

County of Mercer

Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2024 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

1. Executive Summary

County of Mercer (“County”) is publishing this Recovery Plan and Performance Report consistent with requirements outlined by the United States Department of the Treasury (“US Treasury”) in connection with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“SLFRF”) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”).

Updated guidance and reporting requirements for the SLFRF program were released on June 28, 2024. These guidelines established the need for various reporting requirements, including the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports, and annual Recovery Plan Performance Reports. This Recovery Plan Performance Report will provide the public and Treasury information on the projects the county is undertaking with program funds and how the county is planning to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner, while complying with key performance and mandatory indicators identified by Treasury. This report, as required by Treasury covers the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Subsequent annual reports will describe the county’s efforts to implement projects with these funds and while complying with federal guidelines.

The U.S. Department of Treasury has processed a payment in the amount of \$71,368,970.00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. These funds have been presented to the Board of Commissioners, the Governing Body for the county. County Executives Brian M. Hughes and Dan Benson have developed a strategy to determine priorities and funding strategies to utilize the SLFRF dollars over the course of the next several years. These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026.

The proposed initiatives follow the Objectives of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and will use funds to support COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of any future the pandemics or related disasters, strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs, support economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address systemic public health and economic challenges that contributed to the unequal impact of the Pandemic. The County Administration has developed a plan to address the needs of the community, as impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. These strategies will follow the overarching guidelines of the American Rescue Plan and requirements of SLFR Funds.

This report outlines the use of funds from the date of fund distribution from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. It also describes the on-going efforts to obligate and expend funds in compliance with all ARPA Terms & Conditions.

2. Uses of Funds

The following section describes the usage and budgeting of funds during the annual Reporting period, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The use of funds will be described within each of the funding categories, as established by federal reporting guidelines in the SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance. This section will also be used to describe other county efforts to help mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

a. Public Health (EC 1)

While this expenditure category was not specifically used, a portion of Revenue Replacement funds were allocated in the 2022 and 2023 adopted budget for use by the Mercer County Division of Health and Human Services. This included funds to support existing contracts for Mental Health Services, Peer Grouping, Child Care, Homeless Services, Addiction Services and support services for the Youth Detention Center.

Funds were also allocated to Princeton Senior Services for the hiring of a Spanish-speaking case manager. This has resulted in additional outreach and care provided to vulnerable population.

b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

This year, Mercer County implemented the Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services and Workforce Training. In addition to the Mercer Path Forward Program, Mercer County is in the process of obligating additional funds for a Small Business Bond Pilot Program, a Zero-Interest Loan program, improvements to parks, and renovations to outdoor activities and has used ARPA/SLFRF funds to expand the existing Route 130 bus service. Finally, additional funds have been budgeted and are in the process of being formally obligated to some of Mercer County’s municipalities to provide additional aid in the form of expanded park accessibility features:

- Robbinsville – Walking trails, natural playground, sensory/butterfly garden, benches, etc.
- West Windsor – New or repaired items at their Senior Center, including furniture, gazebo, kitchen and technology upgrades for virtual activities.
- Hamilton – Grant program for non-profits providing athletic programming to disabled participants.
- Hopewell – funds have been allocated to assist with the design and eventual rebuild of a Senior Community Center and library.
- Lawrence – repair and replace accessibility ramp to the Lawrence Nature Center
- Ewing – Equipment and services upgrades to Senior and Community center to increase access to internet, provide in-house services and additional community locally broadcasted programming.

Mercer County is currently in the process of developing a suite of programs that will help to address Food Insecurities; Mental Health services; Microenterprises; businesses related to tourism; the Cultural & Historic arts; and support various non-profits that provide unique services to the homeless, emergency services and to those with disabilities.

c. Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)

Mercer County has awarded funds to each of 12 municipalities within its jurisdiction. The Subrecipient Municipalities are implementing initiatives that will improve services to vulnerable senior, veteran and disabled communities. The municipalities are taking this opportunity to upgrade programming (whether virtual or in-person) provided at community centers, accessibility upgrades, install new emergency generators that will allow the community centers to serve as an emergency shelters and vaccine storage locations, repair senior center kitchens that work as food distribution areas, expand senior bus services and hire new case worker staff for seniors.

Mercer County is also procuring or repairing equipment that will assist in providing emergency services across the county: this includes (1) an ambulance for Hopewell Township as their medical service needs have increased during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic, (2) radio equipment for county-wide emergency services (police, fire, ambulance), and (3) HVAC repairs and upgrades in various libraries that serve as cooling stations and centralized locations for the disbursement of aid during emergencies.

d. Premium Pay (EC 4)

Throughout the coronavirus public health emergency, Mercer County continued to provide necessary programs and services to constituents thanks to the hard work of the employees. The ARPA/SLFRF funds may be used to provide premium pay to eligible workers who performed in-person work during the COVID-19 emergency. Based on eligibility parameters set by the Federal Government, Mercer County provided one-time premium pay (in 2022) to qualifying and deserving Mercer County public servants who were relied on to maintain continuity of operations.

e. Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)

No expenditures were incurred and no projects in this Expenditure Category are planned. Other sources of funding in the State of New Jersey are available and Mercer County looks to tap into those statewide initiatives to improve existing internet services, replace lead pipes and improve quality of water delivery and stormwater and sewer management services.

f. Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

Revenue Replacement funds were allocated in the 2023 and 2024 Mercer County budget to offset typical administrative, human service and maintenance expenses. In addition to these budget allocations, Mercer County specifically set aside funds for long-awaited updates to Trenton-Mercer Airport (TTN). ARPA EC 6.1 funds will be used to pay for an Owner’s Representative/Construction Supervision company through 2026.

g. Administrative Expenses (EC 7)

Mercer County has hired a consultant to assist with the compliance and management of ARPA/SLFRF funded projects. Also, a small set-aside for office expenditures related to the implementation of the various ARPA/SLFRF projects budgeted.

h. Other County Initiatives (EC 8 – 10)

Mercer County is not utilizing any ARPA/SLFRF funds under the Eligible Categories for Natural Disasters (8), Surface Transportation (9) or Title I Projects (10).

Mercer County has received CDBG-CV funds from the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The project scope for CDBG-CV1 funds includes the use of funds for provision of grants for eligible small businesses and non-profits in Hightstown, NJ. The project scope for CDBG-CV2 funds will be for the procurement of accessible buses and vans for use by municipal senior centers in Trenton, Hamilton, East Windsor, Ewing, and West Windsor.

3. Promoting equitable outcomes

The County of Mercer has established a suite of projects specifically designed to assist small businesses and individuals who were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Following is a description of the County of Mercer's efforts to ensure equitable outcomes.

a. Public Services for the most vulnerable

Revenue Replacement funds were allocated to the Division of Health and Human Services (in 2022) to support increased services needs in their department. Specifically, funding was provided to support solicited contracts that provide for the following:

- Mental Health Services
- Addiction recovery and medical services
- Child-care services (for after-care and low-income populations)
- Homelessness food and housing services

The Mercer County Community Investment Initiative (MCCII) was advertised to all the municipalities in the county – and specifically requested project proposals that would provide Programming, Transportation assistance or Health Services to seniors, veterans and disabled people in the community.

By specifically and intentionally specifying populations in need, while soliciting input from the municipalities, Mercer County strives to promote equitable outcomes for all.

b. Small Business Grant Program

The Small Business Grant Program provided direct aid to small businesses in our community that were likely to have experienced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to aid to those most in need and provide for an easier application process, the County prioritized the review of applications from businesses located within Qualified

Census Tracts (QCT)¹ or Opportunity Zones² within Mercer County. Also, from the start, a portion of the grant funds was set-aside for businesses located in those areas. Mercer County includes two QCT/Opportunity Zone areas – one across downtown Trenton and another in a specific area of Hamilton Township. Small businesses located in a QCT were not required to document economic losses (only eligibility documentation) and received a flat grant of \$10,000. Those eligible small businesses not located in a QCT submitted documentation demonstrating economic losses and were awarded funds based on several years of tax returns – up to a \$10,000 maximum. This program was extremely well-received and has resulted in providing much-needed aid to 363 small businesses.

Significant effort was made to make sure these target areas received additional marketing and outreach efforts. Outreach included early-launch training to the economic development directors of each of Mercer’s 12 municipalities and area non-profits and chambers of commerce. Attendees at the first training included representatives from Hamilton Township’s economic development director, the African American Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Small Business Development Centers, Non-Profit Development Corporations and other Small Business organizations. Program Flyers were hand-delivered and circulated to target areas in Trenton, Hamilton and other specific business areas in other towns. Outreach events, where small business applicants could meet in-person with Program Managers for direct application assistance, were held at the Mercer County Community College in Trenton, at the Mercer County Connection in Hamilton and via a late-night recorded virtual training. In order to have insight into the populations served – the Mercer Board of Commissioners requested information on QCT applications and various demographic data. Applicants to the program had the option to complete demographic data. At the close of the program, 363 grants were distributed with the following data points:

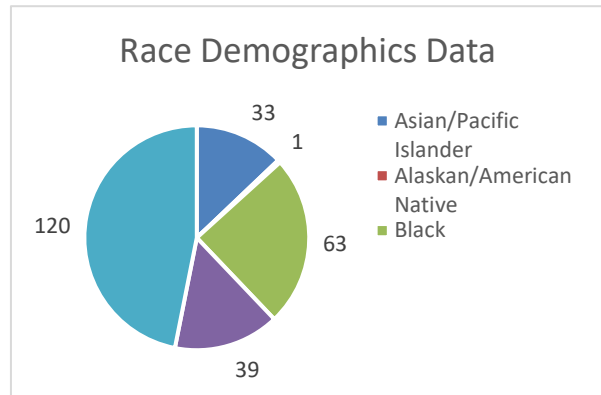
Program Group	Applicants
Group 1 (In a QCT or Opportunity Zone)	131
Group 2 (Not in a QCT or Opportunity Zone)	232
Grand Total	363

¹ Qualified Census Tract - https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html

² Mercer County Opportunity Zones - <https://www.mercercounty.org/work/economic-development/small-business-development/mercer-county-opportunity-zones>

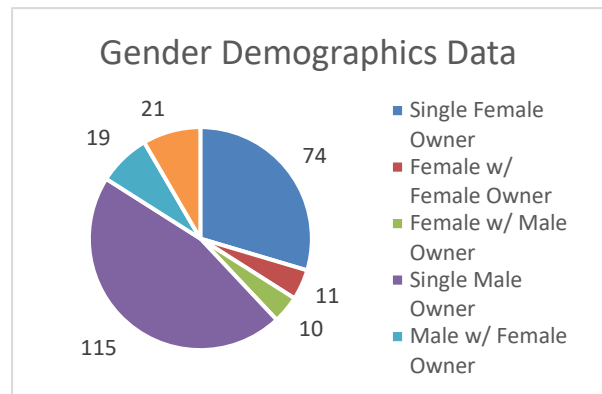
There are a total of 256 approved applicants who completed the optional race demographics questionnaire.

Race Demographics	Applicants
Asian/Pacific Islander	33
Alaskan/American Native	1
Black	63
Hispanic	39
White	120
Grand Total	256



There are a total of 250 approved applicants who completed their optional gender demographics questionnaire.

Gender Demographics	Applicants
Single Female Owner	74
<i>Female w/ Female Owner</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Female w/ Male Owner</i>	<i>10</i>
Single Male Owner	115
<i>Male w/ Female Owner</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Male w/ Male Owner</i>	<i>21</i>
Grand Total	250

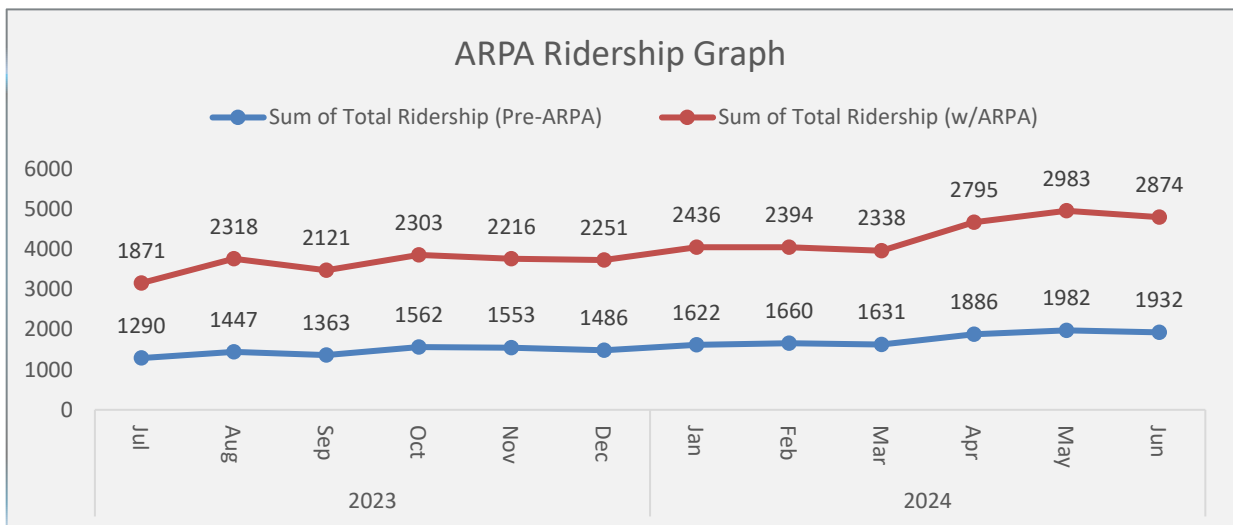


c. Route 130 Expansion Project

The intent of this initiative is specifically to serve the needs of lower-income individuals who work at warehouse business facilities in surrounding areas. Anecdotally, the Mercer Division of Economic Development and the Greater Mercer Transit Authority had heard that warehouse employers were advertising employment at known homelessness, food pantries and community service centers in Trenton and has also noticed that there were no public transportation options to certain residential areas in Hightstown. Noting these needs, Mercer County had been contemplating service expansion funding options over the last couple years – and the provision of ARPA/SLFRF funds provided a unique opportunity to ‘pilot’ the service expansion; track ridership data; and document needs to secure additional funding long-term.

The existing Route 130 Connection is funded mainly via the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program; which was established to address the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. Many new entry-level jobs are located in suburban areas, and low-

income individuals have difficulty accessing these jobs from their inner city, urban, or rural neighborhoods. In addition, many entry level-jobs require working late at night or on weekends when conventional transit services are either reduced or non-existent. The expansion of services to be funded with ARPA/SLFRF funds adds additional runs to serve late-night/early-morning shift work at nearby Amazon, Wayfair, UPS and other industrial park facilities. Also, this expanded service is adding new stops to a town not previously served and new businesses that have more recently opened or businesses/job sites not previously served. The previous and expanded Route 130 service line is free to Work First New Jersey customers, eligible low-income individuals, seniors and available at a low \$1 fee to the general public. Pre-existing service was funded with a combination of NJ Transit, Federal, Mercer County funds and contributions from businesses served. The ARPA/SLFRF funds are being used for the additional service runs and will be gradually reduced over the next few years while other funding sources and business contributions are identified and secured. Expanded services started June 2023.



d. Small Business Investment Initiative: Bond Pilot Program & Zero-Interest Loan Program

The County of Mercer issued a Small Business Investment Program competitive solicitation to provide aid to small businesses that are likely to have experienced difficulties in obtaining capital via currently available options. The barriers identified include:

- Physical Collateral. Examples: does not own store property, does not have a lot of equipment, and business model dependent on personnel labor.
- Down Payment / Deposit. Explanation: to get money you will need to both provide some amount of funds up-front or personal guarantee and pay for financial reviews necessary to approve loans.
- Lack of Credit / Low Credit. Scenario: some business owners have needed (or choose) to operate on a cash basis, are still growing the business and are starting at a lower socio-economic level or have had financial troubles in the past.

- Recordkeeping Issues. Explanation: without organized recordkeeping or if there are missing documents, small businesses would not be considered for traditional loans or investments.

Two program proposals were selected that would provide unique loan products to qualifying businesses. ARPA/SLFRF funds are being used to buy down interest rates, pay underwriting expenses, and support marketing and reserve funds that allow the selected entities to provide no-cost financial products. Marketing and outreach efforts are being drafted to include targeted areas as well as all of Mercer County. Plans include leveraging the over 900 initially interested applicants to the Small Business Grant Program for outreach emails; the creation of in-person events with local business organizations and regional and local chambers of commerce including the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce, the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, the Capitol Region Minority Chamber of Commerce, the Latino Merchants Association and others; and local print, billboard and community flyer distribution methods.

Small Business Investment Initiative	Number Served to date	ARPA/SLFRF Investment
Bond Pilot Program	3	\$260,000
Zero-Interest Loan Program	53	\$590,000

e. Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services and Workforce Training

The County of Mercer is committed to supporting the economic health and employment opportunities of all our residents, including those previously incarcerated and/or with criminal records. The program initiative is to provide critical resources such as expungement services and workforce development assistance to these community members to rebuild their lives. The Mercer Path Forward: Expungement and Workforce Training work hand in hand to provide expungement and workforce development assistance to residents impacted by the justice system.

While the State of New Jersey offers the opportunity to ‘wipe the slate clean’ via the expungement process – it can be time-consuming and confusing for eligible individuals to navigate the process. If there should be a side matter that needs to be addressed or an additional court hearing needed – this can effectively halt an individual’s expungement efforts. The Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services was conceptualized to ensure an individual’s effort to move forward with their expungement process by providing the applicants a completely free service that provide a full-walkthrough and related legal submittals to reach their final legal status.

Often the previously incarcerated will need guidance in finding a career path and taking the steps needed to reintegrate. The Mercer Path Forward: Workforce Training provides the

necessary preparation assistance and training programs. The program provides the following free services: obtaining legal documentation, grief counseling, computer training, training certification courses that are job-specific, and a variety of other pre-job preparatory courses.

The Mercer Path Forward Program has completed 4 in-person outreach events to date and currently working on putting together more events by partnering up with local community organizations. The program was launched 6/12/2024 and 288 services for 135 people have been completed.

Mercer Path Forward	Number of Services provided to-date	ARPA/SLFRF Investment
Expungement Services	130	\$500,000
Workforce Training	158	\$500,000

4. Community Engagement

The County Executive, Brian M. Hughes created and led a Community Advisory Board (CAB), which met multiple times to identify strategies and to determine priorities for ARPA/SLFRF projects. The CAB included county staff, city officials, non-profits, chambers of commerce, religious entities, some business owners, County Commissioners, State Assembly-persons, Educational Community representatives, and regional organized labor members to provide opportunities to shape the priorities for these funds. The CAB discussed priorities and provided written commentary across three scheduled meetings in August & September 2022. As stated in CAB guidelines – participants were to:

- Identify program areas that the ARPA/SLFRF funds could support
- Recommend the establishment of services and or programs that county has been unable to support in the past due to past budgetary priorities and available funding
- Identify service areas that would address problems or circumstances that would enable taxpayers to become more self-sufficient, viable and therefore able to enjoy an enhanced quality of life
- Confer with the twelve municipalities to compare programs/initiatives and avoid duplication of efforts

The Mercer County Community Investment Initiative (MCCII) was advertised to all the municipalities in the county – and specifically requested project proposals that would provide Programming, Transportation assistance or Health Services to seniors, veterans and disabled people in the community. This has led to continued conversations between Mercer County and Municipal elected officials on needs and methods of utilizing ARPA/SLFRF funds to aid vulnerable populations.

5. Labor Practices

Municipalities within Mercer County were allocated funds to help with repairs and needed upgrades to senior community centers. These subrecipients are smaller projects following NJ Prevailing Wage requirements in compliance with ARPA and local regulations. A project-tracking portal has been established with each of the subrecipients – where project and labor-related documentation can be uploaded and compiled. As the projects are implemented, the County of Mercer will provide updates on the documentation collected.

Figure 1: Portal interface where project and labor-related documentation can be uploaded.

The screenshot shows a web form for project entry. At the top, there are fields for 'entity name' (Township), 'Project type' (Public Works/Capital Improvement), 'Project Number', and 'Project Name' (Township). Below these are two text areas: 'Scope of Work' and 'Project Narrative'. A horizontal menu below the text areas includes tabs for 'Budget', 'RFQ/Professional', 'RFP/Bid', 'Environmental', 'Force Account', 'Prevailing Wage/Davis-Bacon', 'Reporting', and 'Invoicing'. The 'Budget' tab is active, showing several input fields: 'Total Estimated Budget', 'ARPA Estimated Budget', 'What is the source of your Estimated Budget?' (with a text input containing 'past project experience; asst. municipal enginee'), 'Is project fully funded?' (with a dropdown set to 'Yes'), 'Total Obligated Budget', and 'ARPA Obligated Budget'. At the bottom of the budget section is a text area for 'List of other funding sources (completed after solicitation by GW)'.

The screenshot shows the 'Documents' section of the portal. At the top, there is a horizontal menu with tabs for 'Budget', 'RFQ/Professional', 'RFP/Bid', 'Environmental', 'Force Account', 'Prevailing Wage/Davis-Bacon', 'Reporting', and 'Invoicing'. Below the menu, there is a dropdown for 'Prevailing Wage / Davis-Bacon Applies' set to 'Yes'. The 'Documents' section is titled and includes a sub-header 'Full Report | Grid Edit | Email | More ▾ 5 Required Submittal records'. Below this is a table with columns: 'Edit', 'Submittal', 'Description', 'Document Template', 'Narrative', '# of Documents', and an empty column. The table lists five required submittal records, each with an 'Add Document' button. At the bottom of the table are 'Save & Close' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Edit	Submittal	Description	Document Template	Narrative	# of Documents	
	Upload copy of Wage Rates included in RFP/Bid				0	Add Document
	Upload copy of Wage Rate sheet in Contractor agreement				0	Add Document
	Upload copy of Monthly A202 Reporting form for each Contractor (see template with doc naming convention)				0	Add Document
	Upload copy of Weekly Certified Payrolls from each Contractor (see template with doc naming convention)				0	Add Document
	Upload copy of employee benefits documentation/support				0	Add Document

6. Use of Evidence

The County of Mercer is starting project evaluations on a few initiatives that have been completed. Some of these project evaluations are being completed with the assistance of partnering organizations that will have data to help make comparisons with other, similar projects. This analysis will help Mercer County to determine what methods of Economic Development assistance are most readily utilized and which Equity-based services affect long-term change and could be pursued as sustaining initiatives in the long-term.

7. Performance Report

The County of Mercer has secured the services of an ARPA Program Management company that is helping to aggregate data on dollars spent, and businesses/ households served and summarize project service types. As of the date of this report, budgeted funds are allocated as follows:

Figure 2: Allocation of ARPA funds across service/intent areas

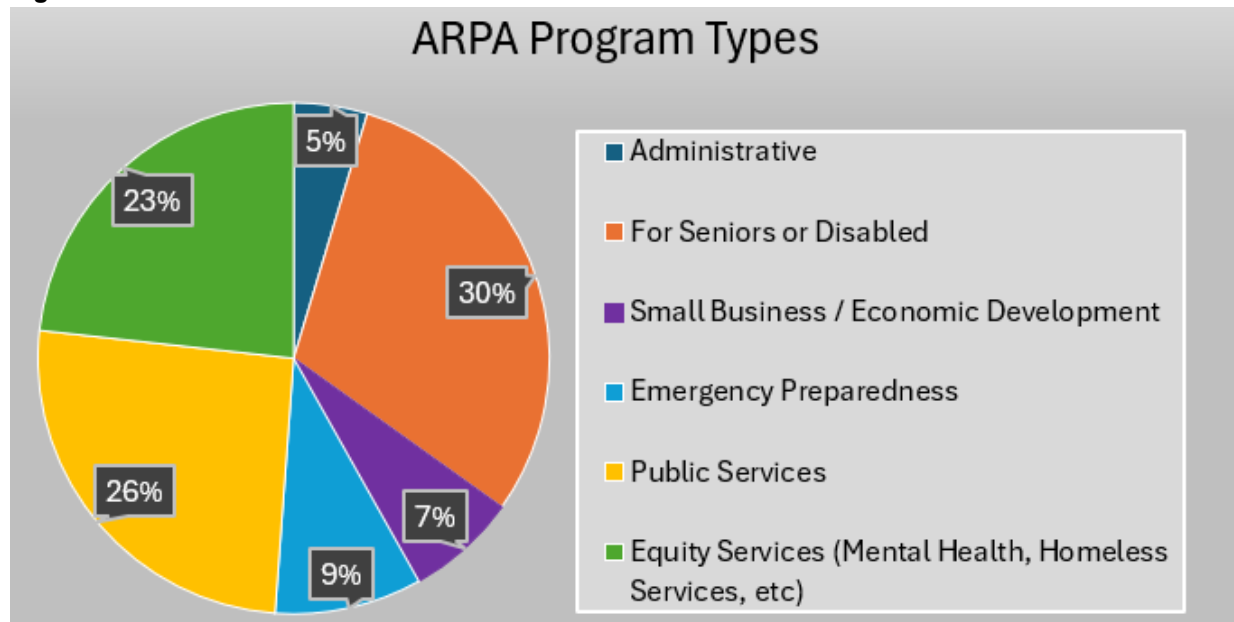


Figure 3: Metrics available as of the date of this Annual Report

Programs	Metrics 1	Metrics 2
Small Business Grant Program	1000 applications received	363 grants awarded
Small Business Bond Pilot	30 letters of interest	3 closings
Small Business 0% Interest Loan	280 applications	53 closings
Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services	84 applications	46 people eligible for expungement services
Mercer Path Forward: Workforce Training	52 people in the program	158 services provided
Mercer Route 130 Expansion	49% increase in ridership across 12 months	For ARPA funded stops, 24% utilized NJ WorkPass

Mercer County has managed the allocation of funds and program monitoring through a variety of methods and followed a phased approach:

- A. **Obligation of Funds.** Mercer County executed Memorandum of Understandings, Agreements or Contracts that included ARPA Terms and Conditions' compliance and monitoring requirements. Prior to or soon after execution of contracts, Subrecipients, awardees and vendors were requested to provide evidence of policies, solicitations, program design documents and other forms that would document implementation of funds as specified in the agreement. As much as possible, documentation in compliance with various ARPA requirements were collected and reporting requirements identified during the process of selecting Subrecipients, awardees and vendors.
- B. **Subrecipient Monitoring.** For Subrecipients, Mercer County established secure Portals that were only accessible to the County, grant manager(s) and the Subrecipient. Portals were developed for each of the municipalities awarded funds through the Mercer County Community Investment Initiative and for the providers of the Small Business Loans, Workforce Training, Expungement Services and Expanded Bus Route Services. Each Subrecipient has their own unique log-in portal where they have uploaded program policies, submitted invoices, and reported on program metrics (people served, loans provided, bus routes miles and ridership, etc.). The portals provide auto-invoice generation based on monthly reporting parameters completed; as well as templates for Subrecipient policies, solicitations and other inspection or reporting forms. Online portals with customizable access (1) allow for direct interface with Subrecipients, (2) ensure clear communication on required documents and deliverables, and (3) provide a centralized place for templates and training. Mercer County has had success utilizing portals for invoicing standardization, monthly reporting and document collection on ARPA projects.
- C. **Program Implementation.** The Small Business Grant program (which was implemented directly by Mercer County) utilized a standardized application portal. There were separate facets of the portal that were only accessible to people assigned to specific tasks (eligibility reviews, status changes and approvals, and issuance of checks). The portal template includes tabs that capture the following: eligibility criteria, business registration, location mapping, compliance acknowledgments, optional demographic data reporting, non-debarment statements, and calculated loss based on tax returns.
 - a. Applicant documentation was uploaded directly to the Small Business Grant Program Application portal. The Application Portal was password protected and only accessible by assigned IT staff, program managers and select Mercer County employees.
 - b. The documents uploaded by applicants are stored on a separate SharePoint site accessible only by invitation and password to designated program management and Mercer County employees.

Figure 4: To monitor the obligation of funds, subrecipient monitoring, and program implementation Mercer County has utilized the customized portal to ensure objectives are met.



Mercer County Community Investment Initiative
Mercer County ARPA Allocation to Municipalities
 Health Care, Social Services, and Transportation Expansion Programs

Click the tabs below to jump to sections of the application

UPDATE (6/23/2023): Thank you so much for meeting and working with me on finalizing your Subrecipient Agreements. As we are able to complete resolutions at both City and County levels - we can start working to complete/collect the Subrecipient Policies & Procedures documents found at the bottom of the Subrecipient Documentation Tab. Also, if you are ready - I can send you RFP, Bid, Professional Services and Beneficiary Program ARPA templates to start working on solicitation drafts. Please be advised that Mercer County would like to review and approve your solicitations/notices before they are released.

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and Commissioner Chair Nina D. Melker, with the Mercer County Board of Commissioners have approved the allocation of \$3,000,000 in ARPA funding to expand upon existing programs that provide social services, health care and transportation needs for seniors, veterans and the disabled in our communities. This is a one-time funding initiative that may take several years to be expended or implemented. Additional allocations of funding are not anticipated.

Mercer County has retained the services of GrantWorks to provide grant and ARPA program compliance and documentation management. This portal is being maintained in GrantWorks secure GW 20/20 proprietary tracking system - with limited access. Please do not share your GW 20/20 log-in information.

If another individual besides yourself needs access to this site, you may request a new log-in account via the New User Request button found on your Home Page.

General Information	Requested Funds Usage	Subrecipient Documentation	Projects	Budget	Correspondence	Program Descriptions and Selection
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Section 1 of this tab includes the documents previously submitted by the Municipality and are available for review and download as needed. At our kick-off meeting, we will review and start working to complete the documents listed in Section 2. Section 3 documents may be worked on concurrently and should be completed prior to the first disbursement of funds.

1. Application Documents Submitted
 (Previous documents submitted are stored here.)

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Submittal	Description	Document
Attestation		

2. Subrecipient Agreement
 (Click the Edit "Pencil" icon to open the required submittal and upload your document.)

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Agreement Execution Date: mm-dd-yyyy 📅

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	Subrecipient Agreement	Please see the available general Template. In advance of our kick-off meeting, we will have uploaded a Municipality-specific template for our review	Click to Download		5	Add Document

3. Subrecipient Monitoring Required Documents
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Full Report | Grid Edit | Email | More ▾ 13 Required Submittal records

Edit	Submittal	Description	Document Template	Narrative	Documents	# of Documents	Review	Acceptance
	Subrecipient Procurement Procedures/Policy	2 CFR 200.318 - The non-Federal entity must have and use documented procurement procedures, consistent with State, local and tribal laws and regulations and the standards of this section, for	Click to Download		0	Add Document	Pending Document	Pending Document

4. Subrecipient Resource Documents

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Document Name	Description	Document Template
General Templates (3 Required Submittal records)		
Resolution Template		Click to Download
ARPA Construction Bid Template		Click to Download
ARPA Professional Services Template		Click to Download
MicroPurchase Templates (6 Required Submittal records)		
MicroPurchase Bid Tabulation	Required for MicroPurchases; This document includes written instructions.	Click to Download
Vendor Quote Form	Required for MicroPurchases; This document should be completed by the vendor when soliciting pricing. It is important that the selected vendor have a UEI in SAM.gov.	Click to Download
MicroPurchase Terms & Conditions	Required for MicroPurchases; This document should be completed by the vendor when soliciting pricing. It is important that the selected vendor have a UEI in SAM.gov.	Click to Download
Eligibility Verification Form	Required for MicroPurchases; This document should be completed by the vendor when soliciting pricing. It is important that the selected vendor have a UEI in SAM.gov.	Click to Download
Title IV Form	Required for MicroPurchases; This document should be completed by the vendor when soliciting pricing. It is important that the selected vendor have a UEI in SAM.gov.	Click to Download
Executive Compensation Reporting	Required for MicroPurchases; This document should be completed by the vendor when soliciting pricing. It is important that the selected vendor have a UEI in SAM.gov.	Click to Download

Developed by GrantWorks, Inc.

D. Regular Contact. Mercer County, through their program manager, hosts regular weekly or bi-weekly meetings with select vendors and subrecipients. A regular meeting schedule with

emailed meeting minutes has kept each project/programs team on track for meeting the objective of each initiative. Through regular contact, Mercer County and its subrecipients and vendors have been able to discuss steps taken to promote the services, coordinate on public outreach efforts and discuss possible program modifications needed and learned during implementation.

- E. Public Outreach. Mercer County has been proactive in working towards the success of each initiative. Each new service has been advertised on Mercer County's ARPA website, via emailed newsletters from the County Executive, through digital and print marketing campaigns, door-to-door neighborhood outreach with partnering organizations, utilization of targeted email lists, and through many publicly posted and hosted events. Mercer County has been an active partner in each initiative and has worked closely with ARPA program managers and subrecipients.

8. Project Inventory

Project ID	Project Title	Description (50 - 250 Words)	Expense Class - Expenditure Category	Estimated Budget	Total Obligations	Total Expenditures	Estimated Completion Date
2201	Administrative Services	General Administrative services for the management and oversight of ARPA funded Programs and projects. Services provided by consultants, contractors and/or staff and may include public notices, accounting and audit support, disbursement of funds, monitoring, reporting, or any other general administrative or grant management services. Development of internal policies and procedures that are compliant with ARPA guidelines which may include procurement, financial management, labor monitoring, oversight of subrecipient awards, etc.	7. Administrative - 7.01 Administrative Expenses	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,900,000.00	\$663,422.50	08-21-2025
2202	Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services	Mercer County is committed to supporting the economic health and employment opportunities of all our residents, including those previously incarcerated and/or with criminal records. While the State of New Jersey offers people the opportunity to 'wipe the slate clean' via the Expungement process - it can be time-consuming and confusing for eligible individuals to navigate the various steps of the process. If there should be a side matter that needs to be addressed or an additional court hearing needed to manage an extra step - this can effectively halt an individual's expungement efforts. In addition to the time and occasional extra steps for non-straightforward situations, there are various fees that may affect a person's ability to move forward. The Mercer Path Forward: Expungement Services was conceptualized to address these various reasons for incomplete expungement efforts and to provide complete services that will take an applicant through the entire process to whatever the final, legal status is determined.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$13,100.00	11-30-2026
2203	Small Business Grant Program	Mercer County is providing \$10K grants to two sets of eligible small businesses: (1) those within designated economically distressed areas and (2) any qualifying small business within Mercer County. Eligibility will be based on: for-profit small business only, 20 employees or less, business formed before Sept 1, 2019, legal entity registered with NJ, less than \$3M in gross revenue (or less than \$5M for restaurants), location of business, a physical store-front and must demonstrate a negative impact. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received specific business grant assistance from federal, state or local government. National franchises, real-estate businesses, independent consultants, residential businesses and businesses capable of conducting a majority of their business remotely are ineligible. 363 Small Businesses were funded through this program.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	09-01-2023

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2204	Route 130 Transportation Expansion	The Route 130 Connection bus provides Mercer County residents a safe and reliable transportation system to the employers along the Rt 130 Corridor. The goal of the Route 130 Connection bus is to improve access to employment and employment-related activities and to transport residents of both urban and nonurban areas to suburban employment opportunities. This service is available to Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) customers, eligible low-income individuals, senior citizens, residents with disabilities, and the general public. This expansion will serve identified additional needs that are not currently funded by the following funding sources: NJ Transit/JARC, Mercer County, commercial business contributions and fares. ARPA funds will be used to start the additional service runs and stops.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other	\$1,060,315.78	\$1,060,315.78	\$282,131.69	12-31-2026
2306	Mercer County Employees - Premium Pay	Throughout the coronavirus public health emergency, Mercer County continued to provide necessary programs and services to constituents thanks to the hard work of the employees. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by Mercer County may be used to provide premium pay to eligible workers who performed in-person work during the COVID-19 emergency. Based on eligibility parameters set by the Federal Government, Mercer County will ensure that this critical premium pay support is provided to qualifying and deserving Mercer County public servants who have been relied on to maintain continuity of operations.	4. Premium Pay - 4.01 Public Sector: Employees	\$1,392,200.39	\$1,392,200.39	\$1,392,200.39	08-12-2022
2307	MCCII - Ewing Township	Equipment Purchase: Upgrade and expansion of publicly accessible network/Wi-Fi in the Community Center, including enhancements for the public Hollow Brook Computer Learning Center. Equipment Purchase: Creation of AV/Presentation system in their multipurpose room (laser-based projectors, HDMI ports, HDMI desktop monitor). Record/Broadcast Senior and Community programming to the citizens (Televis conferencing system).	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.04 Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	\$164,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	11-30-2026
2308	MCCII - Hamilton Township	Emergency Generator - Hamilton will buy and install a generator at the Senior Center for \$353,000. There is no generator at the Senior Center and the project has never been funded or planned prior to March 3, 2021. Over the last 22 months, Hamilton has had numerous COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Senior Center but is unable to store the vaccine at the Senior Center because it does not have a backup generator. A generator would eliminate said issue and cut down on issues related to the transportation of the vaccine. Additionally, the generator would permit the Senior Center to be used as an emergency relief shelter.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$353,000.00	\$353,000.00	\$353,000.00	12-31-2024
2309	MCCII - Hopewell Township	Hopewell Township is partnering with the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington to rebuild a new (previous center damaged)	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	09-30-2025

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		Senior/Community Center in Hopewell Township. The center not only intends to address the issue of adequate space for the programs, but the building program developed to date accounts for increased participation and expansion recognizing the increased senior population. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$30M and shall be funded through a bond ordinance. The Senior/Community Center will provide space for exercise classes, health exams, recreational activities, swimming, and providing meals for seniors. The \$60,000 grant shall be used for design and planning only. Design Services are to cover engineering and architectural design.	Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery				
2310	MCCII - Lawrence Township	This project will construct accessibility improvements to the Lawrence Township Nature Center at 481 Drexel Avenue to expand services for senior and disabled citizens to visit and enjoy the Nature Center. The accessibility improvements will include a paved parking area with high visibility striping, lighting for safety and security, a pathway to the rear deck, and deck handrails. Other miscellaneous site improvements may be determined during the development of construction plans.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	09-30-2024
2311	MCCII - Trenton - Senior Program Services	The City of Trenton serves its senior population out of 4 different facilities. Due to financial constraints, the programming and enrichment activities are very limited. Additional funding would allow the City to provide unique experiences to our older population, such as age-appropriate workouts, crafts, yoga classes, painting, day trips, excursions, etc. Based on a recent survey conducted by the Department of Recreation, Natural Resources & Culture and Department of Health & Human Services, Trenton's Seniors predominantly requested day trips and excursions. However, some requested yoga and age-appropriate workouts. Trenton has a very active Senior population - where over 100 seniors visit centers daily for activities and over 200 will attend special events and trips/excursions. Funding is being allocated to provide these additional services tracked as a series of Micro-Purchases for various activities.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	09-30-2026
2312	MCCII - West Windsor	West Windsor is looking to complete several equipment purchases for their Senior Center; including: (1) Replacement of furniture - damaged and requires repair at the Senior Center (couches - chairs, two-seat sofa, three-seat sofa); (2) Replacement of outdoor Gazebo (utilized for weddings, public use for residents - picnics, socialization); (3) Hybrid (in-person/ virtual technology installed in the activity room) technology for Senior residents to participate in Senior Center Activities. Gives residents who are homebound/ uncomfortable to enter the Senior Center the opportunity to participate virtually in in-person fitness, lectures, and art at the same time as in-person	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$0.00	09-30-2025

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		participants.					
2314	MCCII - Municipality of Princeton	Expansion of the existing WeDriveU transportation system in Princeton. Its primary focus is on providing transit services to senior and low-income residential communities with fewer travel options within the municipality. The Princeton Muni Transit runs 5 days a week from 7:30 am to 8:50 pm and provides interconnection with New Jersey Transit and Princeton University Tiger Transit services for transportation within and outside Princeton. The fixed-route system is limited in that it connects only specific communities with limited locations. Additional destinations are desirable, such as health providers, or additional service times, such as for cultural activities on the weekend or later in the evening. Supplementing the fixed-route system with on-demand options is also desirable. The expansion would increase accessibility for older adults, veterans, and disabled residents.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	09-30-2025
2315	MCCII - Robbinsville	The scope of work is to purchase equipment including installation of the following features at Windsor Park: Walking trails, natural playground, sensory/butterfly garden, benches and related furnishings. Any increased costs are to be covered by other Mercer County funds and Municipal funds.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	09-30-2024
2316	MCCII - East Windsor	ARPA funding is being requested to support the great need for more programs, classes, presentations and events at the E. Windsor Senior Center. The County hereby awards to the Township a grant in the total amount of \$74K to fund Township Senior Center equipment, classes, activities, and programs, HVAC system improvements, audio/visual and Wi-Fi equipment, and senior citizen activity programs.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.03 Public Sector Workforce: Other	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	12-31-2026
2317	MCSBI - SMBX - Bond Pilot Program	Mercer County Small Business Investment Program will provide direct aid to small businesses in the Mercer County community that had experienced difficulties obtaining capital via currently available options such as traditional small business loans, revenue through creation of stock, and traditional investors. SMBX will be piloting a Small Business Bond program in Mercer County. They will connect small businesses with investors in their communities and throughout the country. SMBX will be assisting small business with their marketing and outreach to entice the community and anywhere to invest in the small business.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.32 Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$202,721.20	09-30-2024
2318	MCSBI - UCEDC - Zero Interest Loans	Mercer County Small Business Investment Program will provide direct aid to small businesses in The Mercer County community that had experienced difficulties obtaining capital via currently available options such as	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate	\$590,000.00	\$590,000.00	\$339,300.00	12-31-2023

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		traditional small business loans, revenue through creation of stock, and traditional investors. UCEDC will provide a 0% Interest Loan program to small businesses in Mercer County with a repayment term of 5 years. The provided funds will be used for working capital, inventory, and purchases of furniture and equipment.	Financial Hardship				
2319	Mercer County ARPA Admin Incidentals	Mercer County has set aside ARPA Admin funds to address printing, advertisement, sign-making, and other incidental costs for the implementation of the various ARPA projects to be handled by Mercer staff. Funds were also used to cover a grant application fee with another NJ State entity. A small donation to the Historic Presbyterian Church was included. Staff will be provided with the cost code and expenses tracked via inter-departmental notices.	7. Administrative - 7.01 Administrative Expenses	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$1,000.00	11-30-2026
2320	Revenue Replacement - Admin 2023	Per the annual budget, Mercer County allocated Revenue Loss ARPA funds for annual administrative expenses that include Medical Examiner services via an agreement with Middlesex County, Salaries in the Communications, Health and Building and Grounds department, Gasoline expenses for a specific department and Health Insurance expenses negotiated via the Insurance Commission. (1) The Medical Examiner services are a joint agreement with Middlesex County, who manages the ME office and bills Mercer on a quarterly basis and reconciled per-unit cost; (2) gasoline; (3) Health insurance; and (4) county staff salaries.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$12,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00	12-31-2023
2321	Revenue Replacement - Admin 2022	The Mercer County expended funds in 2022 for a variety of administrative functions covering: gasoline, insurance and telephone expenditures; payments to the State, Middlesex County and other public entities for continuity of services; and salaries: (1) The Medical Examiner services are a joint agreement with Middlesex County, who manages the ME office and bills Mercer on a quarterly basis and reconciled per-unit cost; (2) gasoline, telephone, insurance and IT services are fixed per NJ procurement for all county staff.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$17,036,707.50	\$17,036,707.50	\$17,036,707.50	12-31-2022
2322	General Grant Application Services	Mercer County went out for procurement of professional services - seeking to procure an entity that would assist in applying for various available state and federal funding sources. Bruno Associates was selected through the solicitation. Bruno Associates is assisting in applying for Historic Preservation, Airport Renovations, Infrastructure, CDBG and FCC funds.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$159,000.00	\$159,000.00	\$72,000.00	06-30-2025
2323	DHS 2022 Peer Grouping	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Peer Grouping. The purpose of County funding is to augment existing sources of support to allow community agencies to provide high-quality, full-continuum peer grouping services. The	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$544,190.00		\$0.00	12-31-2022

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		vast majority of these comprehensive programs are targeted for Mercer County's indigent population with serious and persistent psychiatric disabilities using modalities most appropriate to client level of function and to ensure that services are provided in the least restrictive setting possible.					
2324	DHS 2022 Mental Health Programs	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Mental Health Programs for services including Support for Families and Consumers, Senior Care Management, Representative Payee Services, Crisis Intervention, and various other services and treatments. The vast majority of these comprehensive programs are targeted for Mercer County's indigent population with serious and persistent psychiatric disabilities using modalities most appropriate to client level of function and to ensure that services are provided in the least restrictive setting possible.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$450,000.00	\$507,300.00	\$224,704.00	12-31-2022
2325	MCCII - Trenton - Reading Senior Center	Trenton has a very active Senior population - where over 100 seniors visit centers daily for activities and over 200 will attend special events and trips/excursions. Funding is being allocated to provide needed repairs to the Reading Senior Center. Procurement of Professional Services (\$60,000.00), Purchase and Installation of new HVAC system (\$320,000.00), 1st Floor flooring replacement and Kitchen renovation with new appliances (\$151,520.00) and contingency set-aside. Estimated cost: \$647,717.00.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$647,717.00	\$647,717.00	\$0.00	09-30-2026
2326	MCCII - Trenton - North Clinton Senior Center	Trenton has a very active Senior population - where over 100 seniors visit centers daily for activities and over 200 will attend special events and trips/excursions. Funding is being allocated to provide needed repairs to the North Clinton Senior Center. Procurement of Professional Services (\$60,000.00), Purchase and Installation of new roof (\$173,000.00) and HVAC (\$250,000.00) and contingency set-aside. Estimated cost: \$587,240.00.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$587,240.00	\$587,240.00	\$0.00	09-30-2026
2327	MCCII - Trenton - Sam Naples Senior Center	Trenton has a very active Senior population - where over 100 seniors visit centers daily for activities and over 200 will attend special events and trips/excursions. Funding is being allocated to provide needed repairs to the Sam Naples Senior Center. Procurement of Professional Services (\$60,000.00), Purchase and Installation of 1st Floor Flooring replacement (\$200,000.00), Kitchen rehab with appliances (\$68,000) and contingency set-aside. Estimated cost: \$394,043.00	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$394,043.00	\$394,043.00	\$0.00	09-30-2026
2328	MCCII - Hamilton Township	Non-Profit Grant Program - Hamilton is looking to provide grant funding to non-profits in Hamilton Township that provide Professional Services - athletic programming to disabled (mental or physical) participants. Eligibility reviews will include the determination of negative economic impact	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00	04-01-2024

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		from/during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic to now.					
2329	MCCII - Princeton - PSRC Case Manager	Older adult case worker and mental health clinical support through Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC), Corner House Behavioral Health, and Princeton Human Services. As individuals transition into Medicare, they lose health coverage such as substance abuse help and dental care. This funding allows for the expansion of PSRC's social services team with the hiring of a social worker/case manager position. A bi-lingual staff person was hired to provide better assistance and dedicated outreach to those with limited English proficiency. Staff have hosted additional outreach events and developed flyers and information materials in Spanish.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.01 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll & Benefits for Public Health, Safety, or Human Service Workers	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$18,874.98	09-30-2026
2330	Incentive Pay Program	Mercer County wished to provide incentive pay for ALL employees who's working conditions were impacted through COVID-19. This program is for incentive pay offered at the same rate to those not eligible for premium pay. Also, to pay additional amounts beyond what was calculated for the Premium Pay category for ALL employees - including those being funded under premium pay.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$198,799.61	\$198,799.61	\$198,799.61	08-12-2022
2331	DHS 2022 Child care	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Child Care. At least 75 eligible clients/families are to receive case management annually for the duration of the resulting contracts of this RFP for comprehensive social services programs that include emergency food assistance/food pantry services; information and referral; emergency services; health, nutrition and general services; and youth programs. Case management is the foundation by which all outcomes are achieved. Case management entails providing families and/or individuals with support and linkages to needed services by face-to-face, email and telephone, although for this grant the first case management encounter must be face-to-face for it to be counted as such.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$400,000.00	\$633,850.00	\$0.00	12-31-2022
2332	DHS 2022 Homeless Services	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Homeless Services. Funding will be made available in the following five categories, up to the indicated amounts: Case Management, Emergency Shelter Services, Rapid Re-Housing, Day Drop-in Center, and Shallow Subsidy Program. Liaison/Case Manager position to provide case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness at the Rescue Mission of Trenton (MISSION), the emergency services program, which is a vital member of the Coordinated Entry and Assessment System (CEASe)	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$500,000.00	\$1,091,528.00	\$0.00	12-31-2022
2333	DHS 2022 Youth Detention Center	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Youth Detention Center - housing	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of	\$1,040,062.50	\$1,040,062.50	\$1,040,062.50	12-31-2022

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		services. Mercer County has a shared services agreement with Middlesex County to provide pre-disposition and adjudicated juveniles safe and secure housing at an accredited Juvenile Detention Center. The agreement between counties is for 2021 through 2026 and is a recurring administrative expense that was addressed with needed ARPA funds.	Government Services				
2334	DHS 2022 Addiction Services	The Mercer County Department of Human Services was allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Addiction Services. Scope of service includes providing addiction services to indigent Mercer County residents and their affected families. This includes screening those in need of services, assessing the level of care needed and providing what is needed. All services that will be billed are fixed at the state level at a fee-per-service. Services include evidence-based programming such as education and advocacy; transitional and permanent housing; and case managers.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$500,000.00	\$611,100.50	\$0.00	12-31-2022
2335	Purchases 2022	Mercer County allocated funds in the 2022 Annual County Budget for Purchases 2022 by Building & Grounds. Funds were used to cover the 2022 expenses on existing contracts for Thermal Energy at the existing Mercer County Criminal Court House and for Janitorial Services at the Mercer County Civil Court House.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	12-31-2022
2336	Airport - Professional Services	Hired a professional services company to provide Owner's Representative / Construction Management services for Airport Capital Improvement projects, including: New Tower, New Firehouse, Environmental Cleanup, Sitework, New Garage, Terminal Upgrades and New Control Tower. Professional provides documentation and confirms compliance with various funding sources used for the many projects; oversees the development of plans, specifications, solicitations and construction.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$6,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$855,535.63	11-30-2026
2340	Mercer Path Forward: Workforce Training	Mercer County is providing Workforce Training to formerly Incarcerated individuals. Morph Mentoring has been selected to provide services that include: assistance in personal documentation (SSN, Birth Certificates, DL, etc), financial management, job preparation, job training skills, computer skills, resume development, etc. This initiative is concurrently run with Mercer County's expungement assistance program. Outreach events will be held for Mercer County's sponsored services with participation by non-profits and other entities that would be of help in the areas of housing, counseling, and other aid.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$54,401.50	12-31-2025
2341	Trenton Thunder Professional Services	Architectural and engineering services associated with Lower-Level Renovations to Mercer County Waterfront Park. CCH will work with the Owner - Mercer County and the tenant - Trenton Thunder management and staff to develop a concept program that meets the needs of Major League	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	12-31-2024

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		Baseball's PDL Guidelines as well as upgrades to key ballpark areas that require renovation. Our efforts will culminate in an approved program and concept design that will serve as the basis of design moving forward. This proposal is for the development of bid documents for the scope of work related to a portion of the lower level of the Stadium facility including: Home and Visitor Locker Room upgrades, Women's Locker Room, Umpire's Locker Room, etc.					
2442	Revenue Replacement - Admin 2024	Mercer County wishes to expend ARPA Revenue Replacement funds to help cover budget gaps in 2024. May be used to cover salaries and health insurance. Budget is still under review and approvals with the State and Board.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$2,490,000.00		\$0.00	12-31-2024
2443	Signal 22 Rescue Aid Vehicle	Mercer County has designated Signal 22, a non-profit Canteen volunteer group that stands ready to respond to natural or man-made disasters by providing refreshments, pop-up tents, and meals to on-site personnel and victims within a 30-mile radius of Trenton. John Donahue chief of Signal 22 stated, "We're out here to provide water, Gatorade, food, snacks and whatever other comforts we can offer to firefighters and other first responders. If we show up then generally it means something bad has happened. We show for fires, hostage situations, natural disasters, building collapses. We just want to help any way that we can." Signal 22, share a desire to not only successfully continue to serve within a 30-mile radius of Trenton, NJ but also continue to expand their services and participate in community events within Mercer County - to that end, Mercer County allocated funds to them for the purchase of a new service delivery vehicle.	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.01 Provision of Government Services	\$339,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2024
2444	Hopewell Twp Ambulance	Mercer County is providing funds to Hopewell Township for the procurement of a new Ambulance. The COVID-19 pandemic brought about an unprecedented need for Emergency Medical Services to Hopewell Township - and the additional ambulance is needed to continue to meet a new level of services by both the volunteer and paid Emergency Medical Services division of Hopewell Township. The Ambulance will be procured and maintained by the Township.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	02-01-2025
2445	Mercer County Arts Match	Mercer County supports the Arts and Artists in the community. The Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Division has received federal and state grants that require matching funds - and ARPA funds are being provided to cover. The County Commissioners created the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission on March 17, 1970 to serve as an Advisory Board to the Division of Culture and Heritage. With the Commission's input, the Statutes enabled the Division to develop County programs to promote public interest in local and county history, in the visual and performing arts,	6. Revenue Replacement - 6.02 Non-Federal Match for Other Federal Programs	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2026

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		and in the community's cultural values, goals and traditions.					
2446	Mercer County Library HVAC	Mercer County's libraries continued to serve community members through the COVID-19 pandemic. They are a centralized location where guidance, aid and programming is distributed to the community. Three libraries are selected for HVAC upgrades and repairs - with related roofing repairs. The HVAC systems will be upgraded and/or replaced to include additional ventilation controls, and upgraded filtering systems.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2025
2447	Mercer Emergency Radio System	Mercer County is in need of updated Emergency Radio equipment. Existing equipment is nearing the end of useful life and Mercer would like to utilize ARPA funds for equipment purchases that will address a health and safety need for many years in the future.	3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity - 3.04 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$4,349,598.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2024
2449	Mental Tele-Health Pilot	Mercer County is looking to expand services for residents who need mental health services. Mercer County will solicit a provider for a Mental Tele-Health Pilot Program. This pilot will help to establish baseline costs and usage measurements for future endeavors.	1. Public Health Response - 1.12 Mental Health Services	\$1,350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2026
2450	Food Pantry Grant	Food Insecurity is a silent epidemic, coexisting in even the wealthiest of Counties. In Mercer County, many families, homelessness, housing, disabled, aging, addiction and other non-profit service providers struggle to meet the complete needs of the people they are helping - including basic meals. Mercer County seeks to address this added burden to our essential non-profit human services partners. The Food Pantry Grant Program is geared to provide needed direct aid to Food Pantries in Mercer County.	2. Negative Economic Impacts - 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12-31-2024

9. Summary

The County of Mercer will use State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds within the American Rescue Plan Act effectively and in a manner that makes the most impactful use of funds for the County. The County's prioritization process included public and community input, and collaboration with units of local government. County staff are evaluating community impacts, as well as the level of economic impacts on the community. Throughout this process, County of Mercer is also taking into account other resources of funds that can help meet needs that have been created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. This Recovery Plan Performance Report serves to demonstrate the efforts taken by the county to help ensure a strong and equitable recovery for County of Mercer.