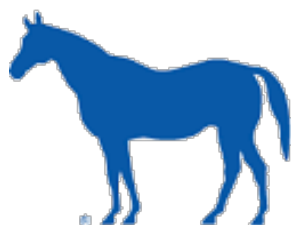


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**Recovery Plan
Performance Report**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
2021 Report**

Reporting Period: March 2021 – July 2021



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2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law, providing the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) funding in the amount of \$121,178,058 as part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). This funding was awarded to states and local government agencies in an effort to curb the varying impacts created by the economic decline and other effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

LFUCG is committed to investing SLFRF funds in a manner that ensures growth and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for those residents affected. While much of the funding has not yet been obligated, the Mayor and LFUCG Urban County Council have outlined an approach to ensure these goals are met.

LFUCG Priorities and Principles

- Highest Priority
 - Projects that have a direct impact on vulnerable populations and those impacted the most by the pandemic
- Budget Related Principles
 - One-time projects that entail no ongoing costs
 - Projects that produce savings or increased revenue in the future
- Additional Principles
 - Projects that lead to economic opportunity
 - Projects that make an impact on our physical infrastructure
 - Projects that make an impact on our social infrastructure



Figure 1: The Mayor and Vice Mayor, along with members of the Urban County Council, jointly present ARPA priorities and principles during a press conference

LFUCG Funding Categories and Types of Allowable Projects

Funding requests will be considered in the following categories:

- Community health, wellness and quality of life
- Critical city services, employee retention and facilities
- Economic recovery and growth
- Equity-focused services and partnerships
- Growing successful neighborhoods
- Harm prevention and public safety

Uses of Funds

As suggested by Treasury Guidance, LFUCG intends to obligate the vast majority of SLFRF funding after July 31, 2021. This timeline allows for thoughtful consideration of spending priorities by the Mayor and Council, and provides sufficient time for community engagement to occur. Additional information about LFUCG's community engagement efforts is included in this document.

The FY2022 LFUCG Adopted Budget assigned \$7,785,500^{1*} in SLFRF funds for eligible projects, as identified through early American Rescue Plan Act guidance. These funds were assigned in an effort to fully fund critical capital investments as well as funding partnerships that provide services in areas, or to populations, greatly impacted by COVID-19. These funds were assigned early in our ARPA process as a necessary balancing measure for the FY2022 Adopted Budget.

Prefunding and American Rescue Plan			
The FY 2022 budget needs 3 stabilizing factors to balance the General Services District Fund:			
1. Pre-funding of expenses with current year funds,			
2. Budget stabilization (which will be used for pension increases as intended) and			
3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for items that meet that criteria.			
FY 2021 Fund Balance/Pre-Funding Items		US Department of Treasury/American Rescue Plan Act	
Extended Social Resource (ESR) Grants	\$ 3,664,797	Lakeside Irrigation Replacement	\$ 1,300,000
Street Light Transfer	2,000,000	Homelessness Allocation	750,000
Jobs Fund Transfer	500,000	Shropshire Avenue Improvements	750,000
Police Computers	430,000	Shillito Parking Lot Construction	400,000
Versailles Road Amenities (General Fund portion)	356,000	Woodland Restroom	375,000
Fire Turnout Gear	343,000	LexArts	325,000
Fire Cardiac Monitors	180,000	Economic Development Grants to Partners	300,000
Energy Improvement Fund	100,000	Ecton Concession/Restroom Building	300,000
Public Facilities Corp Balancing (Kentucky Theater)	100,000	Northeastern Playground	250,000
Police Mobile Data Computers (MDCs)	90,000	Personal Protective Equipment Reserve for LFUCG	225,000
Police Ballistic Vests	80,000	Human Rights Commission	205,730
Coroner Mechanical Lift	25,000	Emergency Financial Assistance - Community Services	200,000
Corrections Kitchen Equipment	17,600	New Department Code Enforcement Grant	200,000
Family Care Center Toddler Playground Repair	15,000	Workforce Development Grants	200,000
E911 HVAC Replacement	13,000	Berry Hill Park Basketball Court	175,000
Emergency Management Alertus Beacons	10,000	Douglass Pool Slide	175,000
Environmental Quality Commission	5,000	NAMI - Mental Health Court	170,000
Emergency Management Motherboard	3,700	River Hill Sports Courts	165,000
Emergency Management Laptop Computers	2,400	Gardenside Playground	150,000
	<u>\$ 7,935,497</u>	Masterson Station Park Playground	150,000
		Phoenix Park Study	150,000
		Pine Meadows Playground and Improvements	150,000
		Lyric Theatre	127,500
		ADA Improvements at Parks	125,000
		Explorium of Lexington	125,000
		Mary Todd Basketball Court	118,000
		Southland Parking Lot Repair	100,000
		Dogwood Park Basketball Court	95,000
		Meadowthorpe Park Roof	80,000
		Recovery Supportive Living Assistance (RSLA)	60,000
		Raven Run Prather House Roof	50,000
		Buckhorn Park Phase II	45,000
			<u>\$ 7,991,230</u>

Figure 2: LFUCG FY22 Adopted Budget, page vi

¹ The FY2022 LFUCG Adopted Budget includes \$7,991,230 in obligated ARPA funds; however, \$205,730 was adjusted to a non-ARPA funding source at a later meeting of the LFUCG Mayor and Council

Projects funded through the FY2022 Adopted Budget are allocated into four distinct categories:

- 1) Housing Assistance
 - Aligns with Expenditure Category 3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- 2) Non-Profit Assistance
 - Aligns with Expenditure Category 2: Negative Economic Impacts and Expenditure Category 3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- 3) Access to Quality Greenspace for Disadvantaged Communities
 - Aligns with Expenditures Category 3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- 4) Neighborhood Recreation Improvements Delayed due to COVID Economic Impacts
 - Aligns with Expenditure Category 6: Revenue Replacement

As of July 31, 2021, \$7,785,500 in ARPA funding has been budgeted, with \$ 84,100 obligated² and \$56,284 expended. The list of projects funded through the FY2022 Adopted Budget and their expenditure category are listed on the following page.

² For purposes of reporting in the SLFRF portal, an obligation is an order placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions that require payment.

LFUCG - OBLIGATED ARPA SLFRF PROJECTS

		Through July 31, 2021			
Eligibility Category	Project Name	Budgeted	Obligated	Expended	
1.05 Personal Protective Equipment	Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 225,000.00			
1.10 Mental Health Services	NAMI - Mental Health Court Funding	\$ 170,000.00			
2.02 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	Emergency Financial Assistance for Residents	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 577.59	
2.02 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	Recovery Supportive Living Assistance (RSLA)	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 18,800.00	
2.07 Job Training Assistance	Workforce Development Grants to Service Partners	\$ 200,000.00			
2.10 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations	Explorium of Lexington - Children's Museum Assistance	\$ 125,000.00			
2.10 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations	LexArts Nonprofit Services Contract	\$ 325,000.00			
2.10 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations	Lyric Theater Assistance	\$ 127,500.00			
2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	Ecton Park Improvements - Concession/Restroom Facilities for Local Users and Tournaments	\$ 300,000.00			
2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	Lakeside Irrigation Replacement	\$ 1,300,000.00			
3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing	Shropshire Affordable Housing Project Site Improvements	\$ 750,000.00			
3.11 Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons	Homelessness Allocation	\$ 750,000.00		\$ 36,906.00	
3.12 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	Code Enforcement Grants for Low-Income Residents	\$ 200,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space for Disadvantaged Population - ADA Improvements at Parks for Inclusivity	\$ 125,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Douglas Park - Pool Improvements	\$ 175,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Mary Todd Park Improvements - Basketball Court	\$ 118,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Northeastern Park Improvements - Playground	\$ 250,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Phoenix Park - Inclusive Use and Development Study	\$ 150,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Pine Meadows Park - Playground and Park Improvements	\$ 150,000.00			
3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other	Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - River Hill Park Improvements - Sports Courts	\$ 165,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Economic Development Grants to Service Partners	\$ 300,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Berry Hill Park Improvements - Basketball Court	\$ 175,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Buckhorn Park Improvements - Phase II Improvements	\$ 45,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Dogwood Park Improvements - Basketball Court	\$ 95,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Gardenside Park Improvements - Playground	\$ 150,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Masterson Station Park Improvements - Playground	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 84,100.00		
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Meadowthorpe Park Improvements - Roof Repair	\$ 80,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Raven Run Park Improvements - Prather House Roof Repair	\$ 50,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Shilito Park Improvements - Access Improvement - Parking Lot	\$ 400,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Southland Park Improvements - Access Improvement - Parking	\$ 100,000.00			
6.01 Provision of Government Services	Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Woodland Park Improvements - Restroom Facilities	\$ 375,000.00			
TOTAL		\$ 7,785,500.00	\$ 84,100.00	\$ 56,283.59	

Figure 3: Obligated ARPA SLFRF Projects

Promoting equitable outcomes

LFUCG is committed to promoting equitable outcomes in all government services, not only those provided through the use of ARPA dollars. In June 2020, LFUCG Mayor Linda Gorton created the Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice & Equality. This group was tasked with a determined and defined purpose: *To assemble diverse community members to listen, discuss, and create empowering solutions that dismantle systemic racism in Fayette County.* This commission, through the work of five subcommittees, issued a report in October 2020 that outlined recommendations in five broad categories: Education and Economic Opportunity; Housing and Gentrification; Health Disparities; Law Enforcement, Justice, and Accountability; and Racial Equity. A six-month progress report was issued in April 2021 outlining action taken by LFUCG towards meeting the recommendations of the report. The report notes that the Mayor and Council approved over \$2 million in the FY2022 Operating Budget dedicated towards the goals and recommended outcomes of the report. While current funding and that allocated in the previous budget provided a head start towards meeting the goals and recommendations of the report, the award of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provides an opportunity to address these recommendations in a manner that is potentially transformative for the community.

Several Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice and Equality Report projects are currently underway, with funding assigned through the FY2021 Operating Budget, FY2022 Operating Budget, and initial ARPA funding allocations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Locally-funded Eviction Assistance Program
- Disparity Study
- Purchase of body-worn cameras for all officers
- Purchase of automatic recording mechanisms for police body-worn cameras
- Addition of five Neighborhood Resource Officers and one Sergeant in the Division of Police
- Diversity and Inclusion training for all City employees
- Increased minority recruiting efforts
- Increased allocation to Affordable Housing Trust Fund by \$1 million (historical annual allocation - \$2 million)
- Creation of Department of Housing Advocacy and Community Development
- Addition of Code Enforcement Grant Program to homeowners experiencing low-income
- WORK-Lexington workforce resource center located at Charles Young Center

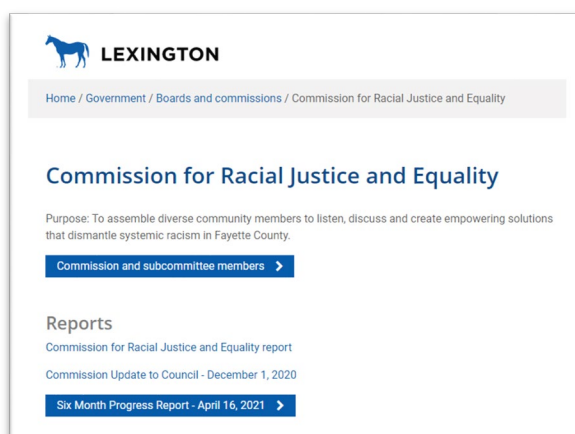


Figure 4: The Mayor's Commission Report on Racial Justice and Equality and progress updates are available on the LFUCG website

In an effort to ensure equitable spending and outcomes of ARPA funding, LFUCG has evaluated each project to determine if the project will be completed within or a primary service will be provided to a Qualified Census Tract (QCT), or if the project or service will be provided to a population that is assumed to have been affected negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic.

QCTs are a common, readily accessible, and geographically granular method of identifying communities with a large proportion of residents experiencing low-income. LFUCG is committed to monitoring the proportion of funds dedicated to these areas as an initial indicator of equitable spending. While QCTs are not all-inclusive of community needs, monitoring and tracking funding dedicated in these areas allows for an efficient implementation of spending while identifying areas of need at a highly localized level.



Figure 5: Qualified Census Tracts in the Lexington Area

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule acknowledges that some populations are assumed to be negatively impacted, either through negative impacts to health or economy, or through the exacerbation of pre-existing disparities. Certain industries are assumed to be negatively impacted, including tourism, travel, and hospitality, as well as non-profits and small businesses. Additionally, the SLFRF Interim Final Rule states that certain populations are assumed to be negatively impacted by the pandemic, including low and poverty level households, racial and ethnic minorities, adult residents with low educational attainment, and those experiencing mental health or substance abuse challenges, among others.

Of the \$7.8 million in ARPA funds obligated prior to July 31, 2021, 48% of funds, or \$3.7 million, have been dedicated to QCTs or negatively impacted populations. The remaining funds have been dedicated towards parks and recreation projects, economic development, personal protective equipment, and service agreements with non-profit partners.

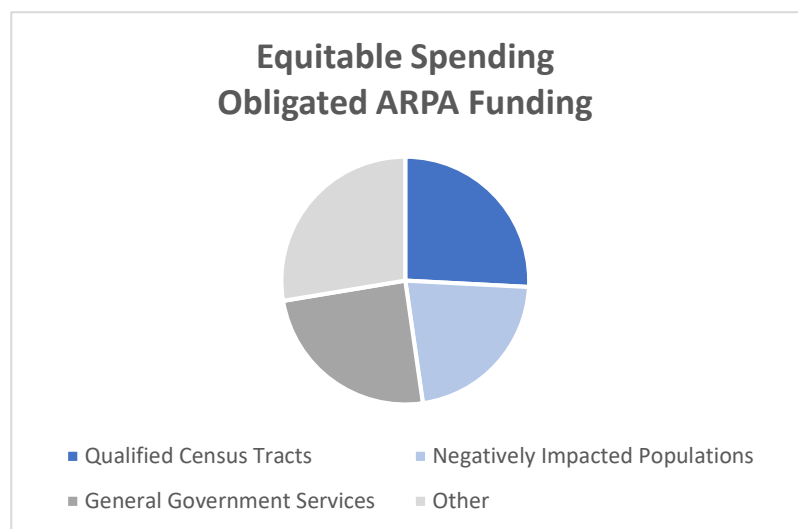


Figure 6: Equitable Spending Pie Chart

Community Engagement

ARPA will allow LFUCG to invest an unprecedented amount of funding into the community. It is of the utmost importance that the priorities of the community are considered in the allocation of the funds. To ensure that citizens have the opportunity to make their priorities known, LFUCG has embarked upon a three-prong approach to capturing community needs:

Community Meetings

- Community meetings were held across the City from July 8 through the month of August 2021. These meetings were hosted by the Mayor, Council Members, and grassroots community groups to offer opportunities for comment and questions about ARPA funding. To ensure access during the rise of the COVID Delta variant, some meetings were held virtually.

Community Survey

- A survey was made available online and in print to gather rankings and preferred project types within the Mayor and Council's Priorities and Principles. These surveys were available in English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Swaili, Nepali, and Kinyarwanda to ensure access to members of our community in their preferred language.

Project Idea Forms

- Project ideas were solicited from the public on Project Idea Forms. These forms were made available online and in print to allow community members the opportunity to describe their ideal use of ARPA funds. Like the community survey, this form was made available in multiple languages.

Through this process, LFUCG received more than 3,200 survey responses, 970 project ideas, and heard from numerous citizens at community meetings. Community meetings were concluded on Friday, August 27th and all data received from this intensive community engagement phase is in review and will be reported during the next annual report. As data is analyzed, these responses will be key points of consideration during the assignment of all remaining ARPA funds.

Additionally, LFUCG created a standard email address that could be used to submit questions, comments and suggestions. The account arpa@lexingtonky.gov will continue to be monitored throughout the funding process.

During the months of August, September, and October 2021, the LFUCG Urban County Council will consider the project priorities submitted by the public, and will fund projects of great community need and interest. Projects from the public will be considered for funding alongside projects submitted for consideration by the Mayor and Administration, Councilmembers, and community groups.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

This table represents actual expenditures made from grant receipt through July 31, 2021 by Expenditure Category, and is not representative of all funding obligated or received. Please see the *Uses of Funds* section for a list of all funds budgeted or obligated through July 31, 2021.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$19,377.59	\$19,377.59
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons	\$36,906.00	\$36,906.00
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
7	Administrative and Other		

A complete list of all eligible expenditure categories and additional criteria for funding can be found on the official website of the US Department of the Treasury at www.treasury.gov.

Appendix 1:

ARPA

Project

Inventory

Project Information Form

Project AR PPE 2022: Personal Protective Equipment

Project Funding: \$225,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.05 Personal Protective Equipment

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$225,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

These funds will be used to purchase Personal Protective Equipment, including but not limited to masks and gloves, for use in LFUCG facilities, during LFUCG functions, or by LFUCG employees. These items will be provided to the public, as needed, during public meetings, and will be available to public safety employees or those within our public safety facilities, including police, fire protection, emergency services, and community corrections functions.

Prior to the pandemic, a limited number of LFUCG employees used PPE during the course of providing public services. The need for PPE has increased drastically during 2020 and 2021, as items like masks and gloves are now commonplace. As our need for these items has increased, the cost has increased likewise.

Use of Evidence

There are multiple sources of evidence concerning the effectiveness of mask wearing and other PPE use against COVID-19.

Reported data, including the Fitted Filtration Efficiency (FFE) of various masking devices, including the surgical mask used most often by LFUCG, has been published by the EPA and can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/sciencematters/epa-researchers-test-effectiveness-face-masks-disinfection-methods-against-covid-19>

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Additional Performance Measures

Number of masks purchased	0
Number of gloves purchased	0

Project Information Form

Project AR NAMI 2022: NAMI – Mental Health Court Funding

Project Funding: \$170,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.10 Mental Health Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$170,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$170,000

Project overview

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Lexington is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides assistance to families, caregivers and individuals whose life experience includes living with a serious and persistent mental illness. NAMI Lexington directly serves central Kentucky and partners to serve communities across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. They offer free advocacy, education, outreach and support programs and special events designed to raise community awareness and reduce stigma around mental health issues. Guests of NAMI encounter passionate “lived experience” wisdom in a welcoming environment. ARPA funding will support the Mental Health Court overseen by NAMI.

Use of Evidence

NAMI National programs and presentations are developed by experienced professionals using the best available scientific and clinical information and teaching models. Many of their programs and presentations have been offered for decades in communities across the country.

NAMI actively works with researchers to conduct studies on programs and presentations to measure their effectiveness. Based on the results of these studies, they can designate a program as an Evidence-Based Practice (EBP). On this page, you can find results from these studies as well as information about ongoing studies of their programs.

NAMI’s Evidence-Based Programs

A NAMI program or presentation is designated as an Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) when it has been studied by an external researcher and the results of the study are published in a peer-reviewed journal. Four of NAMI’s programs are currently designated as EBPs – three of which are offered by NAMI Lexington.

NAMI Basics, the education program for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents with mental health conditions, was shown to support improvement in self-care, empowerment and family communication [in a study](#) led by Dr. Barbara Burns and Dr. Kimberly Hoagwood. An additional study is underway at the University of Texas at Austin using a randomized control trial. The study is being led by Dr. Sarah Kate Bearman and Dr. Molly Lopez.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a class for families, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. A control group [study](#) led by the University of Maryland's Dr. Lisa Dixon and Dr. Alicia Lucksted found that family members who completed the program demonstrated improvements in coping skills, problem-solving skills and feelings of empowerment.

NAMI Ending the Silence, a presentation for middle and high school students, was shown to improve student knowledge and attitudes about mental health conditions [in a study](#) conducted by Dr. Otto Wahl of the University of Hartford in 2018. [A further study](#) by Joseph DeLuca at CUNY showed significant improvement in student knowledge and a reduction in negative stereotypes, as well as an increased willingness to seek help for mental health concerns.

Further information regarding the studies cited by NAMI can be found on their website: <https://nami.org/About-Mental-Illness/Research/Research-on-NAMI-Programs>

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Education Program (FTF)
Clearinghouse:

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Education Program (FTF) is a group education course for family caregivers of people with mental illness. The curriculum-based course is designed to facilitate a better understanding of mental illness, increase coping skills, and empower participants to become advocates for their family members. Through a variety of information and skill-building exercises conducted over 12 sessions, participants are expected to gain empathy by understanding the experiences of a person with mental illness; learn new techniques for problem solving, listening, and communicating; acquire strategies for handling crises and relapses; learn methods for coping with worry and anxiety; and receive guidance on locating appropriate supports and services within the community. The sessions cover a range of topics, including participants' emotional responses to the impact of mental illness on their lives, current information about many of the major mental illnesses, current research related to the biology of brain disorders, and information on the evidence-based treatments that are most effective in promoting recovery. In addition, there are special workshops on communication and problem solving that provide caregivers with skills in handling the most common concerns that arise in caring for people with these conditions; these are delivered throughout the course. Each of the 12 sessions is led by a two-person team of volunteer teachers, who themselves are family caregivers of a person with mental illness. Sessions are 2.5 hours each and can be delivered by the teachers on a weekly or biweekly basis. [Read less](#)

Clearinghouse: NREPP	Settings: Other
Clearinghouse rating: Promising	Ages: 18-25 (Young adult) 26-55 (Adult) 55+ (Older adult)
Outcomes: Family Cohesion Coping Anxiety Disorders and Symptoms Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs About Mental Health General Functioning and Well-Being Social Competence Depression and Depressive Symptoms Internalizing Problems	Target populations: Not specified

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Additional Performance Measures

Number of staff positions retained	0
Number of individuals supported	0
Number of classes supported	0

Project Information Form

Project AR EFA 2022: Emergency Financial Assistance

Project Funding: \$200,000

Total Expenditures: \$577.59

Project Expenditure Category: 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$200,000

Project overview

The Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) program is designed to mitigate the acute threat of housing insecurity posed by a resident's imminent eviction and/or utility service interruption due to a short term financial crisis. The assistance can be used for rent, mortgage and/or utilities. EFA is an on-going assistance program for residents of Fayette County that can be utilized every 3 years. Eligibility counselors process referrals to maintain housing stability for residents. This program is partnered through the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government.

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Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)	48
Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of households receiving financial assistance	3
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Project Information Form

Project AR_RSLA_2022: Recovery Supportive Living Assistance

Project Funding: \$60,000

Total Expenditures: \$18,800.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$60,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$60,000

Project overview

LFUCG developed the Recovery Supportive Living Assistance (RSLA) Program in October 2020 in response to the growing number of individuals in early recovery from substance use disorder who were experiencing a financial barrier to entering or continuing in a recovery housing program. The COVID-19 pandemic was hitting the individuals with substance use disorder or in early recovery from substance use disorder very hard. Many individuals in early recovery obtain employment in the hospitality industry, an industry that was devastated by COVID-19.

Jobs were lost temporarily or permanently with very little warning. Hospitality jobs that were traditionally relatively easy to obtain for an individual in early recovery were scarce. Although it typically took two weeks or less to secure employment upon admission to a recovery residence, in many cases it was taking much longer to secure initial employment or find another job if the first was lost due to the pandemic. It was not uncommon for everyone living in a recovery residence to miss weeks of work due to COVID-19 infection or exposure.

Entering a recovery residence provides the support and structure crucial to recover from substance use disorder. It provides a balance of drug-free support, accountability to peers and an opportunity to live in a safe, affordable, sober environment at a critical time in a person's recovery journey. RSLA provides up to \$400.00 in assistance to individuals continuing in or entering a recovery residence. Typically, recovery residences charge between \$100 and \$125.00 per week. This fee includes a bedroom, shared access to common areas (kitchen, bathroom, family room, etc.) and utilities. While each residence has its own guidelines, most include a minimum number of mutual support meetings per week, random drug testing, house meetings and alternating chores. These funds help cover expenses while the individual is seeking employment, which has created a challenge for many during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Impact on the Community

Untreated substance use disorder, overdoses and overdose fatalities are public health concerns that have devastating impacts on the community, families and individuals. When overdose rates decline and individuals have access to recovery support, the financial costs to a community (public safety, medical, social services, etc.) decrease and the devastating psychosocial impacts on families decrease, as well (incarceration, absent parent, parent death, poverty, underemployment, exploitation, housing instability, etc.). RSLA addresses a gap in services in the substance use disorder service continuum at a crucial time as the

community processes the devastating impact of COVID-19 on individuals with substance use disorder and their families.

Program Overview

Individuals entering or continuing in a recovery residence who are experiencing a financial barrier are eligible to apply for assistance from the RSLA Program,

A completed RSLA application and a program agreement signed by the applicant and a representative from the recovery residence must be submitted in order to be considered for assistance,

An individual is eligible to receive up to \$400.00 in assistance. This typically covers 3-4 weeks in a recovery residence. During this time, an individual must seek employment in order to continue in the recovery residence, and;

Payment is made to the owner/operator of the residence (the owner/operator must register as a vendor with LFUCG and acknowledge that it may take up to 30 days to receive payment).

More than two dozen recovery residences throughout the community have partnered with LFUCG to help ensure individuals have the chance to enter or continue in a recovery residence and gain the tools necessary

Use of Evidence

Recovery Housing: Best Practices and Suggested Guidelines, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/housing-best-practices-100819.pdf>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

“SAMHSA strongly believes in the use of recovery housing as a key strategy to assist individuals living with substance use disorder in achieving and maintaining recovery. Providing individuals with a safe and stable place to live can potentially be the foundation for a lifetime of recovery. It is critical that these houses function with sound operating procedures which center on a safe, sober living environment in which individuals can gain access to community supports and therapeutic services to advance their recovery”.

Recovery Residence Quality Standards

<https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/National-Recovery-Residence-Quality-Standards-Oct-7-2015.pdf>

National Alliance for Recovery Residences

“Recovery residences provide a spectrum of living environments that are free from alcohol and illicit drug use with a focus on peer support and connection to other recovery services and supports. All recovery residences are founded on Social Model Recovery Philosophy and have existed in the United States since at least the mid-1800s”.

Recovery: The Many Paths to Wellness, The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health (Chapter 5)

<https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/sites/default/files/chapter-5-recovery.pdf>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

"Taken together, these studies provide promising evidence to suggest that recovery-supportive housing can be both cost-effective and effective in supporting recovery."

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Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)	0
Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of individuals entering or continuing recovery housing	130
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Project Information Form

Project AR XXXX 2022: Workforce Development Grants to Services Partners

Project Funding: \$200,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.7 Job Training Assistance

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$200,000

Project overview

\$200,000 in ARPA dollars will be made available to partner agencies located in Lexington to provide residents with job training and job placement services, or to provide short-term training leading to a recognized certification or licensure. Service agreement awards are based on scoring criteria. Service agreement dollars are distributed based on performance goals outlined by the agencies in their application.

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Additional Performance Measures

Number of individuals receiving workforce training	0
Number of individuals placed into employment	0
Number of individuals unemployed or underemployed at time of enrollment	0
Number of individuals receiving a recognized certification or license	0
Average hourly wages of individuals placed into employment	0
Average hours worked per week	0

Project Information Form

Project AR EXPLOR 2022: Explorium of Lexington – Children’s Museum Assistance

Project Funding: \$125,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Aid to Nonprofits

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$125,000

Project overview

Explorium of Lexington is a non-profit children’s museum with hand-on exhibits that are fun and educational. It is the only children’s museum located in Fayette County. The museum strives to be a warm, friendly place where families come to learn and play together, and is a dedicated partner and resource for teachers. Their programs vary from toddler and preschool programs to guided art experiences to special programs exploring key subject areas. The Explorium relied on earned and contributed revenue sources for funding. During COVID, the museum experienced significant revenue loss due to museum closures as well as lost revenue from parties, field trips, off-site programming, on-site store, and rental loss. For the 12 months from April 2020-March 2021, the Explorium’s earned income was reduced by 80%.

Recognizing the importance of this non-profit to the goals of LFUCG, and with the understanding that that COVID-19 created significant financial hardships within the non-profit community, ARPA funding has been obligated to pay benefit costs, costs to retain employees, rent, utility costs, and operating costs of the organization.

The Explorium Children’s Museum is located within a Qualified Census Tract. The Explorium also serves as a resource for elementary teachers of Fayette County Public Schools, where 26 of 37 elementary schools receive Title I funds for school-wide programs.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Operational Days Supported	0
Staff Retention Supported (# Employees)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR LEXARTS 2022: LexArts Nonprofit Services Contract

Project Funding: \$325,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Aid to Nonprofits

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

LexArts is a nonprofit in Lexington, Kentucky that focuses on cultural development and advocacy. The organization's premier program is an annual arts grant that helps over 50 regional artists and organizations build infrastructure to provide artistic and cultural programming throughout the Lexington community.

Recognizing the importance of this non-profit to the goals of LFUCG, and with the understanding that that COVID-19 created significant financial hardships within the non-profit community, ARPA funding has been obligated to pay benefit costs, costs to retain employees, rent, utility costs, and operating costs of the organization.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Operational Days Supported	0
Staff Retention Supported (# Employees)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR LYRIC 2022: Lyric Theater Assistance

Project Funding: \$127,500

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Aid to Nonprofits

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$127,500

Project overview

The Lyric is a theater of historical significance, originally built as a movie house in 1948. The theater was a thriving entertainment centerpiece for Lexington's African-American families through 1963, but after closing was dormant for nearly 50 years. Today, it serves as a non-profit theater and cultural arts center dedicated to preserving, promoting, presenting, and celebrating diverse cultures through artistic presentations of the highest quality, educational programming and outreach, film, and opportunities for community inclusion. The Lyric relies on income from rentals, ticket sales, and concessions as earned income. Large events were not permitted under pandemic safety measures, leaving the Lyric Theater closed during much of 2020 and creating a significant revenue loss.

Recognizing the importance of this non-profit to the goals of LFUCG, and with the understanding that that COVID-19 created significant financial hardships within the non-profit community, ARPA funding has been obligated to pay benefit costs, costs to retain employees, utility costs, and operating costs of the organization.

The Lyric Theater is located within a Qualified Census Tract.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Operational Days Supported	0
Staff Retention Supported (# Employees)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR ECTON 2022: Ecton Park Improvements - Concession/Restroom Facilities for Local Users and Tournaments

Project Funding: \$300,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$300,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Ecton Park by demolishing the existing Concession and Restroom facilities and building new facilities that will be used by local and travel teams.

This project will make the park more accessible by building new restrooms that will be compliant with ADA.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Use of Evidence

The goals of the project are to increase the number of teams that use the fields at Ecton Park; make the facilities more accessible; and improve social, emotional, physical and mental health of the community through improved facilities for youth sports.

Lexington's Parks and Recreation Master Plan's Goal 2: Great Experiences states, "Promote health, wellness and experiences for our growing population through programs and events." Goal 3: Great Stewardship states, "Value Lexington's resources through preservation, education and sustainable management practices." The Master Plan has a Wellness statement under Great Spaces: "Increase fitness opportunities in parks." and a Facilities statement under Great Experiences: "Update key facilities."

According to NRPA's 2021 Parks and Recreation: Advancing Community Health And Well-Being, "Given the rise in mental health disorders and concerns surrounding social isolation exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, a more intentional focus on supporting social, emotional and mental health is critical. Park and recreation professionals and their agencies create opportunities for people to gather and connect with others, learn social-emotional skills, and help reduce stress and anxiety." The report also stated, "Park and recreation professionals work every day to address and mitigate emerging public health threats impacting their cities, towns and counties. From the visible threats of climate change to the

unseen threats of mental health disorders and social isolation, parks and recreation plays a critical role in supporting public health in communities.”

According to the CDC Covid-19 guidance, updated Aug. 19, 2021 (found on [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/outdoor-activities.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/outdoor-activities.html)) outdoor activities are a safer choice and exercise is encouraged, especially when you can easily socially distance.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has made communities more accessible for all residents, through ADA design guidelines that allow for people of all abilities to utilize government facilities and services such as their neighborhood parks and parks programming.

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks

Clearinghouse:

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Clearinghouse:

What Works for Health

Settings:

Community

Clearinghouse rating:

Some Evidence

Ages:

Not specified

Outcomes:

Increased physical activity

Target populations:

Not specified

Performance Report

Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs	0
Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs	0
Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Youth Served in Eastern Little League (CY 2020)	600
Census Tract Park Served (Population)	1,938

Project Information Form

Project AR_LKSIDE_2022: Lakeside Irrigation Replacement

Project Funding: \$1,300,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$1,300,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly extend the life of Lakeside Golf Course by the much needed replacement of the course's irrigation system. This golf course is a local favorite and an attraction to visitors because of its large greens, rolling terrain and the longest par-5 in Kentucky. The irrigation replacement project will be complete by the fall of 2023.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Use of Evidence

The goals of the project are to increase overall attendance to Lakeside Golf Course; increase intergenerational play; and improve social, emotional and mental health of the community (as well as visitors) through increased opportunities for people to gather and connect with one another while enjoying the game of golf on a much improved course.

Lexington's Parks and Recreation Master Plan's Goal 2: Great Experiences states, "Promote health, wellness and experiences for our growing population through programs and events." Goal 3: Great Stewardship states, "Value Lexington's resources through preservation, education and sustainable management practices." The Master Plan also has key findings from the extensive survey completed. One of the findings states: "Maintain equestrian and golf facilities."

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Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks
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Clearinghouse: ●

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<p>Clearinghouse: What Works for Health</p> <p>Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence</p> <p>Outcomes: Increased physical activity</p>	<p>Settings: Community</p> <p>Ages: Not specified</p> <p>Target populations: Not specified</p>
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Performance Report

Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs	0
Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs	0
Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of rounds (FY 2021)	27,070
Golf Round Increase/Decrease	+23%
Extended use of life	30 years
Golf facilities improved (construction pending)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR XXXX 2022: Shropshire Affordable Housing Project Site Improvements

Project Funding: \$750,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$750,000

Project overview

LFUCG will partner with the Lexington Housing Authority to make public improvements in support of a residential development to be located at Shropshire Avenue and Pemberton Street. The Lexington Housing Authority will develop a vacant 3 acre strip of land in the Equestrian View development. This development currently holds more than 100 homes and 270 apartment homes. Additional single family homes and rental units will be constructed on this land, and additional public services may be co-located in the area. LFUCG will complete initial site work in the area, including grading, curb and gutter, street surfacing, water, sewer, stormwater, and gas line installation.

Performance Report

Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)	0
Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of new affordable housing units supported	0
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Project Information Form

Project AR OHPI 2022: Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Allocation

Project Funding: \$750,000

Total Expenditures: \$36,906

Project Expenditure Category: 3.11 Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$750,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$750,000

Project overview

The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention was created in 2014 in response to the Report of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness. The OHPI is the collaborative applicant and lead organization for the city's Continuum of Care. The Lexington CoC is the planning body in our community that coordinates the policies, strategies and activities to prevent and reduce homelessness. The city's two person team coordinates activities and planning for providers, stakeholders, and affected citizens to ensure an efficient and effective system offering everyone access to shelter, food, employment, housing, and other basic needs and opportunities. The office serves as an information source and assists with problem-solving and communications for difficult situations requiring multiple resources and organizations. Funding includes awards to non-profit partners directly serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Funding spent prior to July 31, 2021 is related to costs associated with the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), a centralized electronic information database of client information. This database permits sharing of client data between different social service and healthcare organizations, allowing providers to see portions or all of the client's records from all agencies combined. This allows for a clear picture of a client's history and current status. Each year, over 4,000 clients are entered into this database from our local community. This allows our community the ability to "talk" to one another and provide the most effective and efficient services to clients.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Electronic health information exchange

Clearinghouse: 

Electronic health information exchange (HIE) is the electronic sharing of patient data between different health care organizations, allowing providers to see portions of a patient's medical record (e.g., test results, immunization histories, imaging studies, etc.) outside the patient's usual clinic. Systems must be interoperable, i.e., capable of 'talking to each other,' to support health information exchange. Electronic health records (EHRs) designed to exchange information with other EHRs, health information technology systems interfacing with EHRs, patient portals for physicians without EHRs, and regional health information organizations (RHIO) that pool data from different organizations in a centralized database are all examples of health information exchange. [Read less](#)

Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Hospital/treatment center
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Improved quality of care	Target populations: Not specified

Performance Report

Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)	0
Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed	0

Additional Performance Measures

Number of HMIS licenses provided to social service and health agencies	100
Number of agencies provided access to HMIS	51

Project Information Form

Project XXXX 2022: Code Enforcement Grants for Residents Experiencing Low-Income

Project Funding: \$200,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.12 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$200,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$200,000

Project overview

The FY2022 Adopted Budget included ARPA funding to design and administer a pilot funding program, targeted towards homeowners with low income that have received a notice of violation from the City's Division of Code Enforcement.

The Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice & Equality issued a report in October 2020 that included a recommendation that "the Housing Code of the City of Lexington be reimagined into a Code Agency that places the health, well-being, and protection of residents (especially the most vulnerable) and neighborhoods as its mission." As part of this recommendation, it was envisioned that the agency would work with residents and neighborhoods to create and sustain flourishing communities rather than a punitive financial tactic. In reviewing the top ten code violations issued within the LFUCG area, it was noted that the list included items like repairing cornices, cleaning veneer that is peeling or unsightly, and replacing broken or rotted window casings. LFUCG will design a funding program that will provide an avenue for assistance whereby homeowners with low-income can seek assistance to correct certain identified code violations.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Housing rehabilitation loan & grant programs

Clearinghouse: ●

Housing rehabilitation loan and grant programs provide funding to repair, improve, or modernize dwellings, and remove health or safety hazards from those dwellings. Programs primarily serve families with low and median incomes, and may prioritize services for households with vulnerable members such as young children and elderly adults. These programs can adopt a comprehensive housing improvement strategy or focus on individual housing components such as heating and insulation, plumbing, structural concerns, lead, asbestos, or mold. Programs can be focused at local, state, and federal levels¹. [Read less](#)

Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Home
Clearinghouse rating: Scientifically Supported	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Improved <u>housing</u> conditions Improved health outcomes Improved mental health	Target populations: Not specified

Performance Report

Mandatory Standard Performance Measures

Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)	0
Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed	0

Additional Performance Measures

Homeowners receiving financial support to correct code violations	0
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Project Information Form

Project #: AR_PRKADA_2022: Access to Quality Green Space - ADA Improvements at Parks for Inclusivity

Project Funding: \$125,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$125,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$125,000

Project overview

This project will upgrade park facilities to improve ADA regulation compliance. Inclusion is vital for parks to be successful.

ADA regulations were updated in 2012 and a 2018 audit showed that many park facilities are no longer compliant.

This project will make parks throughout Lexington more accessible.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of existing recreation spaces.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity	Target populations: Not specified

Places for physical activity

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Clearinghouse:

Enhancing access to places for physical activity involves changes to local environments that create new opportunities for physical activity or reduce the cost of existing opportunities (e.g., creating walking trails, building exercise facilities, or providing access to existing nearby facilities). Increased access is typically achieved in a community through a multi-component strategy that includes training or education for participants¹. Such efforts are often implemented in neighborhoods that have been structurally disadvantaged and under-resourced. [Read less](#)

Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Scientifically Supported	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity	Not specified
Improved physical fitness	

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According to NRPA's 2021 Parks and Recreation: Advancing Community Health And Well-Being, "Given the rise in mental health disorders and concerns surrounding social isolation exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, a more intentional focus on supporting social, emotional and mental health is critical. Park and recreation professionals and their agencies create opportunities for people to gather and connect with others, learn social-emotional skills, and help reduce stress and anxiety." The report also stated, "Park and recreation professionals work every day to address and mitigate emerging public health threats impacting their cities, towns and counties. From the visible threats of climate change to the unseen threats of mental health disorders and social isolation, parks and recreation plays a critical role in supporting public health in communities."

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Community Served in Fayette County	322,570 (according to the 2020 Census)
Number of Parks Needing Improved Accessibility (according to 2019 Audit)	20
Accessibility Projects Identified as High Priority	22
Number of Parks with Increased Accessibility after project completion (not yet in progress)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR DOUGLS 2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Douglas Park - Pool Improvements

Project Funding: \$175,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$175,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$175,000

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Douglas Pool by adding a slide.

This project will make Douglas Pool more equitable since other pools in the community have this feature.

This project will increase pool amenities for Douglas Pool and encourage recreation of youth through swim and play.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ×

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Some Evidence	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity	Not specified

Places for physical activity

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Clearinghouse:

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Clearinghouse:

What Works for Health

Settings:

Community

Clearinghouse rating:

Scientifically Supported

Ages:

Not specified

Outcomes:

Increased physical activity
Improved physical fitness

Target populations:

Not specified

The goals of the project are to increase overall attendance to Douglas Park; increase intergenerational opportunities; and improve social, emotional and mental health of the community through increased opportunities for people to gather, swim and play.

Lexington's Parks and Recreation Master Plan's Goal 2: Great Experiences states, "Promote health, wellness and experiences for our growing population through programs and events." Goal 3: Great Stewardship states, "Value Lexington's resources through preservation, education and sustainable management practices." The Master Plan has a Wellness statement under Great Spaces: "Increase fitness opportunities in parks." and a Facilities statement under Great Experiences: "Update key facilities."

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Douglas Pool Attendance (CY 2019 – Base Year)	1,166
QCT Park Served (Population)	4,724

Project Information Form

Project AR_MRYTDD_2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Mary Todd Park Improvements - Basketball Court

Project Funding: \$118,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$118,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$118,000

Project overview

This project will greatly improve Mary Todd Park by demolishing the failing basketball court and build a new, improved full court basketball court.

This project will address the need for additional recreational activities for youth and adults in the community, promoting health and wellness.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity	Target populations: Not specified

Places for physical activity

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Clearinghouse:

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Clearinghouse:

What Works for Health

Settings:

Community

Clearinghouse rating:

Scientifically Supported

Ages:

Not specified

Outcomes:

Increased physical activity
 Improved physical fitness

Target populations:

Not specified

The goals of the project are to improve social, emotional, physical and mental health of the community through increased recreation opportunities for youth and adults.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Basketball Courts	1
Number of Courts Improved (Construction Pending)	0
QCT Served (Population)	2,888

Project Information Form

Project AR_NEASTN_2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT – Northeastern Park Improvements – Playground

Project Funding: \$250,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$250,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$250,000

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Northeastern Park by demolishing and replacing the existing playground that is at the end of its life. The new playground will include fitness oriented youth play equipment with climbing and bouldering features. Shade structures and/or landscaping will be added as well as benches and a drinking fountain.

This project will make the park more accessible by adding accessible entries to the playground.

Additional shade will attract more people of all ages to the park and the benches will offer a place to sit down for seniors and people with disabilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Some Evidence	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity	Not specified

Places for physical activity ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Scientifically Supported	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity Improved physical fitness	Not specified

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

QCT Served (Population)	3,072
Playground facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR PHOENIX 2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Phoenix Park - Inclusive Use and Development Study

Project Funding: \$150,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$150,000

Project overview

This project will study ways to make Phoenix Park a more inclusive park through: the addition of innovative park amenities that will encourage intergenerational activities; inclusion of the Downtown Library in the design process to integrate with their services; and design that will incorporate the essence of Downtown Lexington.

This project will make the park more accessible by incorporating universal design best practices.

This project will look for opportunities to add shade and benches which will attract more people of all ages and abilities to the park.

Use of Evidence

Evidence-based projects will be considered in the planning and design processes.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

QCT Served (Population)	6,746
Improved facility study completed	0

Project Information Form

Project AR PINMDW 2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - Pine Meadows Park - Playground and Park Improvements

Project Funding: \$150,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$150,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$150,000

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Pine Meadows Park by replacing the playground that was at the end of life with a new/improved playground.

This project will encourage fitness and intergenerational play with varying types of playground equipment.

This project will make the park more accessible by adding accessible equipment and walkways as part of the new playground.

Additional shade and seating will attract more people of all ages to the park and offer a place to relax for seniors and people with disabilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Some Evidence	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity	Not specified

Places for physical activity

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Scientifically Supported	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity Improved physical fitness	Not specified

The goals of the project are to increase overall attendance to Pine Meadows Park; increase intergenerational opportunities; and improve social, emotional, physical and mental health of the community through increased opportunities for people to gather and play.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

QCT Served (Population)	4,767
Playground and park facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_RVRHILL_2022: Access to Quality Green Space in QCT - River Hill Park Improvements - Sports Courts

Project Funding: \$165,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$165,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$165,000

Project overview

This project will demolish failing tennis courts and build new pickleball courts.

This project will address the need for additional recreational activities for youth, adults and seniors in the community, promoting health and wellness. This sport is very popular with seniors.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse:	Settings:
What Works for Health	Community
Clearinghouse rating:	Ages:
Some Evidence	Not specified
Outcomes:	Target populations:
Increased physical activity	Not specified

Places for physical activity

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Clearinghouse:

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Clearinghouse:

What Works for Health

Settings:

Community

Clearinghouse rating:

Scientifically Supported

Ages:

Not specified

Outcomes:

Increased physical activity
 Improved physical fitness

Target populations:

Not specified

The goals of the project are to improve social, emotional, physical and mental health of the community through increased recreation opportunities for youth, adults and seniors.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Courts	4
QCT Park Served (Population)	6,308
Sport court facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR XXXX 2022: Economic Development Grants to Service Partners

Project Funding: \$300,000

Total Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

The FY2022 Adopted Budget included APRA funding for second-year continuation funding to three Economic Development Partner agencies that are responsible for implementing, in part, the Economic Development goals of the LFUCG. These partners and their scope of work are as follows:

1. Euphrates International Investment Company: New business development, which includes creating and implementing a new business recruitment plan for the Lexington Economic Partnership, entrepreneur development and start-up assistance, minority business development, and maintenance of an available economic development property register;
2. Commerce Lexington: Existing business retention and expansion, and workforce development; and
3. EHI Consultants and Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County: Economic development services and referrals for the Lexington Opportunity Zone.

Economic Development is considered a general service of LFUCG, and is therefore an eligible expense under EC 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Euphrates International Investment Company	
Number of companies engaged during the reporting period for the purpose of location/relocation of business to Lexington	0
Commerce Lexington	
Number of Business Retention and Expansion program visits/tasks during the reporting period	0
EHI Consultants and Urban League of Lexington Fayette County	
Number of meetings with developers interested in projects within the Opportunity Zone	0
Number of meetings with companies interested in locating in the Opportunity Zone	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_BRYHILL_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Berry Hill Park Improvements - Basketball Court

Project Funding: \$175,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$175,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly improve Berry Hill Park by demolishing the failing basketball and tennis courts and build a new, improved full court basketball court.

This project will address the need for additional recreational activities for youth and adults in the community, promoting health and wellness.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Construction of parks is considered a general service of LFUCG, and is therefore an eligible expense under EC 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity	Target populations: Not specified

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Courts	1
Census Tract Served (Population)	6,746
Basketball court facilities improved (construction pending)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR BCKHRN 2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Buckhorn Park Improvements - Phase II Improvements

Project Funding: \$45,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$45,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Buckhorn Park by adding 5 new shade trees with a bench, planting a bio-swale along the service road, and adding additional paved walkway to create a walking loop.

This project will make the park more accessible by extending pavement to create a walking loop.

Additional shade will attract more people of all ages to the park and the bench will offer a place to sit down for seniors and people with disabilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Places for physical activity

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Scientifically Supported	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity Improved physical fitness	Target populations: Not specified

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

New Access to Park Amenities Census Tract Served (Population)	6,746
Walking loop facilities added (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_DGWOOD_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Dogwood Park Improvements - Basketball Court

Project Funding: \$95,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$95,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project Overview

This project will greatly improve Dogwood Park by building a new half-court basketball court in front of the playground.

This project will address the need for additional recreational activities for youth and adults in the community, promoting health and wellness.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Places for physical activity ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Scientifically Supported	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity Improved physical fitness	Target populations: Not specified

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

New basketball facilities (construction pending)	0
Census Tract Served (Population)	6,628

Project Information Form

Project AR GDNSDE 2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Gardenside Park Improvements - Playground

Project Funding: \$150,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$150,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Gardenside Park by replacing the playground that was at the end of life with a new/improved playground. The park currently has no playground as the former equipment was removed for safety purposes.

This project will encourage fitness and intergenerational play with varying types of playground equipment.

This project will make the park more accessible by adding accessible equipment and walkways as part of the new playground.

Additional shade and seating will attract more people of all ages to the park and offer a place to relax for seniors and people with disabilities.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ✕

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity	Target populations: Not specified

The goals of the project are to increase overall attendance to Gardenside Park; increase intergenerational opportunities; and improve social, emotional, physical and mental health of the community through increased opportunities for people to gather and play.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Census Tract Served (Population)	4,992
New playground facilities (constructing pending)	0

Project Information Form

Project MSTRSN 2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Masterson Station Park Improvements - Playground

Project Funding: \$150,000

Project Obligations: \$84,100

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$150,000

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Masterson Station Park by adding a new picnic shelter and completing the last phase of the playground improvement project with a climbing net.

This project will encourage fitness with the new climbing net in the playground.

Additional shade and seating with the new picnic shelter will attract more people of all ages to the park and offer a place to relax for seniors and people with disabilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Use of Evidence

Results First Clearinghouse Findings

Green space & parks ×

Clearinghouse: ●

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Clearinghouse: What Works for Health	Settings: Community
Clearinghouse rating: Some Evidence	Ages: Not specified
Outcomes: Increased physical activity	Target populations: Not specified

The goals of the project are to increase overall attendance to Masterson Station Park; increase intergenerational opportunities; and improve social, emotional and mental health of the community through increased opportunities for people to gather, eat and play.

Lexington's Parks and Recreation Master Plan's Goal 2: Great Experiences states, "Promote health, wellness and experiences for our growing population through programs and events." Goal 3: Great Stewardship states, "Value Lexington's resources through preservation, education and sustainable management practices." The Master Plan has a Wellness statement under Great Spaces: "Increase fitness opportunities in parks." and a Facilities statement under Great Experiences: "Increase shade in parks."

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Census Tract Served (Population)	3,517
Shelter Rental Attendance (CY 2019)	4,827
New shelters constructed (pending construction)	0
Playground facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR Meadow 2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Meadowthorpe Park Improvements - Roof Repair

Project Funding: \$80,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Meadowthorpe Park by repairing the roof of the community building that hosts neighborhood meetings and special events.

This project will address the needs of the community to have a space to hold important neighborhood meetings and special events that bring people of all ages in the neighborhood together during all seasons of the year.

The goals of the project are to increase the number of neighbor meetings and special events that can be held in a safe environment; increase intergenerational opportunities; and improve social, emotional and mental health of the community through increased opportunities for people to gather.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

Building repair is considered a general service of LFUCG, and is therefore an eligible expense under EC 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Events - 2019 (Gabe Hensley will provide)	79
Census Tract Served (Population)	1,581
Building facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_RVNRUN_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Raven Run Park Improvements - Prather House Roof Repair

Project Funding: \$50,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.01, Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Raven Run Park by repairing the roof as a critical step to restoring the Prather House, which is of historical significance as one of the oldest brick homes in Central Kentucky.

This project will address the needs of the community to preserve historic buildings and landmarks.

The goals of the project are to preserve the historic Prather House at Raven Run Park for current and future residents and visitors to the park. Historic buildings are an important part of preserving the history of Fayette County, and the Prather House is a perfect example of a building that has been in disrepair but can be restored as an example of a brick home from the 1800's.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

Building repair is considered a general service of LFUCG, and is therefore an eligible expense under EC 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Number of Walk-in Visitors – FY 2021	62,574
Programs	0
Community Served (only nature reserve in Fayette County)	322,570 (according to the 2020 Census)
Building facilities improved (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_SHILTO_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Shillito Park
Improvements - Access Improvement - Parking Lot Construction

Project Funding: \$400,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Shillito Park by paving informal gravel parking areas and repairing existing parking lots.

This project sees a very high volume of use. Therefore, more paved parking and resurfacing of existing parking lots is needed to accommodate the large number of people that visit the park.

This project will make the park more accessible by paving gravel lots and resurfacing parking lots that are in disrepair.

The goals of the project are to meet the parking needs of people that attend Shillito Park and improve the accessibility of the park for people of all ages and abilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

Construction of parks is considered a general service of LFUCG, and is therefore an eligible expense under EC 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Census Tract Served (Population)	5,760
Number of Times Fields Used (CY 2019)	159
Recreational space parking access improvements (pending construction)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_STHLND_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Southland Park Improvements - Access Improvement - Parking Repairs

Project Funding: \$100,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Southland Park by repairing the lower lot that services Southland Pool.

This existing parking lot surface has failed and is in need of repair.

This project will make the park more accessible by repaving this lot.

The goals of the project are to meet the parking needs of people that attend Southland Pool and improve the accessibility of the park for people of all ages and abilities.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

This is considered a park enhancement, and will provide an opportunity to increase usability of an existing recreation space.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Census Tract Served (Population)	4,260
Southland Pool Attendance (CY 2019)	63,103
Recreational space parking access improvements (construction pending)	0

Project Information Form

Project AR_WDLAND_2022: Neighborhood Recreation Improvements - Woodland Park Improvements - Restroom Facilities

Project Funding: \$375,000

Project Expenditures: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Evidence Based Funding Total: \$0

Equity Based Funding Total: \$0

Project overview

This project will greatly enhance Woodland Park by replacing the existing restroom building. The existing restroom building is beyond the end of life with frequent failures. The current design has been identified as a serious safety concern related to drug use and loitering and is not ADA compliant.

This project will make the park more accessible by renovating the existing restrooms to comply with ADA.

These improvements were included in the Lexington Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but have not been funded due to lack of funding availability. Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and resulted in projects being held or not funded on a regular schedule.

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Performance Report

Additional Performance Measures

Census Tract Park Served (Population)	4,116
Attendance of Special Events	46,000
Restroom facilities improved (construction pending)	0