



RECOVERY PLAN

American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2025

County of Luzerne, PA

2025 Recovery Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Luzerne County is committed to providing a direct pandemic response to meet our most pressing community needs. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocations have been a crucial lifeline to empower jurisdictions to respond to the needs of their communities that the COVID-19 pandemic has directly and indirectly exacerbated.

President Biden signed this act into law on March 11, 2021; Luzerne County has received its total allocation of \$112,890,152 in ARPA SLFRF funding from the United States Treasury (UST). Upon receiving notice of the funding award, Luzerne County leadership elicited feedback from County departments, elected officials and their constituents, County administration, and community service agencies to develop a framework for the distribution of these necessary funds informed by the County's highest needs related to its COVID-19 pandemic response. The SLFRF framework assures that these projects' design, planning, and implementation equitably meet the needs of Luzerne County's most vulnerable and disproportionately affected community members, local businesses, and historically underrepresented individuals.



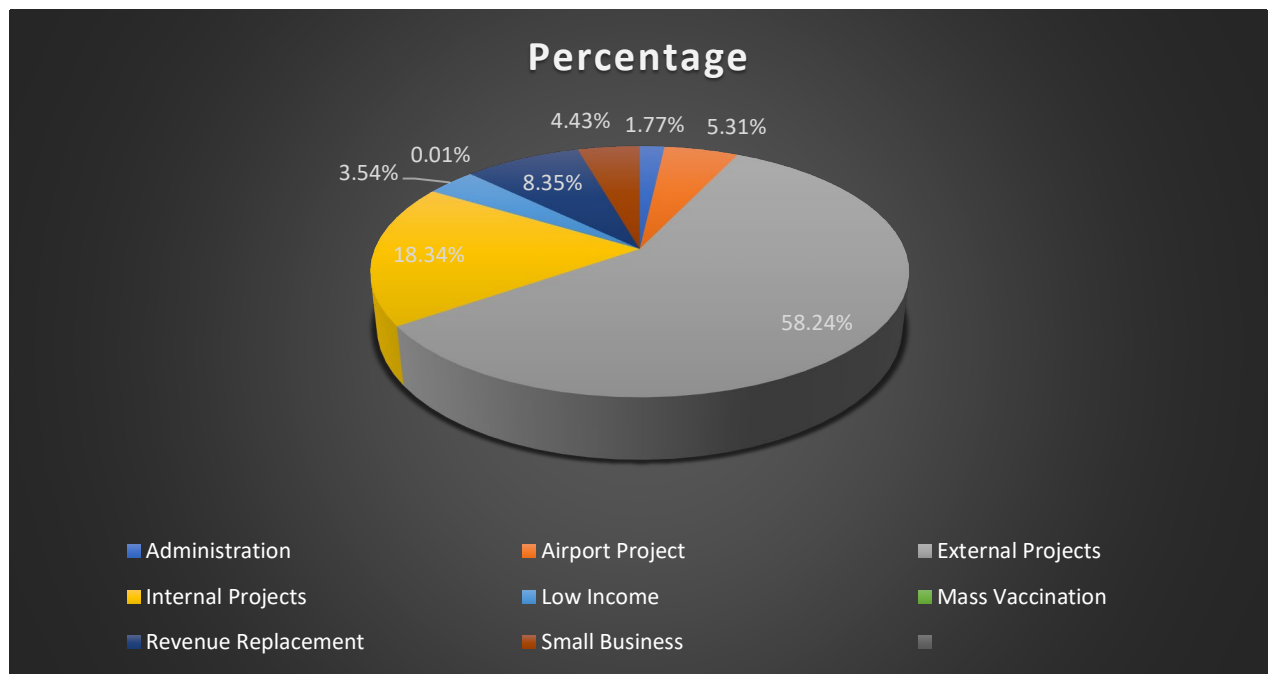
COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

Through its reporting, Luzerne County provides transparency in how the funds are used and safeguards them from fraud, waste, and abuse. Luzerne County will continue to use SLFRF funds to maximize the impact of the available funds on vulnerable communities while also providing the necessary budget stability to allow the County to continue to recover from and respond to any additional effects of the pandemic. Luzerne County directed SLFRF funds toward various programs in FY 2023 and encountered no extraordinary challenges during SLFRF utilization beyond the normal trials associated with learning and integrating the Final Rule and the Uniform Guidance. Luzerne County understands the importance of collecting programmatic and performance data and the vital role this data plays in effectively monitoring and measuring services and resources dedicated to individuals, businesses, and communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

USES OF FUNDS

Luzerne County (County) intends to use the ARPA and coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) in six major categories: Negative Economic Impacts, Pandemic Response, Revenue Loss, Administration, Public Health, and Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects. The Luzerne County Council has approved the following funding buckets for the ARPA funds:

Funding Bucket	Funded Amount	% of Total Funding
Administration	\$ 1,999,411.00	1.77%
Airport Project	\$ 6,000,000.00	5.31%
External Projects	\$ 65,749,521.11	58.24%
Internal Projects	\$ 20,708,132.38	18.34%
Low Income	\$ 4,000,000.00	3.54%
Mass Vaccination	\$ 10,145.00	.01%
Revenue Replacement	\$ 9,422,942.51	8.35%
Small Business	\$ 5,000,000.00	4.43%
Subtotal	\$112,890,152.00	100%



A key objective is to achieve economic recovery for businesses and individuals who suffered financially due to the pandemic, which led to industry closures and impacted workers in the County. The County issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity and subsequently awarded funding to 113 external projects aimed at local municipalities, municipal authorities, land banks, airports, small businesses, and non-profit organizations. They are collaborating with other organizations to establish additional programs for senior citizens and households disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Additionally, the County supports initiatives that promote tourism to revitalize the industry, which was severely impacted by the Shelter in Place Order. Last year, two more projects concerning Emergency Natural Disasters were also awarded.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

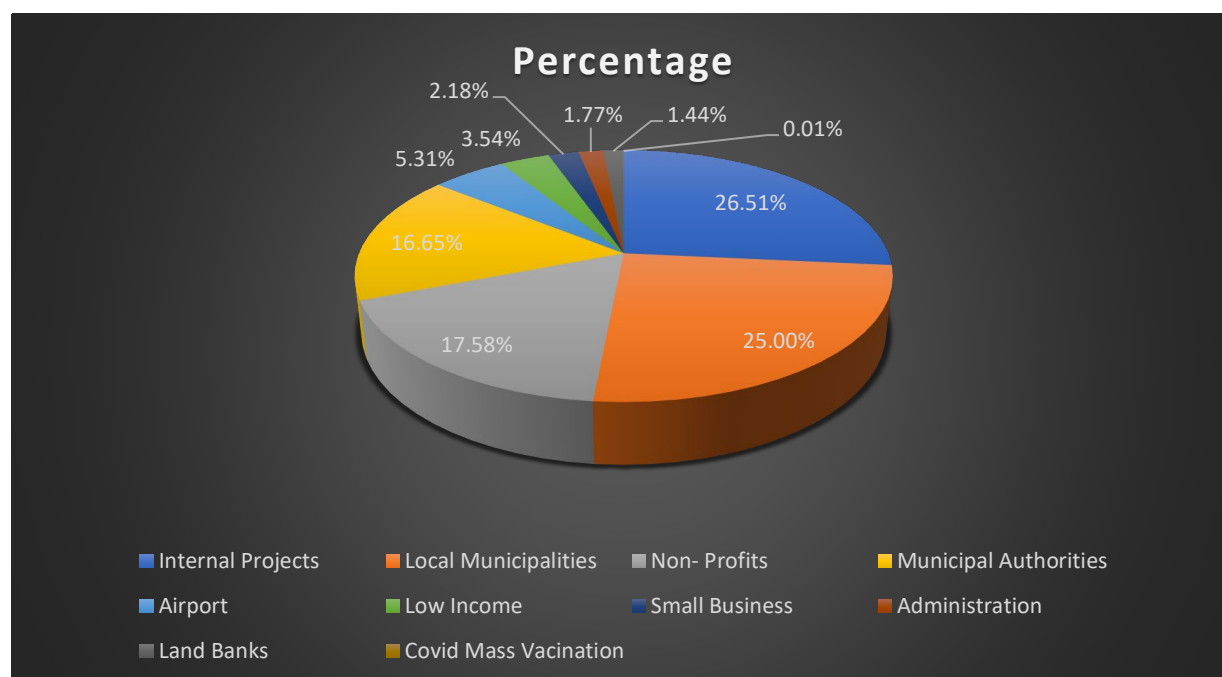


projects.

In 2021, shortly after the onset of the pandemic, the County released an ARPA Pre-Application Survey on its website. This survey provided information about American Rescue Plan funds and solicited funding proposals and expressions of interest from the general public. The County reviewed these proposals and has continued the evaluation process from 2022 through 2024 to award all the funds received for ARPA

The County awarded 152 projects. Of these, 26.51% to internal projects, 25.00% were allocated to Local Municipalities, 17.58% to Non-Profit Organizations, 16.65% to Municipal Authorities, 5.31% for Airport Renovations, 3.54% for Low-Income initiatives, 2.18% for Small Businesses, 1.77% for Administration, 1.44% for Land Banks, and 0.01% for COVID mass vaccination efforts.

Type of Organization	Percentage
Internal Projects	26.51 %
Local Municipalities	25.00%
Non-Profits	17.58 %
Municipal Authorities	16.65 %
Airport	5.31%
Low Income	3.54%
Small Business	2.18 %
Administration	1.77%
Land Banks	1.44%
Covid Mass Vaccination	.01 %

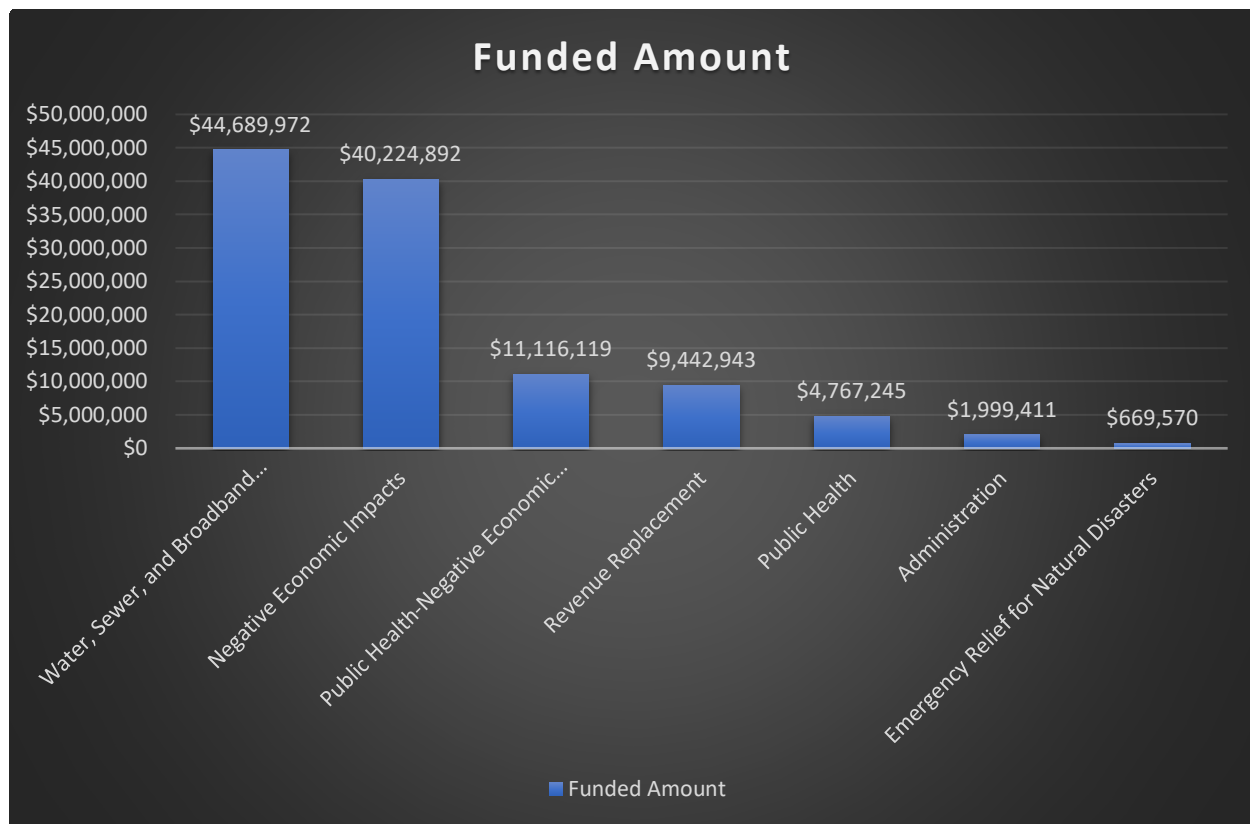


The community identified the following critical uses of the funds:

- Administration
- Public Health

- Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households, Assistance to Non-Profits, Assistance to Small Businesses, Aid to Impacted Industries, Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
- Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure
- Revenue Replacement
- Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters

Uses of Funds	Funded Amount
Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$44,689,972
Negative Economic Impacts	\$40,224,892
Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$ 11,116,119
Revenue Replacement	\$9,422,943
Public Health	\$ 4,767,245
Administration	\$1,999,411
Emergency Relief for Natural Disasters	\$669,570



In some cases, the proposals would be funded in total, some in part, and all submissions were valuable resources used to inform the County of the community's needs. In addition to the portal above, the County leveraged its strong network of community-based partners and agencies. The ongoing dialogue and partnership with community agencies helped inform the County regarding the needs of the larger community and provided a network of services to County residents. In addition to those above, the County offered opportunities for the general public to provide valued input at County Council Meetings and public hearings.

These meetings and hearings were not necessarily exclusive to ARPA funding but were part of the County's existing practice of providing a venue for community input and engagement.

County departments have submitted funding requests for projects that will benefit the County and its residents. In response, the County has developed a refined process to determine the most effective ways to invest American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to address the community's immediate and long-term needs. This process was informed in part by the work of the joint County-County Recovery and Resiliency Committee. As mentioned earlier, community organizations seeking financial support for proposals using ARPA funding were encouraged to submit their proposals online. This submission required a standard form that outlines a budget and explains how the funds will be utilized.

LABOR PRACTICES

Luzerne County implemented robust labor standards for infrastructure projects to support economic recovery by providing reliable job opportunities for workers. Additionally, the County has established measures and policies related to responsible wages, wage theft prevention,

competitive procurement, and supplier and workforce diversity and inclusion. These policies promote strong labor standards and will be applied to relevant ARPA projects.

USE OF EVIDENCE

Evidence-based interventions are currently being evaluated for inclusion in County programs moving forward. The programs already funded through the SLFRF have yet to be primarily designed to create an evidence-building strategy.

PERFORMANCE REPORT

On July 1, 2023, the County introduced an electronic Performance Reporting Survey to track the funds' overarching goals and measure results for individual projects. This survey captures critical performance metrics for funded projects, allowing for assessment and evaluation.

This performance report includes the following:

- Organization / Department
- Eligible Category
- Final- Not Final
- Awarded Amount
- Project Status/ Progress
- Project Description
- Project Accomplishments
- Testimonials
- Programmatic Data
- Evidence-Based Study- depending on Eligible Category
- Supporting Data
- Financial Reports

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TESTIMONIALS

Supporting Small Business



AMY BEZEK PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC.

Award \$200,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

We have successfully completed the project, and the previously blighted property has been restored. I received the occupancy code, and the grand opening for my small business was held on November 17, 2023. Since then, I have been working at the new location.

Forty Fort Mayor Brian Thomas attended the grand opening and remarked that the building looks gorgeous compared to its former state. The previous owners also came to the event and

expressed their disbelief at how much it had transformed. I was thrilled to see their happiness knowing the building was restored rather than demolished. The contractors' renovations were outstanding, making the building beautiful.

We held our first fundraising event, "FUN" raiser with Santa photos, to benefit Dinners for Kids (DFK) and raised \$420 for the organization. We are excited to continue these photo FUN raisers in the future to support more local non-profits.

Additionally, we have launched natural healing classes and meditation sessions at the new location to help locals improve their mindsets. The parking lot has also been completed and painted. The owner of the car wash next door, Greg Lane, expressed interest in remodeling his own business and requested my contractor's information. I provided him with the details for Black Label Builders.

Now that the building is ADA-compliant, I feel reassured that people with disabilities can access the space for their portraits. I am also working on a free documentary series about cancer in Northeast Pennsylvania, which I am passionate about since I was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) breast cancer in October 2021.

Many locals have been stopping by the new studio, smiling and complimenting the space. Overall, the entire neighborhood is pleased with this project!

Non-Profit Organizations



FORK OVER LOVE

Award \$500,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

Fork Over Love's Nourish the Community Program delivered 44,763 nutritious, chef-made dinners to residents throughout Luzerne County who struggle to put food on the table. Fork Over Love secured the dinners by investing 85% of the grant funding—a total of \$425,000.40—in Luzerne County's independent restaurant community to purchase delicious, dignified dinners from Certified Restaurant Partners. By investing in our restaurants to feed our people, Fork Over Love's program significantly impacted two groups that the Treasury deems negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Fork Over Love invested \$66,000 in Luzerne County's workforce to administer the program. A mere 1.7% of the funding allocated was invested outside of Luzerne County to secure much-needed supplies competitively.

The Nourish the Community program's performance results were exceptional, surpassing the intended performance goals and achievements as outlined in the project scope:

- 44,763 dinners delivered (4,563 more than anticipated)
- \$425,000.40 invested in the restaurant community (a \$23,000 increase)

- 55% of food deliveries were in Qualified Census Tracts as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office During the program. Fork Over Love partnered with 82 restaurant partners who employ over 1,000 employees and 57 nonprofit and faith-based collaborators at 240 service delivery events. 81% of the delivery events were public events, 15% were nonprofit partnerships, and 4.2% were home delivery events. Service delivery events were executed by hundreds of community volunteers.

Testimonials

“The Nourish the Community program has impacted the community by:

- Delivering 44,763 nutritious, chef-made dinners to food-insecure residents
- Investing \$425,000 into the independent restaurant community, 34% of which was women-owned and 18% minority-owned
- Helping FOL establish and solidify partnerships with 57 nonprofit/faith-based collaborators to host or help distribute food throughout the County
- Paving the way for future program sustainability using this socially innovative approach to combat food insecurity among the working poor in our community. Throughout the program, we received numerous testimonials from residents receiving food, restaurants cooking food, and partners who have helped us distribute food.

The testimonial can be viewed and heard through this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vn4cs8z1Ak61ZpPQ7lxXTnFlcM3V6Ws5?usp=sharing>”



CANDY'S PLACE CANCER WELLNESS CENTER

Award \$115,900

Performance Achievement of the Project

Candy's Place (The Cancer Wellness Center of NEPA) provides a menu of support services to individuals going through their journey with cancer and their caregivers. We have expanded our services to include the parents of children with cancer and are in the process of launching a program for veterans with cancer. Our services fall into 3 main categories that constitute our core program: Relaxation Therapies, Fitness, and Emotional Support. The population served by Candy's Place has been adversely impacted by the COVID pandemic in that they are medically compromised, and their ability to be in public is a risk. We modified our facility and schedule to reduce this risk by allowing more time between appointments. This has created a pent-up demand. Candy's Place, like many nonprofits, has seen its ability to fundraise greatly decrease. A reduction in the first 2 years of COVID has produced a \$65,000 deficit from normal fundraising.

Candy's Place has been able to increase our services, as well as the availability of our Service Providers. This has allowed us to accommodate more clients to participate in our services.

Testimonials

"I would like [potential customers] to know that if they have cancer or if they know somebody who has cancer, that they need to come here. They need to find out what services they might be able to utilize. But more than that, they just need to come here for the fellowship, for the support, and find out that they are not alone in the process and that there are many people going through it."



Award \$147,150

Performance Achievement of the Project

Dress for Success Luzerne County maintains a proprietary database that contains information on all the women we serve. The Program Manager is responsible for maintaining contact with our clients and tracking their progress. Clients are interviewed at three-month, six-month, and one-year intervals after receiving services. Progress is recorded, and formal reports are generated quarterly to evaluate program success. Success is defined as a client maintaining employment for at least three months.

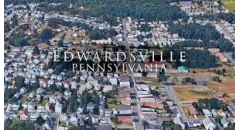
From April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, Dress for Success Luzerne County served 78 women in our Career Center, who attended workshops at Luzerne County Correctional Facility and/or Luzerne County Community College. We assisted two women in updating and creating their resumes and taught them how to conduct effective job searches. Additionally, 36 women received support from our clothing program, 11 of whom also attended our workshops.

Of the 105 women we served, 12 (11%) have been employed for at least two months; 14 (13%) have been employed for over 30 days and are enrolled in post-secondary educational programs; 5 (4%) were released to rehabilitation; 8 (7%) remain unemployed; 25 (24%) are still incarcerated; and 41 (39%) have not been in contact.

Dress for Success Luzerne County is in the final stages of expanding its operations into lower Luzerne County and opening a new branch office in Hazleton. We expect to serve a significantly larger number of women through our clothing program and partner with additional agencies to offer pre-employment workshops.

Testimonials

"On May 21, Linda Loop was visited by two women who attended her workshops in Luzerne County Correctional Facility. Both women were doing well, employed, and were maintaining their abstinence from opioids and crack."



EDWARDSVILLE HOMETOWN COMMITTEE

Award \$50,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

This project will significantly improve the quality of life for the youth in the borough of Edwarsville. As the borough with the lowest per capita income on the west side of the Wyoming Valley, Edwarsville has faced considerable challenges, especially during the pandemic. The area saw an influx of lower-income residents during this time, as many moved from larger cities to Edwarsville in search of more affordable living conditions.

Revitalizing Veterans Park is essential and will enhance the quality of life for the youth of Edwarsville and neighboring communities. Our plans include replacing the aging playground equipment, upgrading the playground surface, adding lighting, repairing the fencing, incorporating interactive murals, and improving the overall appearance and safety of the park. The new playground has already been installed.

Testimonials

“With the completion of the equipment install, we are pleased to say we were able to re-open our park to our residents this spring.”



THE FOOD DIGNITY PROJECT

Award \$500,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

In the second quarter of 2024 (Q2 2024), The Food Dignity Project provided locally sourced fresh fruits and vegetables to 1,448 unique, food-insecure individuals each week through a network of 24 nonprofit and community partners. These organizations serve a variety of populations, including unhoused individuals, veterans, families escaping domestic violence, people in substance use recovery, as well as communities within universities, schools, and after-school programs.

During this quarter, we organized 17 “Take What You Need, Pay What You Can” farm stands, reaching a total of 6,234 people. We distributed over 46,281 pounds of locally sourced food, amounting to more than \$45,148 invested in Pennsylvania farms and a local produce vendor. Our farming network expanded this quarter as we began purchasing sweet potatoes from Jacob K.

Stoltzfus, an Amish farmer with a surplus. Throughout this initiative, Food Dignity collaborated directly with eight local farmers who collectively engaged with a network of 43 Pennsylvania growers and producers.

Major Outcomes:

1. Through our nonprofit and community partnerships, we provided nutritious food to an average of 1,400 residents in Luzerne County each week.
2. In 2023, we invested \$222,782 into our local agriculture system, with \$165,658 coming from this ARPA award. The total project investment in local agriculture throughout the performance period is \$261,244.40.
3. From August 2023 to June 2024, our “Take What You Need, Pay What You Can” farm stands served over 12,803 residents in Luzerne County.
4. Our purchases helped prevent over 30,000 pounds of local fruits and vegetables from going to waste.
5. A fifth-generation family farm reported that 2023 was the first year they operated year-round, thanks to our purchases of their storage crops during the winter months.
6. First-generation farmers focused on long-term sustainability by planting nut and fruit trees.
7. A female farmer, who faced closure after a decade of operation, successfully rebranded her business and continued operations, retaining all her employees.
8. Community partners reported increased participation:
 - a. Volunteers in Medicine served over 100 patients on food distribution days, compared to 60 or less otherwise.
 - b. PA CareerLink sees higher attendance at job fairs when we provide a produce stand.
 - c. Willow Foundation had a 60% increase in participation in their onsite meal program.
 - d. New Roots saw a 100% increase in nutrition-based services with more offerings around food and cooking.
9. We purchased a refrigerated delivery van, which has allowed us to transport food from local farms throughout our community at food-safe temperatures, ensuring freshness and maintaining peak quality.

Food Dignity has experienced growth in in-kind support during the ARPA performance period. We received grants from the Giant Company, the Willary Foundation, and the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund to further our project work. Additionally, our “Take What You Need, Pay What You Can” farm stands have been supported through sponsorships from local businesses and organizations.

We are currently awaiting responses for several other grant applications to support our ongoing programming. One of these applications included in-kind match contributions from local farms

and partner organizations, which consist of volunteer hours, program location space, and the service hours of an AmeriCorps National Health Corps member, all valued at over \$1.6 million. We are pleased to report that we will continue operations well into the future.

Later this year, Food Dignity will collaborate with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University to evaluate our programming as a best practice for resilient food systems. We plan to share our findings to assist other organizations looking to implement similar initiatives across the country.

Thank you for selecting Food Dignity as a recipient of the ARPA grant awards in Luzerne County. We have witnessed the overwhelmingly positive impacts of this programming on the lives of our community members and are grateful for the county's support in these efforts.

Testimonials

The Lands at Hillside Farms: "Food Dignity's laudable initiative serves to fortify a dynamic regional food system that champions our small farmers in Pennsylvania, inclusive of newcomers to farming, farms owned by veterans, and female farmers. For five years, we have maintained a fruitful partnership with Food Dignity, which significantly amplified the capacity to deliver fresh local produce and protein to vulnerable children, adults, and families within our community. Notably, Food Dignity's role was indispensable during our therapeutic Care Farming Sessions tailored for children who have experienced trauma. Moreover, Food Dignity's initiative of "Pay What You Can" stands hosted at our farm admirably served our local community members, offering access to fresh, local produce and baked goods. An indispensable component of this initiative was the distribution of Hillside gift cards, redeemable at our dairy store, facilitating even more accessible support to our community." - Chet Mozloom, Executive Director.

Burger's Farm: "Food Dignity has helped reduce food waste and income loss by helping move excess produce during times of overproduction. If we and other local farmers didn't have FD as an outlet for this excess produce, we would not only lose money, but would also waste perfectly edible food by having to dispose of it." - Leonard Burger, Farm Owner and Manager.

Endless Roots Farm: "Our partnership with the Food Dignity Movement has been extremely impactful—financially, environmentally, and socially. The purchases made by Food Dignity have not only helped our annual bottom line but have also allowed us to purchase infrastructure that will make every aspect of our business more sustainable in the future. The type (ex., firsts and seconds) and quantity of food that Food Dignity can take have made a large impact on the environment. As small farmers, we often have large quantities, but we do not consistently like large farms. Instead of food spoiling in the field or going to compost because it has a small blemish, Food Dignity has used it to feed our community. Lastly, we became farmers to impact the environment and feed our community positively. Food Dignity has brought us to the table and enabled us to extend our reach to get healthy, nutrient-dense food to those who need it most. Our partnership with Food Dignity hits every level of sustainability, and we are beyond proud of the work we have done together." - Elizabeth Krug, Owner/Operator

New Roots: “Our organization works with the Food Dignity® Project to fight food insecurity among marginalized populations, focusing on individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders. Creating a more resilient food system infrastructure by the Food Dignity® Project will ensure that vulnerable populations can access nourishing food at our Recovery Support Centers in Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, and Tamaqua. Additionally, community-based staff can bridge the gap for individuals and families who lack the resources to access food pantries. The core values of The Food Dignity® Project are to remove stigma, ignite compassion around hidden hunger, and offer dignified and equitable access to nutritious food. This approach, which uses collaboration, education, research, and outreach, directly aligns with the mission of New Roots, Inc. The mission of New Roots, Inc. is to provide hope and support to individuals with Substance Use Disorder and their families and to facilitate the journey towards a healthier life through meaningful relationships and community engagement. The partnership with Food Dignity has not only diversified the food available in our pantries but has also given us access to locally sourced fresh food, grown in season, and even picked fresh sometimes in the morning of our food distribution days. This has increased the shelf life of the produce we provide for our members. The addition of nutrient-dense foods has positively impacted the health incomes of the individuals and families we serve.” - Kristen Topolski, Chief Executive Officer.

Luzerne/ Schuylkill Workforce Development Board: “I am writing on behalf of the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Development Board (LIS WDB) to express our support for the invaluable work being accomplished by the Food Dignity Movement in supporting our local farmers and fostering community engagement and health. The Food Dignity® Project has a 5-year best practice, creating a resilient food supply chain through a network of local farmers and many non-profits, boroughs, and companies across Northeastern, PA. Our partnership with Food Dignity creates a new market for our local and regional farmers while providing nourishing food to people who need it the most. We are also creating a new pathway for culinary students to learn about food sustainability, working with local farmers, and cooking locally sourced food. The commitment and dedication of their organization to creating a sustainable and thriving agricultural community are commendable. We share a common “customer” with the Food Dignity movement, and our joint events have been huge successes. On September 12, 2023, the PA CareerLink® and the Food Dignity® Movement partnered at an event that served approximately 300 people, providing them with employment and training information and fresh produce. Subsequent events focused on the veteran and English language learning populations have been equally successful. We look forward to witnessing the positive changes their programming will bring about in our community.” - Patricia Lenahan, CWDP: MS, Executive Director.



MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

Award \$500,000.00

Performance Achievement of the Project

Funding has been allocated to enhance the recent capital improvements made to Passan Hall, which bolsters health sciences education at Misericordia University. Our ARPA request outlined how the proposed project would assist Luzerne County in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We emphasized the pressing need for a new influx of skilled talent to alleviate the strain on a healthcare workforce already overburdened before the pandemic. The comprehensive renovation project at Passan Hall will significantly enhance our capacity to graduate students into health professions currently experiencing acute shortages.

Additionally, this project is particularly beneficial for the Luzerne County region, which has a high percentage of senior citizens. The local hospitals and health systems rely heavily on the quality of students Misericordia University attracts and graduates.

Local Municipalities



GREATER HAZLETON JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

Award \$2,000,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

The installation of the new sewer main and laterals on Vine Street has been completed. Additionally, the main lines and laterals on Birch and Chapel Streets, west of Church Street, are also finished. The contractor's 5th, 6th, and 7th payment requests have been received, approved, and paid.

Field inspections, dye testing, and tagging of roof drains in construction areas 2 and 3 are currently ongoing. The second round of inspections and tagging for all residents west of Church Street has been completed and disconnect letters have been sent to the list of non-compliant residences in that area.

Inspections on the east side of Church Street are still in progress. The boring under the Norfolk Southern Railroad on Wyoming Street is scheduled for the week following July 4. The PENNVEST closing took place on June 18, 2024. A total of 180 residences have been inspected, with 77 tagged and 45 corrected. Approximately 80% of the roof drain inspections in Areas 2 and 3 have been completed.



CITY OF WILKES-BARRE PA

Award \$350,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

The City of Wilkes-Barre has purchased and received a new 2022 Ford F450 4x4 Braun Liberty Type 1 ambulance, which is equipped with the latest anti-viral technology. This ambulance was put into service on August 17, 2023. Between August 17, 2023, and September 30, 2023, the new ambulance responded to a total of 402 calls for service. Although COVID-19 was not specifically tracked in the patient care reports, 30 of these calls were classified under the “medical category - breathing problems,” some of which may have been related to COVID-19.

Testimonials

“The City of Wilkes-Barre has a population of 44,453 and is the county seat of Luzerne County. Therefore, the city has critical infrastructure that most other communities in the County do not have to service. The critical infrastructure includes three hospitals (Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, Veterans Hospital & Wilkes-Barre General), King’s College (43 buildings) & Wilkes-University (33 buildings), County & Federal courthouses, Luzerne County Correctional Facility, city schools & more. In addition to the commercialized downtown area (15,000 downtown employees Monday through Friday), the city is densely populated with 19,595 housing units. Unfortunately, 23.3% of the residents in the city live below the poverty level. Therefore, having adequate emergency medical services is paramount for public safety.”



CONYNGHAM BOROUGH

Award \$785,000.00

Performance Achievement of the Project

The completion of this project directly addresses public health and safety concerns that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. While measuring the impact is not currently anticipated, we can gather testimonials from residents of the Borough and nearby communities who will benefit from the recreation and safety improvements if necessary.

Columbia Excavating LLC has installed a comprehensive trail system that connects Nature Park to Whispering Willows, which includes a pedestrian crossing.

Testimonials:

The walking trails are used daily by residents and citizens from surrounding communities, contributing to a safe and healthy environment for everyone.



LUZERNE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Award \$200,000,000

Performance Achievement of the Project

The Luzerne County Convention Center Authority (LCCCA) has identified several energy conservation measures (ECMs) to be implemented at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. The modified project description focuses on the most critical needs of the arena and has been adjusted to align with the funding awarded to LCCCA.

As part of this project, LCCCA will replace the water-cooled chiller at the Mohegan Sun Arena, which is essential for producing ice for the ice hockey floor. This chiller is beyond its expected useful lifespan of twenty-three years, and one of its compressors failed in September 2022. The ARPA Grant will assist in funding this project, particularly following the decreased revenue the arena experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which hindered LCCCA's ability to make this vital replacement during that time.

LCCCA has partnered with CMTA, Inc. to carry out this work under a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) project. The replacement of the water-cooled chiller will be executed through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, covering all aspects of the project, including design work, materials, labor for demolition and installation, commissioning, and training for the owner.

Construction is expected to continue into the first quarter of 2025, with project completion anticipated in the second quarter of 2025. This project aims to enhance the effectiveness and energy conservation efficiency of the Mohegan Sun Arena as it continues to serve as a significant community venue in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



OBLATES OF SAINT JOSEPH

Award \$79,868

Performance Achievement of the Project

The pandemic significantly impacted the early childhood sector in our area. The project aimed to create a safe environment for preschool and school-aged children, with a particular focus on improving classroom air quality. Research indicated that good air quality is essential for preventing the spread of COVID-19. Active Pure technologies were implemented to achieve this necessary environment. The research justified the importance of maintaining air quality in classrooms, and the project successfully addressed the recommendations outlined in the study.

SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP

Luzerne County, PA

SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP

Award \$35500.00

Performance Achievement of the Project

Sub-recipient microgrants were awarded to applicants chosen by the volunteer community board to support projects aimed at offsetting financial shortfalls caused by COVID-19 for small businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Through this initiative, several small businesses received funding via microgrants to help stimulate their recovery after the losses incurred during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, various nonprofit agencies and school groups were funded to help compensate for lost fundraising opportunities due to the pandemic.

Testimonials:

We have forwarded some fantastic pictures of the children from the school during their field trip to an art museum. Additionally, various school groups successfully purchased items for activities such as band, drama, and reading clubs. Funds donated to charitable foundations allowed us to buy coats, gloves, and other clothing items for those in need. The Brainard Church, a historic building, was able to update its heating system, and our municipal recreation committees made improvements to their recreational areas.

Municipal Authority



BOROUGH OF FREELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Award \$227,400

Performance Achievement of the Project

The Borough of Freeland Municipal Authority operates and maintains a series of wells, a treatment system, an associated clear well, and an elevated water storage tank that serve approximately 2,400 homes and businesses in the Borough of Freeland. The current water delivery operating system and safety equipment rely on cellular bandwidth for connectivity. This cellular system controls the SCADA Alarm System, which detects malfunctions, power failures, well stoppages, and chemical usage demands, and records data relevant to water treatment, operations, and delivery.

Due to poor cellular service coverage in the Freeland area, the system often experiences reduced signal strength, slow response times, and malfunctions, hindering the delivery of safe and effective water service. To address these issues, the Fiber Optic Installation Project was initiated, which involves the installation of a fiber-optic network at seven locations, utilizing 2-strand fiber optic lines and the necessary routing hardware. This dedicated, offline (not connected to the public internet) system provides the Authority with a reliable method for monitoring and controlling their water system while enhancing security against cyber threats.

In addition to better communication for detecting water issues, the fiber-optic system enables the Authority to install security cameras to prevent theft and other intrusions. Fiber optic connections have now been installed at all well houses, tanks, and the wastewater treatment plant. The camera systems have also been completed at the well houses, tanks, office, and treatment plant areas.

The Authority is pleased with the fiber optic installation, as it has resolved the downtime issues previously experienced with cellular service. The dedicated fiber optic infrastructure also reduces the Authority's vulnerability to cybersecurity threats.

Testimonials

"Since implementing the dedicated fiber optic installation, The Authority has not experienced any downtime or false alarms within the SCADA System. The project benefits all customers of the Borough of Freeland Municipal Authority, which serves customers in Freeland Borough and small parts of Foster and Butler Townships."

PROJECT INVENTORY

The Project Inventory includes project description, eligible activity, and internal and external SLFRF-funded projects.

SMALL BUSINESS PROJECTS

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Amy Bezek Photography, LLC	ABP Enhancement and Restoration Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
Coslett Dental Solutions	Operational Expenses	Negative Economic Impact	\$94,366.00
Dantone Vending, LLC	Bringing Vending Back to Luzerne County	Negative Economic Impact	\$40,000.00
DMC Graphics	Furnace replacement	Negative Economic Impact	\$8,075.00
Dr. Joseph Costello	Provide Care to Senior Citizens, Non/Underinsured	Negative Economic Impact	\$50,000.00
Joe Grotto Inc	Grotto Pizza	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
Lang Beverage Company	Sanitizer Production	Negative Economic Impact	\$50,000.00

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Michael C Baloga (The Foot and Ankle Center)	Foot and Ankle Center expansion	Negative Economic Impact	\$63,300.00
New Roots, Inc.	Recovery Support Services	Public Health	\$200,000.00
Patte's Sports Bar and Restaurant	Renovation Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$155,000.00
Power and Success Inc	Power and Success	Negative Economic Impact	\$100,000.00
Ryba's Auto Sales	Showroom Addition	Negative Economic Impact	\$80,000.00
Second Family Memory Care LLC	Reminis City	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
Shawn Belle LLC	Beyond the Music	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
Staggers Southern Cuisine	Staggers Southern Cuisine	Negative Economic Impact	\$25,000.00
ValentinXStudios	Post Covid Business Development Headshots	Negative Economic Impact	\$10,975.00
Valley Crest Real Estate LP	Regional Storm Water Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$200,000.00
Wilkes-Barre Area Community Gardens	Community Gardens	Negative Economic Impact	\$40,000.00

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Allied Services Personal Care d/b/a/ Allied Services Center City Skilled Nursing	COVID Prevention & Mitigation - Evidence Based Facility Improvements	Public Health	\$500,000.00
Avoca Hose Company No 1	Technical Rescue Strut Replacement	Negative Economic Impact	\$75,515.00
Back Mountain Recreation, Inc	Lost Income and Walking Path Improvements	Negative Economic Impact	\$156,900.00
Beaver Brook Association	WATER INTERCONNECTION	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$120,000.00
Beech Mountain Lakes Association, Inc.	Stormwater Run-Off & Erosion Infrastructure	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$500,000.00
Candy's Place Cancer Wellness Center	Cancer Support Services	Negative Economic Impact	\$115,900.00
Commission on Economic Opportunity 1	Luzerne County Whole Home Repair Program	Negative Economic Impact	\$2,500,000.00
Commission on Economic Opportunity 2	Luzerne County ARPA Heating and Utility Assistance Program	Negative Economic Impact	\$1,500,000.00

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Common Ground Ministries	United vs Divided	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Conyngham Valley Civic Organization	CVCO Facility and Electronic Records Upgrade	Negative Economic Impact	\$119,507.34
Dallas Area Fall Fair Inc. aka The Luzerne County Fair	New Sewer & Water Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$100,000.00
Dallas Area Fall Fair -Storm Damage	Storm Damage	Emergency Relief for Natural Disasters	\$500,000
Diamond City Partnership, Inc.	Downtown Wilkes-Barre Ambassador Program Expansion	Negative Economic Impact	\$494,624.00
Dinners For Kids	Dinners For Kids	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
Dress for Success Luzerne County	Set for Success! Powered by Dress for Success Luzerne County	Negative Economic Impact	\$147,150.00
Edwardsville Hometown Committee	Playground upgrade & Equipment-Veterans Park	Negative Economic Impact	\$50,000.00
FM Kirby Center	F.M. Kirby Center Upgrades	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Fork Over Love, Inc.	Nourish The Community	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Geisinger Health	East Mountain Public Health & Wellness Trail Master Plan	Negative Economic Impact	\$100,000.00
Greater Hazleton Senior Citizens, Inc.	Elevator Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$385,000.00
Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce	Luzerne County Small Business Sustainability Grant	Negative Economic Impact	5,000,000.00
Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA	Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA Childcare and Food Assistance Services	Negative Economic Impact	\$487,353.00
GWB Chamber	Luzerne Learns to Work (LLW)	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
IBEW Local 163 JATC	Advanced Technology Center	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Irem Temple Restoration Project, Inc.	Irem Temple Restoration Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Jewish Community Alliance of Northeastern Pennsylvania	West Bank Riverfront Park Revitalization Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$1,100,000.00
Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Luzerne County Educational Gap Bridge Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$150,829.00
Keystone Mission	Wilkes Barre Innovation Center and Homeless Family Center	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
King's College	King's College Occupational Therapy Program	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Luzerne County Library System (LCLS) #2	Digital Access Upgrades	Negative Economic Impact	\$204,505.96

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Maternal and Family Health Services, Inc.	Hazleton Circle of Care	Negative Economic Impact	\$469,141.00
Michaelene's Mission	Puck Addiction Michaelene's Mission	Negative Economic Impact	\$50,000.00
Misericordia University 1	Contributing to Preserve the Public's Health via the preparation of High-Need Healthcare professionals/Mitigating the Financial Impacts of COVID-19	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Mountain Top Area Little League, Inc	Indoor training facility	Negative Economic Impact	\$250,000.00
NEPA Inclusive	Transition Academy Social Club	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
North Branch Land Trust	Huntsville Reservoir Conservation Easement	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$122,125.00
North Lake Improvement Association	North Lake Water Quality Treatments	Negative Economic Impact	\$88,980.00
Northwest Area Little League Inc	NWALL Sports Lighting Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$250,000.00
Oblates of Saint Joseph	CLASSROOM/FACILITIES AIR QUALITY PROJECT	Negative Economic Impact	\$79,868.00
Street Art Society of NEPA Inc.	Wyoming Valley Street Art Tour-Mobile Application	Negative Economic Impact	\$33,000.00
Swoyersville Little League	BASEBALL FACILITY REPAIRS AND UPDATES	Negative Economic Impact	\$40,000.00
The Food Dignity Project	The Luzerne County Food Dignity Project (LCFDP)	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
The Institute	Luzerne County Housing Needs Assessment and Market Analysis	Negative Economic Impact	\$150,191.00
The Lands at Hillside Farms	Infrastructure and equipment to expand farm-based STEM educational classes and enrichment programs	Negative Economic Impact	\$32,450.00
The Philharmonic Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Payroll assistance between the following dates: November 6, 2022-December 23, 2022.	Negative Economic Impact	\$50,535.00
United Way of Greater Hazleton, Inc.	Uway Gr. Hazleton Covid-19 Recovery	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00
United Way of Wyoming Valley	Grade Level Reading Initiatives (GLR)	Negative Economic Impact	\$210,000.00
Volunteers in Medicine	Volunteers in Medicine addresses the comprehensive health care needs of the low income underserved populations.	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania	Brian's Place: Supported Housing & Respite Day Space	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
West Hazleton Fire Company/West Hazleton Hose, Hook, and Ladder Co. 1	Airpack Replacement/SCBA Loan Payoff	Public Health	\$155,000.00
Whiskers World Inc	Whiskers World Trap and Release	Negative Economic Impact	\$66,250.00
White Haven Fire Company #1	New Rescue Apparatus	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
White Haven Rescue Unit	Ambulance building and equipment improvements	Negative Economic Impact	\$117,000.00
Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation	Covid Safe (TM) Training and Certification Program	Public Health	\$72,100.00
Willow Foundation	Heartwood Center Drop-In/Day Shelter	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity	This grant will help us to serve the community by making access to our ReStore easy and safe. We sell recycled building material at a discount.	Negative Economic Impact	\$48,615.00

AIRPORT

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Airport Luzerne County Engineering-WV Airport	Wilkes Barre Wyoming Valley Airport Master Plan	Negative Economic Impact	\$6,000,000.00

INTERNAL PROJECTS

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Buildings and Grounds/Operations -1	HVAC System Replacement	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$1,500,000.00
Buildings and Grounds/Operations -2	Door and Access Control Replacement	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$126,732.00
Engineering	Nanticoke Bridge Replacement Study	Public Health-Negative Economic	\$450,000.00

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
		Impact: Public Sector Capacity	
Luzerne County 9-1-1/Operational Services	P25 Digital Radio COVID-19 response and support	Negative Economic Impact	\$2,976,181.00
Luzerne County District Attorney's Office	Personnel & Office Materials	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$1,582,903.00
Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency	Enhancing Our Pandemic/Endemic Response Capabilities	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$127,855.00
Luzerne County GIS/Mapping Department	2023 Aerial Imagery Capture Project	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$225,000.00
Luzerne County Information and Technology Department	Various County IT projects	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$2,463,000.00
Luzerne County Courthouse Chambers	Courthouse Mold Remediation	Negative Economic Impact	\$169,570.00
Mental Health and Developmental Services	Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Services (CRSS)	Negative Economic Impact	\$800,000.00
Road & Bridge	County Wide Roadway Storm Water Improvements	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$9,960,000.00
Visit Luzerne County	Marketing to attract tourism in Luzerne County	Negative Economic Impact	\$200,000.00

LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Ashley Borough	Ashley Borough Rehabilitation of Solomon Creek Interceptor	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority	Wastewater System Modernization	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$81,639.00
Borough of Freeland	Freeland Storm Water Improvements	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Borough of Freeland Municipal Authority	Municipal Authority of Freeland Borough Fiber Optic Installation Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$227,400
Borough of Shickshinny	Shickshinny Borough Chestnut Street Roadway &	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$358,000.00

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
	Drainage Improvements Project		
Butler Township 1	Butler Township Municipal Garage	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
City of Hazleton	Stormwater Management - James, Peace, and 21st Streets	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$995,357.00
City of Pittston/Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance	Greater Pittston Ambulance & Emergency Operations Center	Public Health	\$2,000,000.00
City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	City of Wilkes-Barre New Ambulance & Ambulance Bay Addition	Negative Economic Impact	\$350,000.00
Conyngham Borough	Park Access/Safety/Connectivity Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$785,000.00
Courtdale Borough	Courtdale Boro Community Park	Negative Economic Impact	\$475,410.00
Dallas Area Municipal Authority	Upgrade the pump station for the flow equalization tank to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflow from entering the waters of the Commonwealth	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$500,000
Dupont Borough Municipal Government	Public Sector Capacity Upgrade	Public Health- Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$99,861.00
Edwardsville Borough	Meyers Street Sewer Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$341,170.00
General Municipal Authority of Harvey's Lake	Rehabilitate deteriorating sanitary sewer lines to prevent the release of raw sewage to the environment and protect public health and the environment.	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$384,025
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority	LOCUST ST. CSO SEPARATION PROJECT	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Harveys Lake Borough	Harveys Lake Public Safety Support Building	Public Health	\$855,000.00
Hazle Township	Humboldt Industrial Park Various Road & Stormwater Improvements	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors	Storm & Sanitary Sewers Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$122,000.00
Laflin Borough	Emergency Backup Generator	Public Health- Negative Economic	\$64,546.00

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		Impact: Public Sector Capacity	
Larksville Borough	Marcy Street Storm Sewer Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$400,000.00
LSVCOG	ACT 537 Plan	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$500,000.00
Luzerne County Convention Center	GESA Project	Negative Economic Impacts	\$2,000,000
Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority	Wyoming Valley Flood Protection	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$8,000,000
Luzerne County Transportation Authority Maintenance Facility Project	Matching - PDoT funds	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$750,000.00
Luzerne County Transportation Authority 2022-2023	State Operating Assistance for the Luzerne County Transportation Authority 2022-2023 Matching - PDoT funds	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$ 376,464.50
Municipal Authority of Hazle Township	Replacement of 3 WW pump stations & Appurtenances	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Municipality of Kingston	2022 Luzerne County ARPA / New Ladder Truck	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$1,824,475.00
Newport Township	Wanamie Recreation Park Improvements	Negative Economic Impact	\$395,738.50
Parking Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre	Downtown Parking Lot Improvements	Public Health	\$975,000.00
Plains Township Fire Department	Replacing and Updating PPE, Emergency Response Equipment and the Emergency Operations Center	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$539,854.00
Plymouth Borough	Coal Street Creek Remediation Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Authority of the Borough of Shickshinny	SSABS Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$387,000.00
State Operating Assistance for the Luzerne County Transportation Authority 2021-2022	Matching - PDoT funds	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$ 358,537.50

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Sugar Notch Borough	Sugar Notch - Oak St./Maffett St./Broadhead Ave. Sewer	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$650,250.00
Sugarloaf Township Luzerne	RISE Sugarloaf	Negative Economic Impact	35,500.00
Swoyersville Parks & Recreation Board	Swoyersville Parks Rehabilitation Project	Negative Economic Impact	\$250,000.00
West Hazleton Borough	Jaycee Drive Bridge Rehabilitation	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$850,000.00
West Pittston Borough	West Pittston Borough Storm & Sanitary Sewer Improvements	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Wright Township	Green Mountain Infrastructure & Stormwater Repair/Replacement Project	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$583,330.00
Wyoming Area Regional Police Department	Wyoming Area Regional Police Department	Public Health- Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$500,000.00
Wyoming Borough	2022 Wyoming Boro Sewer Enhancement + Premium Pay	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$1,138,700.00
Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority 1	Stormwater Rain Garden: Abrahams Creek Stream Restoration Forty Fort	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000.00
Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority 2	WVSA Capital Improvement Projects	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Yatesville Borough	2022 Yatesville Borough Storm Pipe Replacement	Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure	\$224,100.00

LAND BANKS

ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT NAME	PROPOSAL/PROJECT TITLE	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	AWARDED AMOUNT
Hazleton City Land Bank Board	Renovation of vacant or abandoned properties	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Lower South Valley Land Bank	Lower South Valley Land Bank	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00
Northeast Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority	Renovation of vacant or abandoned properties	Negative Economic Impact	\$500,000.00

INTERNAL PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

PERSONNEL AND OFFICE MATERIALS

1	PERSONNEL AND OFFICE MATERIALS	
	<u>Department:</u>	Luzerne County District Attorney's Office
	<u>Funding Amount:</u>	\$1,582,903.00
	<u>Eligible Uses:</u>	3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
	<u>Expenditure Category:</u>	3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health,
	<u>Project Description</u>	We are requesting funding to accommodate a new detectives division primarily investigating crimes against children. Office supplies are required to build this division, as well as supplies to protect detectives from an outbreak. Lastly, with an influx of cases due to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, we need to restructure the records retention building to store and retain records securely.

MARKETING TO ATTRACT TOURISM IN LUZERNE COUNTY

2	MARKETING TO ATTRACT TOURISM TO LUZERNE COUNTY	
	<u>Organization:</u>	Visit Luzerne County
	<u>Funding Amount:</u>	\$200,000.00
	<u>Eligible Uses:</u>	2: Negative Economic Impacts
	<u>Expenditure Category:</u>	2.35: Aid to Tourism, Travel & Hospitality
	<u>Project Description</u>	Visit Luzerne County is a Destination Marketing Organization whose mission is to make Luzerne County an attractive destination for visitors and events. It is primarily funded by the hotel tax and lost nearly \$200,000 in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the ARPA funds requested will help recoup that loss and develop new marketing strategies. For example, Visit Luzerne County promotes a "Beer Trail." With these funds, they would like to develop and market similar campaigns for trails, including pizzerias and kielbasa restaurants, sources of pride in Luzerne County.

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2023 AERIAL IMAGERY CAPTURE PROJECT

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IMPROVED ACCESS AND SECURITY TO COUNTY BUILDINGS

4	IMPROVED ACCESS AND SECURITY TO COUNTY BUILDINGS
<u>Department:</u>	Buildings and Grounds/Operations - 2
<u>Funding Amount:</u>	\$126,732.00
<u>Eligible Uses:</u>	3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
<u>Expenditure Category:</u>	3.5: Public Sector Administrative Needs
<u>Project Description</u>	This project will replace obsolete doors and access control hardware at the Brominski Building, Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Penn Place, and Human Services Building. This will ensure the buildings remain accessible to employees and the public during regular business hours and to employees after hours. This project will also improve the security of the buildings above.

ENGINEERING STUDY FOR NANTICOKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

5	ENGINEERING STUDY FOR NANTICOKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
<u>Department:</u>	Engineering
<u>Funding Amount:</u>	\$450,000.00
<u>Eligible Uses:</u>	3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
<u>Expenditure Category:</u>	3.5: Public Sector: Effective Service Delivery
<u>Project Description</u>	This project is for an engineering study to replace the Nanticoke bridge to determine the best and most economical structure for the replacement.

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

6	STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
	<u>Department:</u> Road & Bridges <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$9,960,000.00 <u>Eligible Uses:</u> 5: Water, Sewer, and broadband infrastructure <u>Expenditure Category:</u> 5.6 Clean water: Stormwater <u>Project Description</u> This is for an infrastructure project that involves direct improvements on all 120 miles of the County's Storm Water Infrastructure. The upgrades include a complete hydraulic design, adding inlets and cross pipes, new swales, reconstruction of existing swales, replacement of undersized pipes, shoulder widening, driveway adjustments, and addressing all drainage trouble areas.

LUZERNE COUNTY CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABILIZATION CENTERS

7	LUZERNE COUNTY CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABILIZATION CENTERS
	<u>Department:</u> Mental Health and Developmental Services <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$800,000.00 <u>Eligible Uses:</u> 2: Negative Economic Impacts <u>Expenditure Category:</u> 1.12 Behavioral Health and Mental Health Services <u>Project Description</u> According to the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Crisis now research and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's guidance, a best practice is establishing Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Services (CRSS). With the Managed Care Reinvestment Funds and SLFRF, Luzerne County will establish, develop and operate two Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Centers serving upper and lower Luzerne County.

HVAC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

8	HVAC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS	
	<u>Department:</u>	Buildings and Grounds/Operations
	<u>Funding Amount:</u>	\$126,732.00
	<u>Eligible Uses:</u>	3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
	<u>Expenditure Category:</u>	3.5: Public Sector: Administrative Needs
	<u>Project Description</u>	This project will replace obsolete HVAC equipment with modern, higher-efficient units with better humidity and outside air exchange. Specifically, we will replace the eight rooftop units at the Courthouse Annex, replace the Courthouse chiller, replace the four rooftop units at the Records/Coroner's Office and integrate the systems to the existing Building Management System, replace air handler #1 at the Brominski Building, replace the chilled water coil on air handler #4, replace the rooftop chiller and controls, and replace the pneumatic thermostats at the Engineer's Office/Garage. This project will allow for better temperature regulation, airflow control, energy efficiency, and humidity control.

P25 DIGITAL RADIO COVID-19 RESPONSE AND SUPPORT

9	P25 DIGITAL RADIO COVID-19 RESPONSE AND SUPPORT <u>Department:</u> Luzerne County 9-1-1 Operations <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$2,976,181.00 <u>Eligible Uses:</u> 3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities <u>Expenditure Category:</u> 3.5: Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs <u>Project Description</u> This request will provide enhanced services and capabilities to our existing P25 Digital emergency response radio system. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unimaginable strain on 9-1-1 staffing, including our ability to support the 175 County agencies, police, fire, and EMS agencies. We provide dispatch services and radio communications. This request is to activate and purchase two additional services cut from the original contract to stay within our project budget. Group services is a feature that enables the 9-1-1 center radio programming personnel to complete software, firmware, and alias updates over the air as part of P25. The current configuration requires personnel to connect to the 4000+ radios on the new system physically. This method could be more efficient and highly time-consuming, as we will only have two staff members (one part-time and one full-time) programming and maintaining the radios before and after they go live. This tool has the added benefit of being hands-free and completely remote during the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic. GPS on Push to Talk (PTT) is a feature that will transmit the coordinates of a portable or mobile radio over the new P25 network. Paired with the integrated mapping feature, we will get the actual time location of every first responder when they transmit or communicate on the new system. This additional responder safety tool will enable us to better respond to emergencies.
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

10	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT <u>Department:</u> Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$127,855.00 <u>Eligible Uses:</u> 3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities <u>Expenditure Category:</u> 3.5: Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs <u>Project Description</u> As an Emergency Management Agency, we are responsible for responding to, and mitigating and recovering, the national pandemic and all future related incidents. Having assisted the Dept. of Health with the establishment and operations of numerous Covid testing sites and vaccination clinics throughout our county, we have utilized and expended many of our resources, have discovered considerable gaps in our response and storage capabilities, and have noted several factors that have hindered our mitigation efforts that need to be addressed, including transportation issues. Our submission and requested items directly relate to the abovementioned issues and gaps. For example, we received a pull-behind traffic message board and trailer from our local ten-county task force and have used it several times for testing sites and vaccination clinics. However, a gap was the limited access to transportation vehicles needed to place the board accordingly—most of our vehicles transported materials and PPE to various locations or utilized elsewhere in the county. We also had a shortage of lighting at these locations, and we are requesting to purchase light towers/generators. Additionally, upon receipt of any PPE, we were utilizing any available space in all sorts of county-owned locations. Due to these locations, some PPE was subjected to accountability and storage issues. The construction of a pole barn and the purchase of storage containers will significantly enhance our ability to preserve the integrity of the material and help us sustain the longevity of the items. Also, upon activating our Emergency Operations Center, we need additional personnel to occupy our emergency support functions sections.
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