilient. Previous Recovery Plan Performance Reports detailed the County's approach to developing its programs, including community and stakeholder engagement.

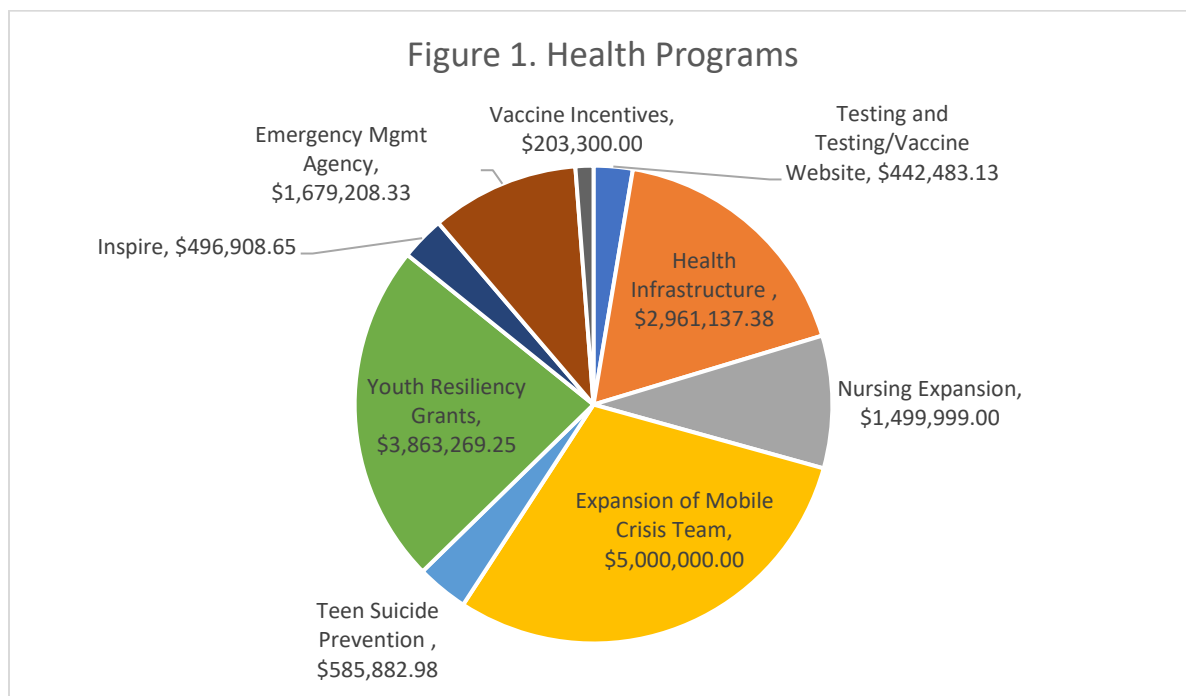
As some programs closed out throughout the past year, the Board amended its ARPA budget as necessary to reallocate funding to expand existing budgets or add new programs.

USES OF ARPA FUNDING

Through its stakeholder and public process, the Board of County Commissioners allocated funding in several categories to assist Hamilton County as an organization and the community continue to recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Through its ARPA funding, **\$16.7 million** has been and is being used to address mental health, build resiliency among youth and for health infrastructure. Figure 1 illustrates the budget breakdown of programming targeted to public health.



The majority of Public Health programs have concluded. The primary two categories that had activity during this reporting period are:

MENTAL HEALTH – MOBILE CRISIS

\$5 million has been obligated to expand the mental health mobile crisis team that launched in April 2023 and continues.

NURSING

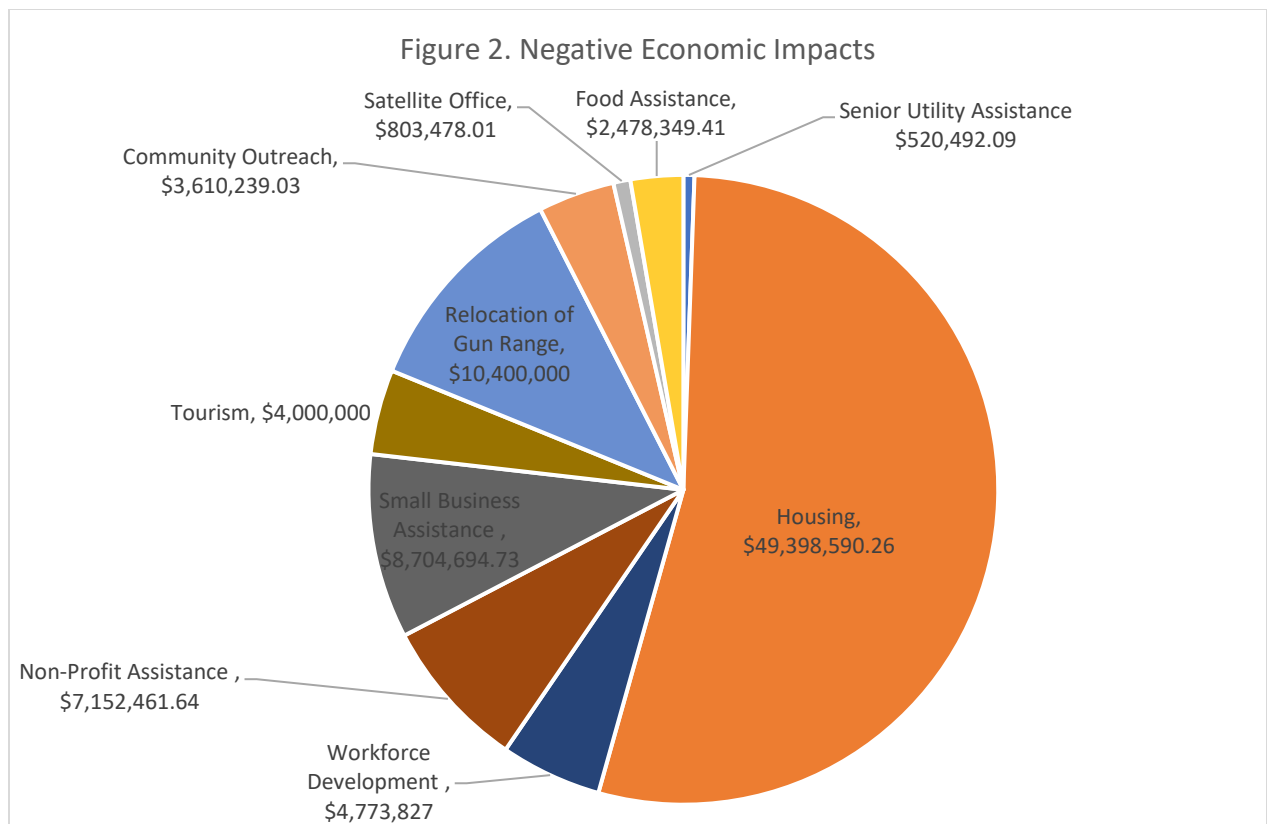
Like many areas of the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has strained healthcare delivery systems. The emotional and physical distress led many nurses and clinical staff to leave the profession. As such, **\$1.5 million in ARPA funding was awarded to Cincinnati State to help address the nursing shortage by allowing them to accept more students.**

PUBLIC HEALTH – NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY & ADMINISTRATIVE

\$1.1 million is allocated to help address the backlog of criminal cases. This funding is being used to pay salaries for paralegals and attorneys within the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office. **\$2.1 million is allocated to Hamilton County Courts to upgrade courtroom technology** to make trials more efficient by allowing virtual hearings, provide access in the event there is another public health emergency, provide greater access for those who may have hearing, visual, or language impairments. \$1.1 million is allocated for administrative/staffing costs to oversee the ARPA programming.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Of the total amount of ARPA funding, 58%, or \$91.8 million, was allocated to programs to help address and minimize negative economic impacts. Figure 2 provides a summary of the broad categories of programs that have been or will be implemented.



HOUSING

\$49.4 million is allocated for housing and includes mortgage assistance, affordable housing production and preservation, and homelessness prevention as further summarized below.

- **Affordable Housing Production.** **\$28.4 million is allocated for production of new affordable housing** and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units. Of this allocation, \$8 million is targeted specifically for re-entry, senior, and disabled housing. These funds will support low to moderate income households. The County has partnered with Cincinnati Development Fund to deploy this funding as further described in the Project Inventory section.
- **Affordable Housing Preservation.** The Board authorized **\$9.3 million** for this purpose and includes **\$8 million to renovate** existing single family and multi-family affordable housing and **\$1.3 million for a homeowner repair program**. The County has partnered with Cincinnati Development Fund to deploy the affordable housing funding and LISC on the home repair program.
- **Homelessness Prevention.** **\$3 million in ARPA funding is obligated to expand the existing shelter diversion program** which is targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. **Another \$1.89 million is obligated for innovative solutions to prevent homelessness**. Both programs focus on residents that are in jeopardy of losing their housing and are being administered by Strategies to End Homelessness.

- Mortgage Assistance. **\$6.7 million** is budgeted for mortgage assistance programs for homeowners that are at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

\$4.8 million in ARPA funding is allocated for workforce development and is intended to improve economic success for both residents and companies through programs that connect people to careers with upward mobility and financial stability and that help employers find, develop and retain talent. This allocation includes two areas of investment:

1. Workforce Development Training Grants. This funding supported existing training/apprentice programs that are aligned with identified target industries with a specific focus on reducing barriers to participation. In addition, this funding will increase the number of childcare teachers. This funding is obligated to 4C for Children who will conduct intentional outreach to potential candidates, training, credentialing, background checks, etc.
2. Enhance collaboration and service delivery of workforce partners. Hamilton County is home to a rich ecosystem of workforce development, education and training programs for adults. However, there is room for better alignment and more connectivity between employers, workforce development partners, and employees to improve outcomes. As such, ARPA funds have been obligated to the Southwest Ohio Workforce Council to provide necessary coordination of workforce development.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The Board of County Commissioners allocated **\$8.7 million to assist small businesses**. This program aligns with the Board of County Commissioners focus on small business assistance and helps leverage existing efforts, such as Hamilton County's Office of Small Business (through the use of non-ARPA funding). Of this amount:

1. **\$1.5 million** is allocated to small business advisory services. The goal of this program is to help small businesses be more financially sustainable by providing expert advisory services in the following areas: accounting; IT/computer literacy; legal; marketing/social media/websites. This program launched in May of 2023 and remains in operation.
2. **\$7.2 million** was distributed in small business grants. In 2020, through the use of CARES Act funds, the County provided two rounds of small business grants. A third round was launched in the fall of 2021 with remaining CARES Act funding and a portion of ARPA and a fourth round of grant funding was released in May 2023 with applications due in late June. Combining all four rounds of funding (CARES + ARPA), 2,000 grants were distributed. This program closed in 2023.

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

The Board spent **\$7.2 million to provide grants to non-profits**. Grant funding was deployed in 2022 with results shared in previous annual reports. This program is complete.

513RELIEF AND IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

In June 2021, the County launched the 513Relief Bus, in partnership with UC Medical Center, to provide resources directly to those who need it most. This mobile effort provided no-cost vaccinations and Hamilton County Job and Family Services was also on-site to provide rent and utility relief a other critical social services. The County expanded this program through the

procurement of a permanent bus and enhanced the medical and social services provided. This expanded program launched on January 26, 2023.

In addition to the 513Relief Bus, a portion of this allocation is obligated to improve health outcomes. The Board entered into an agreement with Center for Closing the Health Gap in May 2023 to focus on cardiovascular diseases, as local data shows that cardiovascular related conditions (i.e., high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity) are the most prevalent health condition(s) within Hamilton County, along with diabetes.

RELOCATION OF GUN RANGE

\$10.4 million is allocated to relocate the Cincinnati Police Department gun range given its impacts on the Village of Lincoln Heights. The movement of the gun range will improve the health of the childhood environment and address a long-standing problem on a disproportionately affected population.

TOURISM ASSISTANCE

The American Rescue Plan Act emphasized the need to help with the recovery of the hospitality industry as it was the hardest hit industry. Hamilton County **spent \$4 million to help the tourism industry** rebound from shutdowns, reduced hotel occupancy, and two years of reduced travel. Funding was divided equally between the following programs:

1. Arts and Cultural Grants – **Hamilton County distributed \$2 million** in grants to arts/cultural organizations that demonstrated a revenue loss due to the pandemic. This program is complete.
2. Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) - CVB's mission is to promote the Greater Cincinnati area as a convention and leisure destination. Their marketing efforts help drive visitors to visit and spend in Hamilton County. As with the rest of the tourism industry, the CVB experienced a significant decline in revenue due to the pandemic. **\$2 million in ARPA funding** allowed the CVB to re-engage its marketing efforts to bring tourists back to Hamilton County and support the small businesses, hotels, and hospitality industry that depends on tourism. This program is complete.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

\$2.5 million has been obligated to emergency food assistance for low-income individuals and families.

SATELLITE OFFICE

To integrate County services more effectively into the community and to provide services available to residents and business impacted by the pandemic, the County allocated \$800,000 of ARPA funding to develop a satellite facility. This office is centrally located for services around multiple Qualified Census Tracts and is significantly more accessible for residents than driving to downtown Cincinnati to access government services. The office opened in June 2025.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT

The calculation of revenue loss was completed by the County Budget Office using the formula required by US Department of Treasury. The 2021 revenue reduction due to the COVID-19 pandemic is \$41,935,127. Of this amount, the Board allocated **\$32 million** of its ARPA funding for government services, primarily for public safety and judicial staffing functions.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

\$12.1 million is obligated for community infrastructure: **\$1.3 million** for broadband and **\$10.8 million for sewer and stormwater projects**. \$5 million of the sewer/stormwater funding has been obligated to support the extension of sewer service into the western portion of Hamilton County with construction expected to be finished by the end of the year. \$358,000 was spent to remedy cross-connections, which is now complete. The remaining funds have been deployed as grants to local governments for stormwater projects.

PREMIUM PAY

\$1.9 million was spent on financial payments to eligible workers (performing essential work) during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Designations of employees were made by the respective managers based upon their knowledge of the individual positions, the work, and application of the Department of the Treasury rules and regulations. These funds have been expended and the program is complete.

ADMINISTRATIVE

\$1.1 million is included in the County's Plan for staff to administer ARPA grant funding and ancillary programming. For instance, this activity will include funding for staff overseeing grant programming, reporting requirements, and financial tracking. In addition, funding was used for consultants to assist with program development and compliance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As previously reported, while many of the Board-approved programs were launched in late 2021/early 2022, there were several categories of programs that required more input and expertise to ensure the most effective and transformational use of the funding. As more thoroughly described in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report, Hamilton County brought together stakeholders to develop recommended programs for the Board of County Commissioner's consideration. This process was in addition and subsequent to the Board of County Commissioners initial public process that included four stakeholder input sessions involving both internal and external organizations to provide input on community needs and two public hearings held on May 25 and May 27, 2021.

As previously reported, Hamilton County shared grant applications or RFPs on its website and sent them to an email distribution list of approximately 7,000 organizations and businesses.

LABOR PRACTICES

In general, any construction project such as the stormwater grants, Court technology project, and the regional safety complex followed Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4115 prevailing wage.

USE OF EVIDENCE

Hamilton County anticipates a few of its programs to be considered evidence-based interventions, including the following:

Homelessness Prevention

- Shelter Diversion: Local data demonstrates the effectiveness in outcomes from Shelter Diversion programs¹
- Innovation Grants: Grant applicants will be required to notate any evidence-based interventions.

Mental Health

- Mobile Crisis Team: Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of mobile crisis teams²

¹ <https://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-demographics-data.pdf>

² https://www.researchgate.net/publication/12351029_Evaluation_of_a_Mobile_Crisis_Program_Effectiveness_Efficiency_and_Consumer_Satisfaction

PROJECT INVENTORY & PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The following provides a brief description of all projects that are in progress or under development and are categorized as such. This section also reports on each program's performance to date.

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

COVID-19 TESTING

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$200,360

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$200,360

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.2 COVID-19 TESTING

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003

STATUS: Ended in 2023.

Overview

The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners spent \$200,360 in ARPA funding to provide additional PCR testing for residents. The agreement expired on April 3, 2023, and the program concluded at that time given decreased usage.

Performance Report

Program results were included in the 2023 Annual Performance Recovery Report.

COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION WEBSITE AND COORDINATION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$242,123.13

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$242,123.13

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.7 OTHER COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENSES
(INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS, ENFORCEMENT, ISOLATION/QUARANTINE)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003

STATUS: Ended in January 2024.

Overview

ARPA funds were used for a centralized website for COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations. In addition, The Health Collaborative previously provided vaccination coordination including: convening regional vaccine providers to share surveillance data, track progress, address challenges, and accelerate vaccine uptake; managing organization and communication of regional vaccine dashboard with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and sharing vaccine data on routine basis for situational awareness and planning. This program ended in January 2024.

Performance Report

Program results were included in the 2023 and 2024 Annual Performance Recovery Report.

HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,679,208.33

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,171,297.30

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.5 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT; 8.13, NATURAL DISASTER THREATENED TO OCCUR

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1015

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMA) is being supported with ongoing eligible expenses related to the COVID-19 public health emergency including sourcing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), warehousing/storage of the PPE and COVID-related vehicles, such as the 513 Relief Bus, and administrative staff overseeing this project.

In 2023, the US Treasury expanded the uses of ARPA funds to mitigate the impacts of expected disasters a community has identified. The 2019 Hamilton County Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment states that the county could expect to have 9,600 affected residents seeking shelter in a disaster. To begin building Hamilton County's capacity to support mass care efforts and reduce reliance on outside assistance, Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has set a goal to procure sufficient supplies for 1,200 residents and their pets. This project will allow EMA to support one large shelter or multiple smaller shelters as needed around the county. It also helps address a clear gap in our county's disaster preparedness capabilities, and most importantly, will directly go to meeting the most basic needs of our community in a time of crisis.

Performance Report

EMA warehouse has been open and operating. Prior reports summarized the amount of PPE purchased and distributed. All mass care supplies have been ordered and received.

VACCINE INCENTIVES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$203,300

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$203,300

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.1, COVID-19 VACCINATION

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1008

STATUS: COMPLETED

Overview:

Each Hamilton County employee who presented evidence of being vaccinated received a \$100 incentive to be processed via the regular payroll system. The program was open from August – October 2021.

Performance Reporting

This program was completed. Results were included in prior year annual reports.

COVID-19 MITIGATION AND PROTECTION HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,961,137.38

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,376,588.87

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.14 OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003B

STATUS: IN PROGRESS (MAJORITY COMPLETED)

Overview:

The availability of ARPA funds provided an opportunity to ensure that physical health and preparedness infrastructure is available to respond to future waves of COVID-19. These funds were deployed through a grant process for projects that are: in response to and mitigate COVID-19; for ventilation improvements, COVID-19 related expenses for prevention and mitigation; an enhancement of public health data systems; or for acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment. Table 1 provides a summary of the grant funding.

Table 1. Healthcare Provider Grants

Organization	Amount	Purpose	Status
Mercy Health Cincinnati	\$264,761	Negative air pressure rooms and ventilation improvements	In progress
First Step Home	\$78,921.79	Ventilation improvements and telehealth	Completed
Crossroad Health Center (PQHC)	\$22,585	Ventilation improvements	Completed
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$24,600	Ventilation improvements	Completed
University of Cincinnati Medical Center	\$1,473,055.59	Installation of negative air pressure rooms in Emergency Department	Completed
Cincinnati Children's Hospital	\$1,097,214	Enhanced public health data system	Completed

Performance Report

All projects are complete with the exception of Mercy Health.

EXPANSION OF LOCAL NURSING PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,499,999

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$707,126.23

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.14 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003C

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic strained health care delivery systems in the Greater Cincinnati region. During the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 1,300 additional health workers left their jobs beyond typical turnover, according to the Health Collaborative. Investing in expansion of existing nursing programs can help address this shortage.

The County issued a grant application to expand local nursing program(s) to allow for additional students to enroll in LPN and RN programs. A subrecipient agreement was approved in June 2023 with Cincinnati State who will expand their program to accept an additional 100 students per year.

Performance Reporting

Cincinnati State anticipates, among other outcomes, expanding enrollment by 100 students/year; maintaining a 75 percent graduation rate; and maintaining a 95 percent job placement rate. The new nursing skills lab opened August 2024 to accommodate additional students.

EXPANSION OF MOBILE CRISIS TEAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,129,732.57

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1004A

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Mobile Crisis Teams provide crisis intervention/de-escalation, referral and/or follow-up to a mental health provider. The goal is to ameliorate a crisis in the least restrictive setting for the immediate protection of the health and safety of the persons involved. Using ARPA funding, the Mobile Crisis Team expanded to 24/7. Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Board is overseeing this program. The program expansion began in April 2023.

Evidence-Based Interventions

There are studies that show the benefits of mobile crisis teams and their impact on emergency departments³.

Performance Reporting

The expansion of the mobile crisis team launched in April 2023. The total population served to date is 11,555 (unique is 7,557).

TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$585,882.98

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$585,882.98

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1004B

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

Given the teen mental health concerns that were exacerbated by COVID-19 shutdowns and social isolation, almost \$600,000 in ARPA funding is assisting organizations that provide direct services for teen

³https://www.researchgate.net/publication/12351029_Evaluation_of_a_Mobile_Crisis_Program_Effectiveness_Efficiency_and_Consumer_Satisfaction

mental health and suicide prevention. Grant applications were solicited during the 3rd quarter of 2022 and agreements were awarded in 2023.

Evidence-Based Interventions

Grant applicants detailed if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions. According to their applications, the following evidence-based interventions are being used: Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy; 1N5 - QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, Signs of Suicide; Best Point - Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale; Mental Health America - Teen Mental Health First Aid.

Performance Reporting

Grantees reported interacting with 42,638 youth and teachers. Program is complete.

BUILDING YOUTH RESILIENCY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3,863,269.25

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$3,863,269.25

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1004C

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

To help address the impacts of social isolation and build resiliency in youth and teens, ARPA funds were used to expand youth and teen programs focused on outdoor activities, extracurriculars, mentorships, after school and summer programs, etc.

Evidence-Based Interventions

Grant applicants detailed if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions and were primarily those that are focused on mentoring.

Performance Reporting

Organizations that received funding to expand their youth and teen programs are required to submit quarterly and annual reports. Grantees reported working with a total of 21,322 youth.

"I learned that how much you give to something will show how much you will succeed." Participant in CYC mentoring program

"At first it was a little difficult because I was like, 'I don't know what I'm doing,' but I started to get the hang of it and I was like, 'OK, this is a fun thing to do.'" Participant in Refresh Collective Print Shop program

"This internship taught me responsibility and how to interact with customers which I'll use in the future." Participant in Urban League Urban Champions program.

INSPIRE – YOUTH PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$496,908.65

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$496,908.65

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1005

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

Almost \$500,000 was allocated for youth organizations to receive up to \$5,000 in supplies, uniforms, and field trips. The County purchased and supplied the items directly to the organizations (as beneficiaries).

Evidence-Based Interventions

N/A

Performance Reporting

98 organizations received funding, serving a total of more than 13,691 low-mod income youth. The program is complete.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS

FOOD ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,478,349.41

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,478,349.41

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.1, HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: FOOD PROGRAMS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1029

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The Board of County Commissioners approved a subrecipient agreement with Freestore Foodbank, the region's largest emergency food and services provider to children and families, in the amount of \$2.5 million for emergency food assistance for low-income individuals and families.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance

Funding was used to purchase food which was then provided to an estimated 80,541 eligible Hamilton County residents.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$520,492.09

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$509,547.55

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.2, HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: RENT, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITY AID

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1018

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The Board of County Commissioners approved a subrecipient agreement with Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio for a utility assistance program for low-income seniors.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance

Funding was used to provide utility assistance to 994 seniors.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$6,736,508.62

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$6,626,094.52

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.2, HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: RENT, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITY AID

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1022

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Eligible homeowners can receive financial assistance with mortgage, property tax and/or utility payments to avoid foreclosure and shutoffs. Program eligibility is focused on households that are at or below 300% FPL. The program started in October 2021 and was administered by Hamilton County Job and Family Services. As of July 29, 2024, that portion of the program is no longer accepting applications. In 2024, the Board entered into an agreement with the Community Action Agency to administer a mortgage assistance program for eligible residents that are at risk of foreclosure.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance

1,902 households have received assistance through both of the mortgage programs.

EXPANSION OF SHELTER DIVERSION PROGRAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,382,455.06

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.16 SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1021

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.STRATEGIESTOENDHOMELESSNESS.ORG/SHELTER-DIVERSION-A-BEST-PRACTICE-TO-PREVENT-HOMELESSNESS/](https://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org/shelter-diversion-a-best-practice-to-prevent-homelessness/)
STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

One of the most effective ways to reduce homelessness is to step in before someone loses their housing. Not only is it more cost-effective, but more importantly, it is less disruptive for the person or family. \$3 million in ARPA funding is allocated to expand shelter diversion programs. Shelter diversion programs are targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. These programs provide financial assistance for housing costs, robust case management, and wrap around services. An agreement with Strategies to End Homelessness to expand their shelter diversion program was approved by the Board in August 2022.

Use of Evidence

Data from [Strategies to End Homelessness](#) shows that 90% of participants in 2021 exited the program with permanent housing. And, of the households that exited the prior year, *92.45% of them did not become homeless in 2021*. Furthermore, according to Strategies to End Homelessness, of the households who exited the program in 2021, 38.82% increased income.

Performance Reporting

The Shelter Diversion program provides case management and wrap around services to families and individuals who have experienced a housing crisis and were at risk of experiencing homelessness. Housing Specialists work with families to find affordable housing quickly and provide rental assistance and utility assistance to start them out. Other services provided include: budgeting and financial health management, peer support, food assistance, and connection to resources such as TANF, food stamps, education, employment, child care, mediation, legal, and other public benefits. The average length of time participants are in the program is 5.6 months. From September 2022 – June 2025, the shelter diversion program kept 1,083 children and 681 adults from homelessness.

*Alice (name changed), just 19 years old, faced challenges that many of her peers couldn't imagine. At the age of 17, she was pregnant and soon became a single mom. With limited support, she struggled to make ends meet and found herself homeless staying between various friends and family. Alice was accepted into Shelter Diversion in July 2024. She was connected to housing and successful in obtaining employment through a nursing home. Alice was linked to public benefits such as SNAP, medical and childcare assistance. **Alice continues to maintain stable housing and employment.***

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,895,547

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,825,736.41

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.16 SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1021A

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Through this program, Hamilton County provided funding for homelessness prevention. Strategies to End Homelessness, the region's Continuum of Care organization, is administering this grant program on behalf of Hamilton County.

The grant program is directed to organizations engaged in work with households at high risk of homelessness (entering an emergency shelter, sleeping unsheltered on the streets, or fleeing domestic violence) and seeking funding for innovative programs and partnerships to prevent homelessness. Grants will be awarded to programs with the best potential, outcomes, data and performance measures, and therefore have the highest likelihood of reducing the number of people and households sleeping unsheltered or in emergency shelters within Hamilton County. Grants were awarded to five agencies as reported in the 2024 annual report (Found House, Freestore, St. Vincent DePaul, Talbert House, and Community Matters).

Evidence-Based Interventions

N/A

Performance Reporting

From January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, 258 households were able to begin stabilizing their housing.

"Thank you so much for everything. I am now on my way to start my job orientation, and I hope to get this job and be able to pay the rent myself. Thanks again."

EMERGENCY HOUSING

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$44,758.89

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$44,758.89

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.16 SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1021B

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

To further assist with emergency housing and prevent homelessness, the Board entered into an agreement with the Community Action Agency to provide hotel stays and wrap around services while the family is connected with more permanent housing. The Board entered into the agreement in February, 2024. The program is complete.

Evidence-Based Interventions

N/A

Performance Reporting

19 households served (45 people). 12 households found a permanent housing solution.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$36,421,775.75

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$23,860,001.91

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.15 LONG TERM HOUSING SECURITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1019

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Numerous local and national studies have been published on the need for additional affordable housing. The County's Plan recognizes this by allocating \$36.4 million for production of new affordable housing and renovation of multi-family and single-family affordable housing to address the availability of units for low and moderate-income households. Of this allocation, at least \$8 million will be focused on housing for seniors, re-entry, and disabled housing and \$8 million will be focused on rehabilitation.

The Board entered into a subrecipient agreement with Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to administer this program in December 2022. CDF is a nonprofit lending institution and U.S. Treasury-certified community development financial institution established in 1988 to finance affordable housing development and community revitalization.

\$29.4 million in ARPA funding is being deployed to 29 affordable housing projects, a summary of which is included in Table 2 (a total of \$23.9 million has been spent through 6/30/25).

Table 2. Affordable Housing

Project Name	Amount	Total # of Affordable Housing Units
Vandalia Point	\$2,700,000	52
Logan Commons	\$1,000,000	42
CH KeyMark	\$150,000	7
Paramount Launch	\$350,000	29
56 E McMicken	\$650,000	10
1912 Freeman Ave.	\$150,000	1
LPH Thrives	\$700,000	47
Pedretti Place	\$1,600,000	48
MacArthur Park Apartments	\$1,000,000	85
Habitat Homeownership Project	\$700,000	14
Lincoln & Gilbert I	\$648,718	50
West End Affordable	\$1,000,000	15
The Annie	\$150,000	9
Lincoln Heights - Phase II & III	\$400,000	8
CARE Homes Initiative	\$870,000	29
Community & Pendleton	\$1,500,000	61
Alexandra Apartments	\$800,000	83
700 State Street	\$720,000	12

Sedamsville Redevelopment	\$850,000	17
The Bridge	\$700,000	27
LADD	\$4,000,000	36
Blair Lofts II	\$1,050,000	48
Price Hill Will	\$250,000	9
Lincoln & Gilbert II	\$525,000	36
SJWUC Red Brick House	\$164,205	4
Maple & Montgomery	\$4,000,000	174
St. Theresa Village	\$2,000,000	49
Habitat Homes II	\$520,000	13
Re-Entry	\$320,000	4
Totals	\$29,467,923	1,019

Evidence-based Interventions

The over-arching goal is to increase the number of affordable housing units. No funds will be allocated to evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

The awards will result in the following:

- \$29.4 million in ARPA funding for 29 projects that have a total investment of \$344 million;
- Leveraging \$10.68 for every \$1 of ARPA funding;
- 790 units of new affordable housing;
- 229 units are being renovated and preserved and
- 36 single family homes are dedicated to residents with developmental disabilities.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,300,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$150,969.44

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1020

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

WEBSITE: <https://www.lisc.org/greater-cincinnati/what-we-do/homeownership-preservation/revive-thrive-hamilton-county/>

Overview

The Home Repair Program is designed to help eligible residents make necessary home repairs and improvements to allow them to maintain their homes and support the stabilization of households. Eligible residents include those located in Qualified Census Tracts and those designated by ARPA as “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted”.

While the program will be open to both impacted and disproportionately impacted households as allowed per the Final Rule, priority will be on the most disproportionately impacted households, including those in Qualified Census Tracts. In addition to repair services, this program also directs participants to

services that are designed to improve their economic sustainability. This includes but is not limited to applicable workforce development programs, senior services, and financial literacy classes.

Hamilton County entered into a subrecipient agreement on July 18, 2024 with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to administer this program. LISC will provide eligible homeowners with needed repairs and ensure participants are connected to support services and programs identified above. The program launched in September 2024.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

One application is currently in the underwriting phase and four applications are under review. Two homeowners are in process of obtaining credit and financial counseling.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$4,773,827

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$3,359,987.12

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.10, ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED WORKERS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1023

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The goal of the \$4.8 million in ARPA funding for workforce development is to improve economic success for both the workforce and companies through programs that connect people to careers with upward mobility and financial stability and that help employers find, develop and retain talent. This allocation includes two areas of investment:

1. Workforce Development Training Grants - Support existing training/apprentice programs that are aligned with the target industries with a specific focus on reducing barriers to participation. And, with a focus on under and unemployed, residents in shelter diversion program, and returning citizens. Of the funding allocated for this investment, \$1.8 million is dedicated to increasing the number of childcare teachers.

Applications for training program grants were released during the 4th quarter, 2022 with awards made during the second quarter of 2023. With the exception of one grant, this program is complete.

The County entered into a subrecipient agreement with 4C for Children to increase the number of childcare teachers by implementing a comprehensive media and outreach campaign to grow awareness and interest in the early education profession; providing required training to newly hired participants; reimburse up to \$150 cover screening expenses to reduce a cost barrier; enrolling participants in child development associate credential program; and funding ongoing training and education expenses not covered by other sources to ensure retention of teachers. To date, 82 students are employed in the field. The program recently ended with final numbers pending.

*Easter Seals TriState
Construction Training*

"The Fast Trac program helped to provide me with some much-needed focus and purpose. I appreciate your mentorship and guidance along the way. I have since acquired employment at Monti Inc. It's a manufacturing company for electrical connectors, from fabrication to shipping. I make use of a great deal of skills learned during the program such as: blueprint reading, converting decimals and fractions, use of PPE, following OSHA standards/safety culture, as well as using a plethora of tools: calipers, bar clamps, drills, and more complex tools."

2. Enhance collaboration and service delivery of workforce partners – Hamilton County is home to rich ecosystem of workforce development, education and training programs for adults. However, there is room for better alignment and more connectivity between employers, workforce development partners, and employees. As such, an RFP was issued during the first quarter, 2023 and the County entered into a subrecipient agreement with the Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio to provide this necessary coordination, including working with partners such as IBEW and SCOKI to improvement employment. Work to date has included development of an ecosystem map to improve awareness of workforce resources (<https://workforceinnovationcenter.com/resources/map/>), annual workforce summits, and engagement with IBEW to remove barriers to employment.

Evidence-Based Intervention

The program does not include evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

Organizations that received funding submit quarterly reports that include number of participants disaggregated, graduation rates, and job placement rates. Results include:

- 1,579 individuals were served through the workforce training grant program.
- IBEW expanded the number of students from 12 to 52. To date, 16 have been offered apprenticeships.
- 82 childcare teachers were employed.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$7,204,694.73

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$7,204,694.73

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.29, LOANS OR GRANTS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1025

STATUS: COMPLETED

Overview:

Through the CARES ACT, Hamilton County, through its Office of Economic Development, conducted two rounds of grants to small businesses. In 2021, a third round was initiated that also included ARPA funding in the amount of \$2.9 million. This grant was open to small business with 50 employees or less, had an economic loss due to the pandemic, and had less than \$2.5 million in annual revenue. All grants were awarded in January 2022 and results were summarized in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report. Remaining ARPA funding in this line item was used for a fourth round of grants in which 447 grants were awarded.

Performance

Results of the program were reported in prior annual reports.

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,006,459.55

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.30, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING, OR BUSINESS PLANNING

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1028

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.ECDI.ORG/HAMILTON-COUNTY](https://www.ecdi.org/hamilton-county)

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Through the experience of the three rounds of small business grants, it is clear many of our small businesses excel at their craft yet struggle with back-office functions such as accounting and technology. To continue to support Hamilton County's small businesses, the County entered into a subrecipient agreement with ECDI in April 2023 in the amount of \$1.5 million to provide eligible small businesses with expert technical assistance or advisory services in the following areas: Accounting; IT/computer literacy; Legal; marketing/social media/websites. Eligible small businesses include those located in a Qualified Census Tract or negatively impacted by the pandemic with less than 50 employees. The program launched in May 2023.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

Since its inception, 273 businesses have been or are being served. A summary of the assistance provided includes:

- 28 new websites launched
- 31 marketing or search engine optimization plans created
- 36 website and SEO audits and reports
- 18 credit repair consulting
- 23 Quickbooks onboarding and training
- 6 marketing materials created
- 5 logos designed
- 40 business plans created
- 14 businesses received legal assistance
- 2 businesses received assistance with bidding on government contracts.

"I have experienced an increase in orders because of the new, functional website that was created for me."

"I am finally getting my business operating in a more professional and sustainable manner thanks to the changes made through advice or influence of the staff and various trainings provided. The QuickBooks and website support is a huge huge help!"

ASSISTANCE TO NON-PROFITS

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$7,152,461.64

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$7,152,461.64

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.34, AID TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1024

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners allocated funding to provide relief to negatively impacted nonprofit organizations or nonprofit organizations who were providing services to clients negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County released an RFP for an organization to administer the program, to which United Way of Greater Cincinnati (United Way) responded and was subsequently selected. A subaward with the United Way was executed in November 2021.

Initial grant limits were set at a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$250,000. The overall goal was to provide relief to as many nonprofit organizations as possible that provide direct essential family and social services.

After feedback was received from various organizations concerning the restrictiveness and limitations the criterion caused, the Board of County Commissioners invested an additional amount for small nonprofits (defined as having annual revenue of \$500k or less). Small non-profits could apply for up to \$30,000. Program is complete.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

Results of the funding were provided in the 2023 Recovery Plan Performance Report.

AID TO IMPACTED INDUSTRIES

ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.35, AID TO TOURISM, TRAVEL, OR HOSPITALITY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1024A

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

According to ArtsWave, arts organizations in the Cincinnati area experienced losses of \$140 million in revenue since the start of the pandemic when many organizations had to close their doors due to the state ban on mass gatherings, and once re-opened, had to adhere to decreased audience size. Through a subaward, ArtsWave administered a grant program to arts and cultural organizations based on financial losses. The grant criteria considered pre-pandemic budget size, pandemic-related revenue losses, amount of COVID relief funding received through other programs to-date. Grants were awarded during April 2022.

Performance

Results of the funding were provided in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report.

HOSPITALITY ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.35, AID TO TOURISM, TRAVEL, OR HOSPITALITY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1026

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

\$2 million was provided to Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for marketing funds to promote and attract visitors to Hamilton County. Providing a portion of the CVB's lost revenue will allow them to more fully re-engage in marketing campaigns to draw more visitors back to Cincinnati and Hamilton County and bring additional economic stimulus to the region. As previously reported, per the CVB, 166 groups that were scheduled to come to Hamilton County in 2020 cancelled because of COVID-19. Those canceled events equal 132,000 lost hotel room nights and 173,000 visitors. And these numbers don't include the loss of visitors to signature events that were cancelled in 2020 including: Taste of Cincinnati, Western & Southern Open, Cincinnati Music Festival or Oktoberfest Zinzinnati. To

help the local hospitality industry to overcome the continued negative impacts of COVID-19, the region is relying on the CVB to get back to pre-COVID marketing efforts. A subaward agreement was finalized with the CVB in December 2022.

Performance

According to the CVB, there was an 11% increase in actualized hotel room nights, 23% increase in visitor spending, and every \$1 spent in marketing resulted in \$181 of visitor spend.

OTHER

513RELIEF BUS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3,610,239.03

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,938,874.25

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1007

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

WEBSITE: WWW.513RELIEF.ORG

Overview

Funding for the 513Relief Bus and Community Outreach is allocated to ensure health and social service information is more effectively provided to underserved populations in Hamilton County with a focus on disproportionately impacted communities. This program includes acquisition of a permanent tech bus and ongoing outreach to educate minorities and disproportionately impacted populations as defined by ARPA to improve health outcomes.

The 513Relief Bus travels to communities within Hamilton County to help improve health and economic outcomes. The new 513Relief Bus launched on January 26, 2023, and includes general health screenings such as blood pressure, glucose monitoring, cholesterol testing, and referrals for more critical healthcare needs; mental health and substance abuse services; job coaching; financial literacy; senior services; and employment services.

In addition to the 513Relief Bus, the County entered into an agreement with Closing the Health Gap in May 2023 to expand their programming to improve health outcomes primarily in the areas of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Use of Evidence

The over-arching goal is to provide accessible health and social service assistance to eligible populations. Hamilton County does not consider these evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Since 2021, the 513Relief Bus has served 23,946 residents at more than 200 locations throughout Hamilton County.

RELOCATION OF CINCINNATI POLICE GUN RANGE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$10,400,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$10,374,030.51

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1006

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Hamilton County and its federal, state, and local partners have joined together to relocate the Cincinnati Police Department firing range that has been in its current location since 1947. When the gun range is in use, which is the majority of the year, the sound of firearms is evident throughout densely populated neighborhoods – particularly in Lincoln Heights. The gunfire is constant in the lives of residential neighbors surrounding the facility with approximately 2,300 residents located within one-half mile of the range. Many of these residents are youth, under the age of 15, living in a community with high rates of gun violence and crime.

The movement of the gun range will improve the health of the childhood environment and address a long-standing problem impacting a disproportionately affected community. ARPA funding is being used to fund a portion of this project. Phase 1 is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Evidence-Based Interventions

The program does not include evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

Construction started in October 2024 and is expected to be completed in late 2025.

SATELLITE OFFICE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$803,478.01

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$743,723.77

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1012

Overview

ARPA allows for the implementation of capital improvements to the degree they are designed to offset COVID-19 impacts or to provide engagement and services to communities and populations impacted by the public health emergency. A County satellite office will have a positive impact on residents by improving access to social services provided by Job and Family Services. The County has leased a warehouse to store PPE and the 513Relief Bus. This site also serves as the satellite office and is centrally located to service several Qualified Census Tracts and is much closer than driving downtown Cincinnati to access those services. Currently, the office is under design with the goal of having it operational in 2024. The office is opened in June 2025.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

The office opened on June 27. Future reports will include services provided and residents served.

PREMIUM PAY

PREMIUM PAY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,864,420.43

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,864,420.43

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 4.1, PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1013

STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview

Employees who were defined as essential workers were provided with a lump sum payment of \$1,000. Each Department Director was provided with the list of eligibility and was required to provide the number of workers and a description of employees recommended for premium pay. Once Directors submitted their recommendations, they were reviewed by both HR and Budget staff. Additional information on premium payments was provided in previous reports. This program concluded in 2022.

Performance Reporting

Results were reported in previous annual performance report.

INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER AND SEWER

SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE – SR 128 EXTENSION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$5,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.2, CENTRALIZED WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CI-1032

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The project will provide sewer service along SR128 (a Qualified Census Tract). The project area is an unsewered area including numerous failing on-lot treatment systems and multiple wastewater package plants. The project includes the construction of one major pump station; ~10,100 LF of 12" force main sewer; and 6,100 LF of gravity sewers intercepting and replacing existing package plants; and all necessary appurtenances. Whitewater Township Regional Sewer District will implement and oversee this project. An agreement with Whitewater Township was entered into in December, 2022. Construction is underway and expected to be completed at the end of the year.

Performance Report:

The primary performance goal is the completion of the project which is expected at the end of the year.

SEWER AND STORMWATER

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,773,314.26

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,160,149.63

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.5, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 316000063

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Hamilton County continues to examine opportunities to construct stormwater projects to reduce overland flooding. Funding was provided to Hamilton County General Health District in the amount of \$358,051 to correct sanitary sewers that were improperly connected into the stormwater sewers and not caused by the homeowners. This project is complete.

In addition, the County released a stormwater grant application to local governments in late fall, 2023 and a second round of stormwater grant applications were awarded in late 2024.

Table 3. Stormwater Grants

Organization	Recommendation	Status
Amberley Village	\$145,578	In progress
Village of Newtown	\$150,000	In progress
Village of Newtown	\$214,900	Complete
Village of Mariemont	\$45,090	Complete
City of Maderia	\$431,100	In progress
Symmes Township	\$31,340	Complete
Symmes Township	\$48,400	Complete
Symmes Township	\$45,270	Complete
Springfield Township	\$850,000	In progress
City of Montgomery	\$340,500	Complete
City of Norwood	\$2,300,000	In progress
City of Loveland	\$75,488	In progress
Sycamore Township	\$250,000	In progress
Colerain Township	\$219,819	In progress
Columbia Township	\$293,000	In progress; expected completion in September

Performance Report: See table above for status of each project.

BROADBAND

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,294,496.81

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1,258,211.56

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.21, BROADBAND – OTHER PROJECTS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CI-1031

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview:

Before recommending specific broadband investments through the ARPA-SLFRF funds, Hamilton County issued an RFP for a consultant to better understand and examine the specific gaps and needs of our County. The consultant's work was completed in the fall of 2023. The consultant did not recommend investments in broadband infrastructure except where that infrastructure is built to address digital equity/digital inclusion issues (largely inside buildings), as the ISPs currently provide, or will expand their service to deliver, broadband data services at data throughput speeds exceeding those required to satisfy unserved and underserved values.

The Board entered into a subrecipient agreement with United Way of Greater Cincinnati to administer a grant program for local governments and community organizations to provide and/or expand public wi-fi. Grant applications were released on February 8, 2024, and were awarded to 12 organizations outlined in Table 4 below.

Table 4. Public Wi-Fi Grants

Organization	Summary
Cincinnati Recreation Commission	Install wi-fi access points at 10 selected parks.
Seven Hills Neighborhood Association	Install wi-fi access points throughout the West End
Peaslee Neighborhood Center	Boost range and reliability of the Wi-Fi network throughout the entire building, so it can be used by visiting members of the public beyond the lobby.
MORTAR	Expand free, high-speed Wi-Fi access throughout their 13,500 sq ft building.
Cincinnati Health	Provide public Wi-Fi at six community health centers
Price Hill Will	Install 3 outdoor Wi-Fi access points along Warsaw Avenue
Cincinnati Urban Promise	Public will have access to the newly installed Wi-Fi and co-working space
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation	Expand free public wi-fi access from one to five locations in Walnut Hills
Avondale Development Corporation	Replace outdated Wi-Fi in 8 affordable housing complexes and add 1 not currently served. Replace outdoor public wi-fi along Reading Road
City of Blue Ash	Install free, public Wi-Fi at the park at Blue Ash Towne Square
High Achievers Aim High	Establish 10 new Wi-Fi access points
Green Township	Install public Wi-Fi to cover the areas of the parks most populated

Performance Report: Future reporting will include an update on the grant funded wi-fi projects. All projects will meet or exceed 100/20 Mbps.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT

COUNTY REVENUE REPLACEMENT

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$32,000,000
EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$32,000,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 6.1, PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1011
STATUS: COMPLETE

Overview:

Using the Treasury's required formula, the Hamilton County Budget Office determined the County's revenue losses due to the COVID-19 public health emergency to be \$41,935,127. The County allocated \$32,000,000 for revenue replacement purposes that were used to offset general governmental salaries. The program was completed in 2022.

PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY

PROGRAM NAME: PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,135,000
EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$973,865.02
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1016
STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, jury trials were suspended for nearly two years which created a significant backlog of felony cases. And, at the beginning of the pandemic, the Hamilton County Justice Center stopped allowing in-person visitation for the inmates to try to reduce the spread of COVID-19 into the jail. Instead, inmates were given tablets that allow for video visitation, e-messaging, and phone calls which has created a large volume of critical communications coming from the jail. The Prosecutors handling these cases simply do not have the ability to monitor high-threat inmates' communications. As such, four paralegals will be hired to provide this important task of screening the communications. In addition, the Prosecutor's Office hired additional attorneys to assist with the backlog.

PROGRAM NAME: COURT TECHNOLOGY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,084,292.36
EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$908,345.69
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 3.4, EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1017
STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

The Hamilton County Courts will upgrade numerous courtrooms based on lessons learned during the pandemic and will enable the Court to make trials more efficient, provide access in the event of another pandemic, and provide greater access for those who may have impairments. The project is under construction.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PROGRAM NAME: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULTING

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,058,702.25

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$833,451.89

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 7.1, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1014

STATUS: IN PROGRESS

Overview

Expenses under this category include the hiring of a coordinator to administer the ARPA-SLFRF funding, Prosecutor's Office time in reviewing agreements, and consultants to assist with implementation.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES TO DATE

Definitions

Authorized funds: Total amount of funds that Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has voted to budget for programs.

Obligated funds: Total amount of authorized funds the County has contracted to spend through procurements and purchase orders, includes expenditures.

Expenditures: Total amount of authorized funds that the City has spent to date.

PRIORITY	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	OBLIGATED FUNDS	EXPENDITURES
Public Health			
Testing and Testing/Vaccine Website	\$442,483.13	\$442,483.13	\$442,483.13
Health Infrastructure Mitigation	\$2,961,137.38	\$2,961,137.38	\$2,376,588.87
Expansion of Nursing Programs	\$1,499,999.00	\$1,499,999.00	\$707,126.23
Expansion of Mobile Crisis Team	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$2,129,732.57
Youth Suicide Prevention Grants	\$585,882.98	\$585,882.98	\$585,882.98
Youth Resiliency Grants	\$3,863,269.25	\$3,863,269.25	\$3,863,269.25
Youth Programs (Inspire)	\$496,908.65	\$496,908.65	\$496,908.65
Emergency Management Agency	\$1,679,208.33	\$1,679,208.33	\$1,171,297.30
Vaccine Incentives	\$203,300.00	\$203,300.00	\$203,300.00
SUBTOTAL	\$16,732,188.72	\$16,732,188.72	\$11,976,588.98
Revenue Replacement			
Revenue Replacement	\$32,000,000.00	\$32,000,000.00	\$32,000,000.00
Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity & Administrative			
County Staffing/Administrative	\$1,058,702.25	\$1,058,702.25	\$833,451.89
Prosecutor's Office (Public Sector Capacity)	\$1,135,000.00	\$1,135,000.00	\$973,865.02
Court of Common Pleas	\$2,084,292.36	\$2,084,292.36	\$908,345.69
SUBTOTAL	\$4,277,994.61	\$4,277,994.61	\$2,715,662.60
Premium Pay			
Premium Pay	\$1,864,420.43	\$1,864,420.43	\$1,864,420.43
Addressing Negative Impacts			
Senior Utility Assistance	\$520,492.09	\$520,492.09	\$509,547.55
Affordable Housing Production	\$28,421,775.75	\$28,421,775.75	\$23,860,001.91
Rehabilitation of affordable housing	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$0.00
Home Repair Program	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$150,969.44
Homelessness Prevention	\$4,940,305.89	\$4,940,305.89	\$4,252,950.36
Mortgage Assistance	\$6,736,508.62	\$6,736,508.62	\$6,626,094.52
Workforce Development	\$4,773,827.00	\$4,773,827.00	\$3,359,987.12
Non-Profit Assistance	\$7,152,461.64	\$7,152,461.64	\$7,152,461.64
Small Business Financial Assistance	\$7,204,694.73	\$7,204,694.73	\$7,204,694.73
Hospitality Assistance	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Arts and Cultural Assistance	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Small Business Technical Assistance	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,006,459.55
Relocation of Gun Range	\$10,400,000.00	\$10,400,000.00	\$10,374,030.51
513 Relief Bus and health outcomes	\$3,610,239.03	\$3,610,239.03	\$1,938,874.25
Capital Improvements - Satellite Office	\$803,478.01	\$803,478.01	\$743,723.77
Food Assistance	\$2,478,349.41	\$2,478,349.41	\$2,478,349.41
SUBTOTAL	\$91,842,132.17	\$91,842,132.17	\$73,658,144.76

Enhancing Community Infrastructure			
Broadband	\$1,294,496.81	\$1,294,496.81	\$1,258,211.56
Sewer / Stormwater	\$10,773,314.26	\$10,773,314.26	\$6,160,149.63
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$12,067,811.07</i>	<i>\$12,067,811.07</i>	<i>\$7,418,361.19</i>
TOTAL	\$158,784,547.00	\$158,784,547.00	\$129,633,177.96