

Stark County, Ohio
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds**
2024 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The primary foci of Stark County, Ohio's use of funds have been for infrastructure projects involving water and sewer systems owned by the county and for the provision of government services. Some of the infrastructure projects commenced in 2021, while others will continue for the duration of this program, completing before the statutory deadline of December 31, 2026. These funds will improve public health by providing the opportunity for access to clean, safe, reliable drinking water and sanitary sewer systems throughout our county. Some of the identified infrastructure projects had been previously cost prohibitive, but are now financially feasible, through the utilization of these federal funds.

Uses of Funds

Stark County, Ohio, identified numerous water and sewer system projects, across multiple city, village, and township areas of the county. The goal was to identify worthy projects across Stark County so that residents across the county had an equal chance to benefit from this investment. In addition, through the provision of government services, all residents of the county were able to receive some benefit from these federal funds.

Promoting equitable outcomes

A key component in water and sewer project selection is geographic diversity across Stark County. Even areas are well-served by municipalities, though partnerships with other local government units were considered, to maximize the use of resources and to ensure the broadest population is served. Some of the infrastructure projects that were previously cost prohibitive were due to the cost share that would have been placed on county residents, many of which were in low-to-moderate income areas. The use of these federal funds allowed for the cost share on county residents to be significantly reduced or totally eliminated.

Community Engagement

With the goal of improved public health through clean, safe, and reliable water and sewer systems, a good understanding of existing resources and short-comings was identified. Reliance on existing community organizations and local government partners is necessary to ensure the broadest reach and the greatest impact on those communities most in need.

Labor Practices

For all water and sewer infrastructure projects, Stark County will follow all appropriate federal, state, and local guidelines related to prevailing wage, minority contracting, and hiring requirements.

Use of Evidence

Not applicable at this time.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	\$ 3,743.75	\$ 3,743.75
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	\$ 2,596,368.73	\$ 2,596,368.73
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	\$ 3,725,732.46	\$ 3,725,732.46
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$ 46,721,506.91	\$ 46,721,506.91
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$ 31,117.15	\$ 31,117.15
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Project Inventory

Sanitary Sewer Projects:

- **P604 – Justus/Harmon Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 7,335,716.07**
- **P610 – Lincoln Street Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 2,596,518.73**
- **P623 – North Lawrence Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 8,658,023.00**
- **P625 – Meadowgrove Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 3,364,140.57**

Water Projects:

- **P606 – Casern/Mogodore Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 511,059.28**
- **P620 – Main Looping Construction – Estimated Cost** **\$ 3,214,673.18**

Performance Report

Not applicable at this time.

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

Not applicable.