New Jersey Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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My fellow New Jerseyans,

Over the past several years, we have risen to every challenge that has come our way as a united New Jersey, including the COVID-19 Pandemic and the economic uncertainty that accompanied it. As we move farther away from the darkest times, we remain committed to ensuring a strong recovery from these public health and economic challenges of the past several years to deliver all New Jerseyans with economic security and opportunity.

We are proud of what has been accomplished with the New Jersey Legislature to expend the State Fiscal Recovery Fund allocation from the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) and intend to continue our progress toward getting our small businesses and residents back on their feet and make the most impacted communities and industries whole once again.

In the past five years, we have remained committed to making smart and fair investments in our residents and economy to ensure that we are stronger and more resilient than before the pandemic. We have made substantial investments in the health care and child care sectors, and provided much-needed support to our residents, small businesses, and critical industries. We have taken a comprehensive approach so that the far-reaching impacts of the pandemic are met with an equally wide-ranging response.

We are proud of our accomplishments so far, but there continues to be a significant opportunity to move our State forward. As we continue our efforts to make New Jersey stronger and fairer and solidify our State as one of the best places to raise a family, we will do so with the American promise of liberty, justice, and opportunity for all at the forefront.

Philip D. Murphy

Governor

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The Murphy Administration is proud of our partnership with the New Jersey Legislature to fully obligate the entirety of the State's American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) allocation in accordance with the December 31, 2024 deadline established by the U.S. Treasury. The State's investments address both the critical needs resulting from COVID-19 and long-term economic recovery, cementing New Jersey as the best place to raise a family. The Administration, led by the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) and the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (DRM) in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), have been working to stand up and monitor over 350 programs to ensure that New Jersey's recovery efforts are providing direct and timely assistance to individuals, families, and critical industries, and that the State's response to the pandemic is as wide-ranging as its impacts.

While developing SFRF-funded programming, the State has examined the needs of all residents. Over the course of the recovery, we have solicited input from countless individuals, community organizations, and advocates to understand on-the-ground needs and to facilitate necessary coordination between State agencies and local and municipal entities. Through these important partnerships, Governor Murphy takes pride in making critical and high-impact investments with the entirety of the pandemic recovery portfolio.

Our approach to investing these funds reflects this feedback and engagement and shows a distinct commitment to making our healthcare system more resilient with significant investments in hospital capacity and infrastructure throughout the State, in both urban and rural communities. We have prioritized making sure our vibrant small business community continues to thrive, including in areas of the State where our tourism industry is so critical. We are keenly aware of the financial stress faced by many thousands of New Jersey families and have responded with a significant commitment to rental and utility assistance to prevent evictions and homelessness and have made a substantial investment in the production of new affordable housing. In the spirit of being one of the best places to raise a family, we have prioritized the availability and affordability of childcare and pre-k and have made it our mission to address the mental health crisis, particularly among young people. Also critical to this objective, we have dedicated substantial resources to health and safety through home lead paint remediation, improvements to water infrastructure and storm resilience, and community violence prevention initiatives Statewide and at the county and municipal level in every corner of the State.

We are confident that our process has been responsive to the needs of all New Jerseyans and has led to the development of a wide variety of programs that, taken together, will ensure that our State continues to emerge from the pandemic in a better position than when it began. We have also taken pride in our compliance and internal controls process to ensure that every last dollar of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund is used in accordance with the program guidance and in service of the success of our State and its residents.

Governor Murphy delivers the FY25 State of the Budget Address

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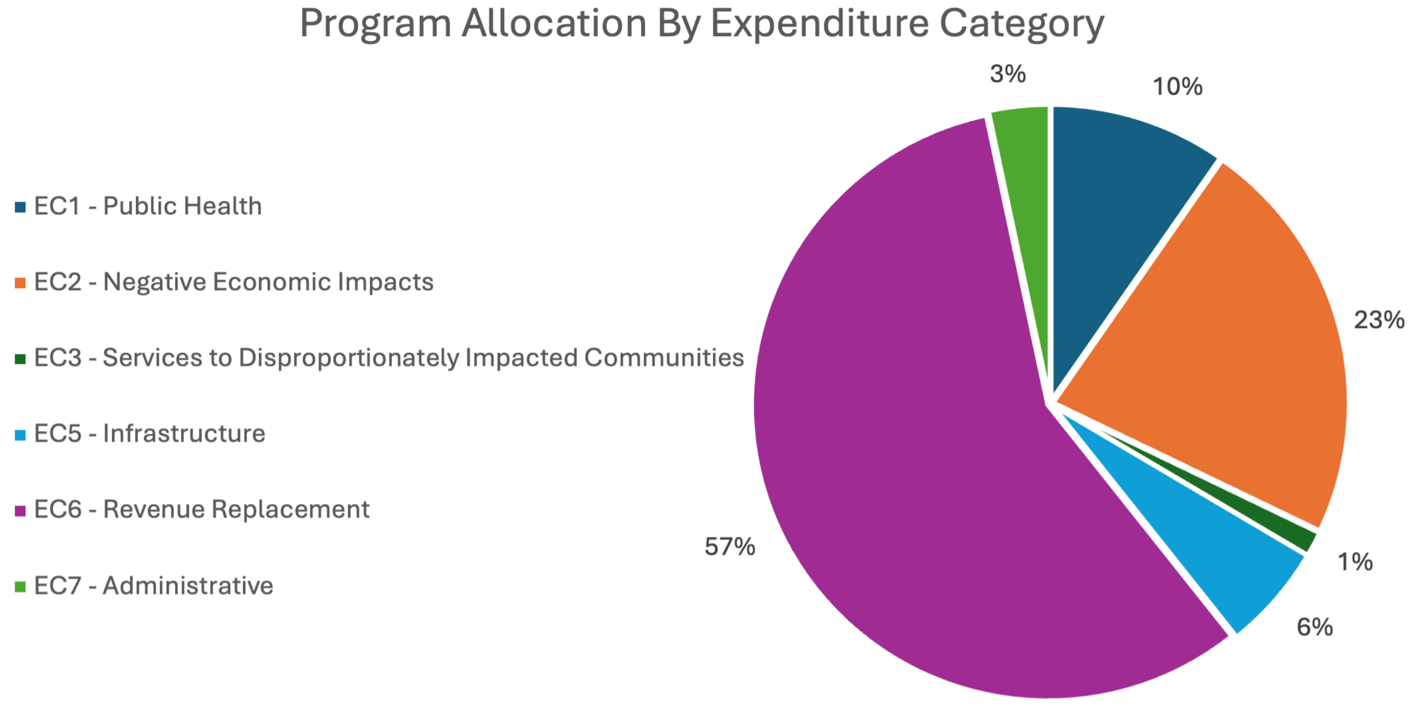
SECTION II. USE OF FUNDS

AS OF JUNE 2025, NEW JERSEY'S ENTIRE $6.24 BILLION SFRF ALLOCATION HAS BEEN DEDICATED TOWARD NEW JERSEY'S IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM STATEWIDE NEEDS AS DETAILED IN THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (ECS). THE FIGURE BELOW REPORTS PROGRAM ALLOCATION BY EC AND IS FOLLOWED BY EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS IN EACH EC.



Public Health (EC 1):

- $41 million to improve the infrastructure and preparedness of county health departments and about $30 million towards community violence intervention programs
- $260 million to continue hospital operations and upgrade hospital infrastructure throughout the State
- $56 million (FY22) to support mental health initiatives, particularly to support youth mental health services
- About $185 million for the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program, which will promote the efficiency of HVAC and water systems and improvement of air quality within our schools and small businesses

Negative Economic Impacts (EC2)

- About $145 million to programs that assist small businesses
- $820 million toward housing programs intended to prevent evictions and provide support for domestic violence survivors

- Roughly $88 million to support the child care industry and $11 million to provide supplies and services to newborns and families
- $145 million to provide an additional or compensatory year of special education to students with disabilities who otherwise would have aged out of the system and missed out on a critical year of development during the COVID-19 pandemic and $36 million to accelerate learning following COVID-related closures

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC3)

- $25 million to continue making improvements and upgrades to the unemployment system
- About $44 million for resident services upgrades to make the provision of public services more efficient at Motor Vehicle Commission facilities and on the State's online platforms

Infrastructure (EC5)

- About $40 million to local governments for infrastructure planning and improvements
- Nearly $330 million to water infrastructure projects to improve water quality

Revenue Replacement (EC6)

- About $420 million toward the production of affordable housing in addition to $189 million to remediate lead paint in New Jersey homes
- Over $700 million to expand capacity at medical facilities throughout the State
- $120 million toward operations and healthcare costs at the Department of Corrections
- Over $325 million toward improvements to resilience, infrastructure, and public amenities in addition to $100 million to make improvements to boardwalks critical to the State's tourism industry

Administrative (EC7)

- Over $60 million set aside to administer programs and provide funding for integrity monitors to ensure continued compliance with U.S. Treasury SFRF rules and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 federal regulations

SECTION III. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Murphy Administration held two public listening sessions in late July 2021 and a third in September 2021 in connection with SFRF planning and program development. Over 200 organizations were invited to give oral testimony to Administration senior staff on recommended uses of funding. The public was invited to send written testimony as well. Additional public listening sessions were held August 2nd, August 4th, and August 22nd, 2022 to solicit a wide range of feedback from a broad coalition of stakeholders.

As part of the collaborative annual New Jersey process between the Administration and its partners in the Legislature, representatives of citizens from every corner of the State provide input into SFRF allocations through the annual State budget process. SFRF funds are part and parcel with the adoption of the State's overall budget, and are used to fill COVID-19-related unmet needs in existing State programs. And, perhaps more importantly, SFRF funds are used to create new programs to directly support the areas suffering from COVID-19's wide reaching impacts. Because SFRF allocations are decided pursuant to this annual State budget process, representatives of all of New Jersey's 9 million+ residents are able to weigh in on the uses of SFRF funding. State departments have also held their own engagement sessions:

- NJEDA has hosted over 200 webinars and partnered with advocacy groups such as chambers of commerce and county economic development associations. NJEDA also has a customer service call center that collects and feeds information back to the program design team and Authority leadership.

- The Department of Education has worked through its county offices and partner organizations, including the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, to provide information regarding the Special Education Eligibility Extension. In addition, the Department has released broadcast memos and guidance regarding implementation of the program to all school districts. The Department of Education also engaged extensively with stakeholders in the development of Governor Murphy's Universal Pre-K initiative, including a public event in February of 2023.

- The Department of Community Affairs hired three regional community-based organizations to perform outreach and assist individuals to enroll in the Eviction Prevention Program.

- The Division of Family Development (DFD) in the Department of Human Services has held multiple roundtables and listening sessions with child care providers before and during the pandemic to capture feedback and understand how COVID impacted the landscape of the industry. In addition, DFD relies on each county's community-based Child Care Resource and Referral Agency that interfaces with local child care programs to gather feedback and relay relevant information to DFD. These forums have captured feedback in both oral and written forms. DFD has also conducted a number of surveys asking providers key questions to consider when making grant funding available.

- The Department of Human Services conducted significant outreach and partnered with multiple community-based organizations to provide application assistance for their programming.

- The Department of Environmental Protection engaged extensively with the public on the development of its water infrastructure spending priorities, including holding multiple webinars and public meetings and soliciting public comments on its draft documents.

We are proud of the partnership between the Murphy Administration and the Legislature and the process of engaging with a wide array of individuals and organizations to solicit input on where SFRF funds would be most beneficial, and we are confident we have landed on many effective ways to ensure that SFRF comprehensively serves the people of New Jersey.

Governor Murphy delivers Universal Pre-K Announcement

SECTION IV. NEW JERSEY LABOR PRACTICES

The State of New Jersey's robust labor practices protect workers, improve the overall pool of labor talent, and ultimately lead to the successful completion of major public works projects by skilled laborers. Over the years, and particularly under Governor Murphy's administration, New Jersey has made clear that public contracting is a privilege and not a right by instituting laws that guarantee some of the most rigorous worker protections in the country. The following is a brief overview of New Jersey's existing labor practices that will be applied to construction projects funded by SFRF.

I. PREVAILING WAGE ACT

New Jersey's Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 *et seq*. (PWA), protects workers engaged in public works as well as their employers from the effects of unfair competition resulting from wage levels that are detrimental to the efficiency and well-being of all concerned. The Act requires the payment of minimum rates of pay to laborers, craftsmen, and apprentices employed on certain public works projects. When PWA is applicable, covered workers must receive the appropriate craft prevailing wage rate as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

In addition to the PWA, the New Jersey State Building Service Contracts Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.58 *et seq*., establishes prevailing wage levels for employees of contractors and subcontractors furnishing building services in State-owned and State-leased buildings.

To effectively enforce the PWA, New Jersey's standard contract "Terms and Conditions" require compliance with the appropriate State or federal prevailing wage. In almost all cases, the prevailing wage rates for various trade personnel are higher in New Jersey than the federal rates.

II. PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS AND THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:38-1 *et seq*., a public entity must consider a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that serves as a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement covering terms and conditions of a project greater than $5.0 million. A public entity may include a PLA if it finds that the project meets the requirements for a PLA, taking into consideration the size, complexity, and cost of the project. These requirements also include promoting labor stability and advancing the interests of the public entity in cost, efficiency, skilled labor force, quality, safety, and timeliness.

Upon review of a State public works project, the New Jersey Department of Treasury's Division of Property Management & Construction (DPMC) determines whether the statutory criteria for a PLA is met. In addition to the size, complexity, and cost of the project, DPMC considers not only the need for a reliable skilled labor pool needed to complete a project, but also the quality of the work needed, and the need to meet all safety, regulatory, and special requirements of the project.

In many large, complex projects, the PLA will provide a certain level of confidence to the State that a project will be completed in an orderly and timely manner by a skilled labor pool capable of performing quality work and in an efficient and safe manner. In these projects, a PLA will be recommended and negotiated with the local Building Construction Trades Council using the standard State PLA. The project is then advertised with a requirement for a PLA and the contractor agrees to abide by the PLA at contract award. The PLA then governs the employment of labor on the project from initiation until completion.

To further promote the development of the State's workforce, New Jersey's Public Works Contractor Registration Act (PWCRA), N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 *et seq*., requires any contractor, or any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor of a contractor, to be registered with NJDOL when bidding on a public works contract. Governor Murphy signed a law in 2019 that mandates that all contractors engaging in public work must be participating in a United States Department of Labor "Registered Apprenticeship Program" to obtain a NJDOL registration under the PWCRA. Unlike other states, there is no opt out of the Registered Apprenticeship Program in New Jersey. This ensures that every dollar spent on public construction in New Jersey at the State, county, or municipal level is invested in expanding and training the current and future construction workforce.

III. EMPLOYEE WAGES AND BENEFITS PROTECTIONS

New Jersey's laws ensure that its workers enjoy some of the strongest wage and benefits protections in the country. Every New Jersey worker is legally entitled to minimum wages ($15.13/hour in 2024), earned sick leave, equal pay, temporary disability insurance, family leave insurance, and unemployment insurance. Further, New Jersey has some of the most expansive statutes in the country in terms of protecting against civil rights violations and preventing discrimination in the workplace. *See, e.g.*, New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 *et seq*.

In addition to strong legislation to protect workers, the Murphy Administration has more than doubled the number of Wage & Hour investigators at the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDOL), and most recently created an Office of Strategic Enforcement and Compliance to coordinate resources and enforcement authorities throughout NJDOL and across State government to protect workers and compliant employers from the threats of wage theft, employee misclassification, workers compensation fraud, and dozens of other worker protection statutes.

SECTION V. USE OF EVIDENCE

The State of New Jersey considers the use of evidence an important component of the Administration's approach as it allocates remaining SFRF moneys. For relevant programs, the State required grant recipient organizations to present evidence consistent with the standard set by U.S. Treasury to ensure their programs were rooted in evidence of successful interventions and outcomes. During the grant agreement phase of program development, the program was asked to provide evidence, such as peer-reviewed journals or reports, that links the intended intervention with the targeted program outcomes. The Governor's Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) collaborated with each relevant program to encourage the use of evidence clearinghouses in support of the program design. Further, GDRO provided technical assistance to interpret the guidance so that each program met U.S. Treasury's standard of moderate or strong evidence, and ultimately vetted whether the program provided sufficient evidence to meet the established expectations.

The Administration is consistently improving its overarching strategy for evaluating innovative programs. Thus far, the State has relied on existing research from similar programs around the country and has prioritized expanding existing programs that are "tried and true" and already have a body of evidence in support of their interventions. New Jersey will continue to measure outputs and outcomes for these projects and adjust the approach to ensure the effectiveness of the SFRF programming. New Jersey is also proud to have invested a significant portion of SFRF into notable programs that have strong, well-documented evidence bases – building affordable housing, improving access to child care and pre-k through facilities, and support for universal home visitation for newborns, among many others.

Family Fest

SECTION VI. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Critically, programs will be required to establish evidence-based outcome measures. These outcomes will serve as key benchmarks for the State of New Jersey to closely monitor with objective, quantifiable data to monitor our overall progress in serving communities throughout New Jersey as part of our recovery from COVID-19. Performance output measures may include:

- Examining participation/attrition rates
- Examining service/benefit utilization analysis
- Number of grants distributed to small businesses
- Number of workers retained through small business assistance
- Number of workers participating in on-the-job training
- Geographical and census tract data analysis.

Performance outcome metrics may include:

- Food security rate in the state
- Share of students in the state reading at the appropriate grade level
- Crime rate in the state
- Unemployment rate in the state

In addition to focusing on the required performance metrics, the State has further developed a system for programs to identify and report appropriate metrics for the context of their program. Each program identifies potential performance metrics during the MOU process, and the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) and the DCA Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Division (DRM) work with the programs to finalize these output and outcome metrics and incorporate them into the quarterly reporting process. The improvements to this process are reflected in this report, and further refinements and performance metrics will be reflected in subsequent reports.

SECTION VII. PROJECT INVENTORY

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Project 1: Broadband Grants Consultants - Admin
Funding Amount: $2,768,225
Identification Number: SLFRFBPU2BGC
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** The Board of Public Utilities contracted with a consultant to create an infrastructure map which will form the basis for decisions to apply federal funding.
- **Performance Report:**
  - This program has been completed

Project 2: School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Program
Funding Amount: $185 million
Identification Number: SLFRFBPU1SAS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) was allocated $185 million to operate the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program, which is intended to increase the energy efficiency of HVAC and water systems and improve indoor air quality within our schools and small businesses. The program is divided into two sub-programs: 1) the School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SSB-VEEVR) program and 2) the School and Small Business Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SSB-NPFA) program. The SSB-VEEVR program ensures that each board of education or small business installs HVAC equipment with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 or better and that every participating school installs a carbon monoxide detector in every classroom. Further, the SSB-NPFA program prioritizes "touchless" plumbing fixtures to prevent the spread of germs.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/school-and-small-business-energy-efficiency-stimulus-program
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Faulkner, Cary A., et al. *MERV 13 Filtration for Office Buildings during COVID-19 Pandemic*. d International Symposium on Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Nov. 2021.
  - United States Department of Homeland Security. *Non-Medical Interventions: A Desk Reference to Help Planners Recover from COVID-19 and Prepare for Future Outbreaks and Pandemics*. United States Department of Homeland Security, June 2020.
  - Supplemental Materials:
    - EPA WaterSense Product Background Materials: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/product-background-materials
    - EPA How Are WaterSense Specifications Developed?: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/how-are-watersense-specifications-developed

        - EPA WaterSense Product Specifications: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/product-specifications
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $180 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of schools receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 151
        - Number of small businesses receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 41
        - Number of schools receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 145
        - Number of small businesses receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 9

Project 3: Child Care Revitalization
Funding Amount: $38.5 million

Child Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grants
Funding Amount: $30 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS1CCR
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

- **Project Overview:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Family Development (DFD) was granted $30 million to operate the Child Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Program. This program is intended to provide immediate support to child care providers for retaining existing staff and hiring qualified staff by providing financial assistance to support child care centers and family child care programs with workforce recruitment and retention costs. Grant awards will be $1,000 per eligible child care worker, which includes those who earn less than $50,000 a year provide direct child care to children.
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - Smith, Josh T., et al. *How Does Occupational Licensing Affect U.S. Consumers and Workers?* The Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University, Dec. 2018.
    - Nunn, Ryan. How Occupational Licensing Matters for Wages and Careers. Brookings Institution, 18 Mar. 2018.
    - Gius, Mark. The Effects of Occupational Licensing on Wages: A State-Level Analysis. International Journal of Applied Economics, Sept. 2016.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $30 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of Staff Members receiving a grant: 42,000, all earning below $50,000/year

        - Number of Providers receiving a grant: 3,500
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Licensed Child Care Centers in NJ: 4,061
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ ages 3-5): 392,000
        - Number of families served by home visiting: 0 (Not Applicable)

Child Care Licensing Reform
Funding Amount: $8.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF1CCL
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

- **Project Overview:** The Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) was granted $8.5 million to develop new ways to regulate and govern the child care industry to ensure that the industry emerges from this crisis better situated, both to meet the needs of future crises, and to encourage greater compensation for child care providers and workers.
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - Smith, Josh T., et al. *How Does Occupational Licensing Affect U.S. Consumers and Workers?* The Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University, Dec. 2018.
    - Nunn, Ryan. How Occupational Licensing Matters for Wages and Careers. Brookings Institution, 18 Mar. 2018.
    - Gius, Mark. The Effects of Occupational Licensing on Wages: A State-Level Analysis. International Journal of Applied Economics, Sept. 2016.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $8.5 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Project Status: Completed Less than 50% (research project is underway)
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ ages 3-5): 392,000
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ ages 3-5): 392,000
        - Number of families served by home visiting: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 4: Infant Formula
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF2BAF
Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

- **Project Overview:** The pandemic caused many supply chain issues, most recently, an acute shortage of baby formula. The remaining supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 combined with limited domestic production and the closure of a major U.S. manufacturing plant has resulted in both increased prices and drastically reduced stock. DCF will use SFRF funds to address this shortage. DCF will utilize its Family Success Centers, which connect a network of county hubs, home visiting programs, and parental resources to facilitate the distribution of formula to families in need. These Family Success Centers successfully distributed clothing, diapers, food, and other needs to families throughout the pandemic, and are well positioned to assist in a similar fashion with infant formula. By centering distribution on Family Success Centers, DCF will be optimally placed to seek out, understand, and respond to families with the greatest need.

- **Use of Evidence:** Stafford, M. (2022). FDA Evaluation of Infant Formula Response (S. M. Solomon C. V. M, M. P. H. & L. Tobias, Interviewers). In FDA.gov. US Food and Drug Administration. Retrieved July 5, 2023, from https://www.fda.gov/media/161689/download
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4.875 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Amount of Infant Formula distributed through family success centers: 13,335 cases
    - Number of families receiving infant formula or gift cards through this program: 13,872
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - NJ Food Insecurity Rate: According to data on the NJ Department of Health's –NJ State Health Assessment Data website, in 2020, the most recent year for which data is available, the food insecurity rate in New Jersey was 7.4% for all individuals and 9.0% for children

Project 5: School Linked Services
Funding Amount: $8.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022; $6.825 million in Fiscal Year 2023
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF4SLS, SLFRFDCF5SLF
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program, through the Department of Children and Families, will fund a statewide mental health intervention program for grade-school students. This program will be designed as a hub-and-spoke model, where hubs provide harm prevention and counseling staff and expertise to all school districts, and school districts (and individual schools within) operate as the spokes, able to refer issues and request expertise from the hub centers.
- **Use of Evidence:** The Department of Children and Families identified a menu of evidence-based interventions that this funding could be used for: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/fcp/sls/SLS-Recommendations.Final.pdf
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $15 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of school districts benefitting from this program: 583

- Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 42.3% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 6: Lakes Management
Funding Amount: $10.215 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP1LSM
Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

- **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will issue grants to qualified public lake management entities, including local government units and nonprofit organizations involved in public lake management, such as the Greenwood Lake and Hopatcong Lake Commissions, for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities that would directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a publicly accessible lake for recreation and conservation purposes. In particular, such projects will focus on stormwater management and protecting lake water quality from harmful algal blooms.
    - Link to Project Website: https://dep.nj.gov/grantandloanprograms/lake-stormwater-management-grants/
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - NJDEP, Water Monitoring and standards. 2011. AMBIENT LAKES MONITORING NETWORK, Panel 5, Vol 1 of 2. December 2011. 32 pp.
    - NJDEP, Division of water monitoring and standards. 2020 (a). Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Freshwater 2020 Summary Report - Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Freshwater Recreational Response 2020 Summary Report March 2020. 27 pp.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 81
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of lakes with water quality issues mitigated: 22 lake projects have been funded to date

Project 7: Local Government Infrastructure Planning
Funding Amount: $5.125 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP3LGI
Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

- **Project Overview:** DEP is using SFRF funds to establish a grant program that funds stormwater management planning and infrastructure demonstration projects that manage runoff and protect land-based resources like wetlands, stream corridors, and waterfront riparian areas. There is a critical need to plan, design, and implement stormwater infrastructure upgrades. Additional priority will be given to demonstration projects that are located within communities in New Jersey that have Combined Sewer Systems (CSO/CSS).

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of municipalities receiving funds for stormwater management planning and infrastructure demonstration projects: 35
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed less than 50%

Project 8: Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Program
Funding Amount: $802.4 million

Rental and Utility Assistance
Funding Amount: $787.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHCR1RU
Project Expenditure Category: 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

- **Project Overview:** The $787.5 million ($750 million in direct program cost and $37.5 in incremental administrative funds) Eviction Prevention Program provides rental and utilities assistance for up to a total of 24 months for households earning less than 120 percent of Area Median Income annually, with a preference for those earning less than 50 percent of AMI and those that have been unemployed for longer than 90 days. This program is intended to ensure that recipients can remain in their homes to avoid homelessness or the prospect of eviction.
  - Link to Project Website: https://njdca.onlinepha.com/?utm_campaign=20210917_nwsltr_a&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- **Use of Evidence:** Michelle Wood, Jennifer Turnham & Gregory Mills (2008) Housing affordability and family well-being: Results from the housing voucher evaluation, Housing Policy Debate, 19:2, 367-412, DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2008.9521639
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $731 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of households receiving utility assistance: 315,656
    - Number of households receiving rental assistance: 87,740
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of homeless individuals in NJ: 22,985
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: 49,212
    - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Cumulative number of households receiving assistance: 403,396 (315,656 utility assistance; 87,740 rental assistance)

Office of Eviction Prevention
Funding Amount: $14.9 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHCR2OF
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

- **Project Overview:** To provide an expansive model in comprehensive and efficient defense against eviction to low-income renter households in NJ by interconnecting two existing, successful, and impactful Department best practices in eviction prevention, namely connecting the Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI) to the Access to Counsel Initiative (ATC) thereby combining safety net services and effective anti-displacement strategies into one stronger wrap-around intervention. In this expansive model, eligible tenants facing or threatened with eviction are paired up with resource navigators for social services support, case management, and immediate problem-solving intervention including flexible direct financial assistance and with access to legal services for brief legal advice or legal representation.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Michelle Wood, Jennifer Turnham & Gregory Mills (2008) Housing affordability and family well-being: Results from the housing voucher evaluation, Housing Policy Debate, 19:2, 367-412, DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2008.9521639
  - Seron, Carroll, et al. "The Impact of Legal Counsel on Outcomes for Poor Tenants in New York City's Housing Court: Results of a Randomized Experiment." *Law & Society Review*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2001, pp. 419–34. *JSTOR*, https://doi.org/10.2307/3185408. Accessed 16 July 2023.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $14.9 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 9,900
    - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of participants who avoided displacement: 89%
    - Number of homeless individuals in NJ: 22,985

Project 9: Excluded New Jerseyans Fund
Funding Amount: $57.3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS1ENJ
Project Expenditure Category: 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers

- **Project Overview:** The Excluded New Jerseyans Fund (ENJF) administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS) provided a one-time, direct cash benefit to low-income households who were excluded from both the federal stimulus checks and COVID related unemployment assistance.
  - Link to Project Website: https://nj.gov/humanservices/excludednjfund/

- **Use of Evidence:** Bhutta, Neil and Blair, Jacqueline and Dettling, Lisa J. and Moore, Kevin B., COVID-19, the CARES Act, and Families' Financial Security (July 1, 2020). Available at SSRN: https:// ssrn.com/abstract=3631903 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3631903
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $55.3 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Total number of households receiving benefit: over 19,148
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - New Jersey Poverty Rate: 9.7%

Project 10: County Special Service Schools
Funding Amount: $10.1 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOE5CSS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This Program will fund county special service school districts in amounts based on their special education enrollment. These school districts have a unique role in providing highly specialized placements for students with severe and multiple disabilities. DOE has found special education students to be particularly impacted during the pandemic, and this funding is intended to ameliorate this impact. These funds will address students ages 18-21 and preparing to age out of school. The Program focus will be on building capacity, training, and community-based programs to prepare students for life after school.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Collins, 2007; Test & Mazzotti, 2011
  - Browder, D. M., Wood, L., Thompson, J., & Ribuffo, C. (2014). Evidence-based practices for students with severe disabilities (Document No. IC-3). Retrieved from University of Florida, Collaboration for Effective Educator, Development, Accountability, and Reform Center
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of County Special Service Schools with approved applications for this program: 7
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of special education students benefitting from the funding: 135

Project 11: Providing Additional or Compensatory Services to Students with Disabilities Beyond Age 21
Funding Amount: $145.775 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOE1SES
Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

- **Project Overview:** The Department of Education was allocated up to $184.5 million to operate a program that offers an additional year of educational services to students with disabilities with individual education plans (IEPs) who would otherwise reach the maximum age of eligibility for special education and related services (21 years old) for students in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. This program helps to address a year of academic and social learning delays caused by the pandemic if a determination is made by the student's IEP team that the student requires additional or compensatory special education and relation services. The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for the roughly 8,700 students with disabilities who would otherwise age out of the State's educational system because they will turn 21 during the 2020-21, 2021-22, or 2022-23 school years. These students may not have received the full set of services to which they are entitled given pandemic-related disruptions and may need an additional year to fully prepare them to transition to the next phase of their lives.
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - Sanford, C., Newman, L., Wagner, M., Cameto, R., Knokey, A.-M., and Shaver, D. (2011). The Post High School Outcomes of Young Adults With Disabilities up to 6 Years After High School. Key Findings From the National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 (NLTS2) (NCSER 2011-3004). Menlo Park, CA: SRI International
    - Cobb, R. B., Lipscomb, S., Wolgemuth, J., Schulte, T., Veliquette, A., Alwell, M., Batchelder, K., Bernard, R., Hernandez, P., Holmquist-Johnson, H., Orsi, R., Sample McMeeking, L., Wang, J., and Weinberg, A. (2013). Improving Post-High School Outcomes for Transition-Age Students with Disabilities: An Evidence Review (NCEE 2013-4011). Washington, DC: National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $145.4 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of students participating in an additional school year: 431
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Percent of youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) exiting special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma: 91.42% according to latest data from 2019 (2024 Target: 92%)
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - NCES School ID or NCES District: Not available from the Department of Education at this time.
        - Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 12: County Health Infrastructure
Funding Amount: $41.259 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOH2CHI
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program, through the Department of Health, will fund county health departments to support initiatives designed to strengthen the ability of county and local public health departments to respond to public health threats such as, but not limited to, communicable diseases including COVID-19 and Mpox. The program will also focus on the developments, maintenance, or expansion of initiatives that increase access to care and reduce barriers to services.

  - Link to Project Website: https://healthapps.state.nj.us/noticeofgrant/documents/OLPH24CHI_rfa.pdf

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of county subgrants issued: 21 out of 21
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/respiratory_illness_stats/respiratory_illness_report_2025_week22.pdf

Project 13: Electronic Health Records
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOH1EHR
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The Electronic Health Records System, through the Department of Health, will standardize and streamline the care process across all of New Jersey's psychiatric hospitals and the special treatment units. It will use SFRF to respond to the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by improving the efficiency of care.
- **Use of Evidence:** Herrin J, da Graca B, Nicewander D, Fullerton C, Aponte P, Stanek G, Cowling T, Collinsworth A, Fleming NS, Ballard DJ. The effectiveness of implementing an electronic health record on diabetes care and outcomes. Health Serv Res. 2012 Aug;47(4):1522-40. doi: 10.1111/j.1475-6773.2011.01370.x. Epub 2012 Jan 17. PMID: 22250953; PMCID: PMC3401397.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - $7.2 million in purchase orders have been processed thus far
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of psychiatric hospitals and special treatment units equipped with Electronic Health Records: 2

Project 14: Return & Earn
Funding Amount: $5.034 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOL1RET
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

- **Project Overview:** The Return & Earn program operated by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) is designed to help New Jerseyans return to work and small employers to fill positions that will help them grow and thrive in the economic recovery following the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Return and Earn provides wage reimbursement support to New Jersey employers that hire eligible applicants with identifiable skills gaps. The employer will provide substantive On-the-Job Training (OJT) and employees hired through Return & Earn will receive a $500 return to work benefit payment intended to offset costs of being long-term unemployed.

- Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/labor/employer-services/business/returnandearn.shtml

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Walter, J., Navarro, D., Anderson, C., & Tso, A. (2017). Testing rapid connections to subsidized private sector jobs for low-income individuals in San Francisco: Implementation and early impacts of the STEP Forward program. OPRE Report 2017-103. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. https://clear.dol.gov/Study/Testing-rapid-connections-subsidized-private-sector-jobs-low-income-individuals-San-Francisco
  - Glosser, A., Barden, B., Williams, S., & Anderson, C. (2016). Testing two subsidized employment approaches for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Implementation and early impacts of the Los Angeles County Transitional Subsidized Employment Program. (OPRE Report 2016-77). Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation. [Contrast 2: On-the-job training versus comparison] https://clear.dol.gov/Study/Testing-two-subsidized-employment-approaches-recipients-Temporary-Assistance-Needy-Families-0
  - Andersson, F., Holzer, H. J., Lane, J. I., Rosenblum, D., & Smith, J. (2013). Does federally-funded job training work? Nonexperimental estimates of WIA training impacts using longitudinal data on workers and firms (Discussion paper no. 7621). Bonn, Germany: IZA. [Dislocated Workers ONLY] https://clear.dol.gov/study/does-federally-funded-job-training-work-nonexperimental-estimates-wia-training-impacts-using
  - Andersson, F., Holzer, H. J., Lane, J. I., Rosenblum, D., & Smith, J. (2013). Does federally-funded job training work? Nonexperimental estimates of WIA training impacts using longitudinal data on workers and firms (Discussion paper no. 7621). Bonn, Germany: IZA. [Adults ONLY] https://clear.dol.gov/study/does-federally-funded-job-training-work-nonexperimental-estimates-wia-training-impacts-using-0
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators
    - Number of small businesses participating in the program: 171
    - Number of workers receiving return to work bonus: 254
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - NJ Unemployment Rate: 4.9%

- Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 254
    - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 254
    - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 15: Unemployment Processing Modernization and Improvements
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOL2UPM
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

- **Project Overview:** Because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the New Jersey (State) Department of Labor and Workforce Development realized an unprecedented spike in unemployment insurance (UI) benefit claims filings. System challenges resulted in the delayed payment of benefits and an uptick in fraudulent claims, highlighting the need for policy and technological innovation to support UI policy and technology modernization efforts. SFRF funds will be used to improve the efficacy of the unemployment insurance system by undertaking a full-scale replacement of the base system that processes UI claims and by rebuilding many of the systems and processes currently in place, including call center efficacy and dependency.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Initial Claims Filed: 142,191
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Cases receiving first payment within 21 days: 72%

Project 16: Poll Worker Daily Wage
Funding Amount: $9.192 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOS1PWD
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** New Jersey counties struggled to ensure the appropriate number of poll workers were available to staff voting locations. The State encountered hesitancy to return to work at poll locations in the wake of the pandemic. In response, the Department of State increased the rate for Election Day poll workers from $200 to $300 and hourly rate for Early Voting Poll Workers from $14.29 to $21.43 for the 2021 General Election. The increase responds to the public health crisis by allowing DOS to fill the critical need for poll workers to ensure a successful voting experience for New Jersey citizens in the wake of the ongoing pandemic. Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 266 was signed on October 5, 2021 authorizing these changes.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of counties participating in the program: 21
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed

Project 17: Tourism Campaign
Funding Amount: $25 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOS2TOR
Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

- **Project Overview:** $25 million in SFRF was made available to the Department of State (DOS) for travel and Tourism advertising and promotion for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - In 2024, visitor volume in NJ increased 2.7% year-over year to 123.7 million, registering 6% higher than 2019 levels, supported by solid growth in day visitors. In 2024, the visitor economy supported 8.3% of all jobs in New Jersey. Visitor spending of $50.6 billion in 2024 generated a total economic impact of $80.4 billion in New Jersey, including indirect and induced impacts. This total economic impact generated $26.0 billion in total labor income, sustained 507,833 total jobs, and generated $5.4 billion in state and local tax revenues in 2024.
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of tourists visiting the State in the last calendar year: 123.7 Million Total Visitors to NJ in 2024

Project 18: Camden County Sewer Disconnect
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM12CC
Project Expenditure Category: 5.4 Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows

- **Project Overview:** $10 million will go to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority to make upgrades to the County Regional Wastewater Treatment System that treats 58 million gallons of sewage per day.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 9
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Median Household Income of service area: $70,957.00
    - Lowest Quintile Income of service area: $26,494.00

Project 19: Hackensack Meridian Health
Funding Amount: $100 million

Capital Upgrades
Funding Amount: $96.3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM16HM
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** Hackensack Meridian will use $96.3 million for capital upgrades. This includes an investment of $65 million at HUMC to provide 73 additional beds, along with and incorporating infectious disease best practices, including negative pressure rooms and bio-containment capabilities; a $17 million investment into the Palisades Medical Center Emergency Department to provide a much needed expansion to better serve the community in future pandemics and other critical situations; $8 million to support the development of a Biosafety Level-3 facility at the Center for Discovery and Innovation for rapid countermeasure development against high-threat pathogens, similar to COVID-19; $5 million in collaboration with our regional partners St. Joseph's University Medical Center to invest in infusion equipment that can be used to administer monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID or future pandemics.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Construction Benchmark: Construction – 75%
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of additional beds at HUMC: 48
    - Additional capacity in Palisades emergency department: 25

Hackensack School of Medicine Scholarship Fund
Funding Amount: $3.2 Million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM17HM
Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

- **Project Overview:** $3.2 million will support scholarships at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine to support the education of medical students.
- **Use of Evidence:** Castleman, Benjamin L., and Bridget Terry Long. *Looking Beyond Enrollment: The Causal Effect of Need-Based Grants on College Access, Persistence, and Graduation*. National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper No. 19306, Aug. 2013. https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w19306/w19306.pdf
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.2 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Students Receiving a Scholarship: 11
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Total number of students enrolled in the medical school: 11
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - NCES School ID or NCES District: 3406270
    - The National Center for Education Statistics ("NCES") School ID or NCES District ID: 3406270
    - Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Community College Job Training
Funding Amount: $500,000
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM18HM
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

- **Project Overview:** $500 thousand will support job training at community colleges for patient care technicians (PCTs) and other critical health care careers in demand.
- **Use of Evidence:** Kopko, Elizabeth M., et al. *Healthcare Training Programs in Community Colleges: A Landscape Analysis.* Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2022. ERIC, https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED629759.pdf
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $500,000
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 35
    - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 35
    - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of people employed in the healthcare industry: 35

Project 20: University Hospital Newark
Funding Amount: $150 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM25EU
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** $150,000,000 to University Hospital will be used to expand its Emergency Department to accommodate more patients, while improving the physical infrastructure to establish better infection control protocols, such as greater distance between treatment bays and enhanced ventilation. The hospital also intends to expand and fortify Intensive Care treatment areas that are equipped with negative pressure ventilation and technology improvements to allow for remote monitoring of patients, thereby reducing the strain on PPE and other resources that, during emergencies, can be in short supply.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Key Construction Benchmark: Design – 80%
  - Outcome Indicators: Additional performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 21: Salem County American Legion Ambulance Association
Funding Amount: $500,000
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM1SAL
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

- **Project Overview:** The Salem County American Legion Ambulance Association (ALAA) provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in 65 percent of Salem county. During the COVID pandemic, ALAA personnel incurred overtime, and have continued to incur overtime after March 3, 2021, eliminating ALAA's budget reserves and threatening the survival of a critical health care provider. In addition to the transportation of COVID patients, ALAA has been on standby at testing and vaccination sites.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) supported under this program: 53
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Salem American Legion Ambulance Service has increased service calls by 20%. Serves 63% of the county in an extremely rural area of the State.

Project 22: Salem Medical Center
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM15SM
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to Salem Medical Center ("SMC") to reimburse COVID-related expenses resulting from the negative economic impact caused by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators: This program is complete.
  - Key Outcome Indicators: Percentage of Salem County residents with access to quality healthcare: 44%

Project 23: Vernon Township Landfill
Funding Amount: $100,000
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM30VT
Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking water: Source

- **Project Overview:** Allocation to Vernon Township (Vernon) will be used to address the effects of a local landfill on its drinking water system. Vernon will use SFRF funds for testing of deep core samples into the landfill. Testing of the landfill is the only way the State can evaluate the extent of the pollution and environmental damage that has or will be done to the area.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Households impacted by the environmental testing: 8,612

- Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Project Status: Testing Completed
    - Median Household Income of service area: $104,136.00
    - Lowest Quintile Income of service area: $56,960.00

Project 24: Commuter and Transit Bus Private Carrier Pandemic Relief and Jobs Program
Funding Amount: $25.105 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA3CTB
Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other

- **Project Overview:** The private bus industry, which has historically been a key component of New Jersey's transportation sector, was devastated by the negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Accordingly, private bus companies account for about one-third of scheduled bus service in the State, based on passenger miles prior to the pandemic and operate routes in 15 New Jersey counties. While some private carrier routes are operated under contract with NJ Transit, many are operated on an at-risk basis by the private companies under their own authority. The Commuter and Transit Bus Private Carrier Pandemic Relief and Jobs Program will provide private bus companies with assistance through grants to bring back employees and serve passengers on routes that without this relief would have had to be eliminated or cut back.
- **Use of Evidence:** Dvoulety, Ondrej & Blažková, Ivana & Potluka, Oto. (2021). Estimating the effects of public subsidies on the performance of supported enterprises across firm sizes. Research Evaluation. 30. 290–313.. 10.1093/reseval/rvab004.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $25 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of private carrier companies receiving grants: 13
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of miles covered by private carriers: In 2019, the eligible private carriers for the program drove 33,278,261 vehicle revenue miles. In 2021, eligible private carriers in the program collectively drove 9,494,071 miles. Despite a decrease in the number of private carriers in 2022, eligible carriers drove 12,255,497 miles, showcasing a significant increase in miles covered.

Project 25: Small Business Emergency Grant Program
Funding Amount: $105.656 million

- **Project Overview:** The Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) board approved the Small Business Emergency Grant Program, which dedicated $105 million into four categories: Microbusinesses, Businesses and Nonprofits, Food and Beverage Establishments, and Child Care Providers. Based on the eligibility criteria approved by the NJEDA board, grants ranging from $1,000-$20,000 will be provided to small businesses with up to 50 full time employees.

Microbusinesses
Funding Amount: $79.506 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1MIC
Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of businesses receiving assistance: 7,908
    - Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 2,761
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of funding awarded to businesses located in a New Jersey Opportunity Zone: 31%

Businesses and Nonprofits
Funding Amount: $12.810 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1BUS
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of businesses receiving assistance: 896
    - Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 209
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of funding awarded to businesses located in a New Jersey Opportunity Zone: 24%

Food and Beverage Establishments
Funding Amount: $11.753 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1FNB
Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of businesses receiving assistance: 994
    - Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 335
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of funding awarded to businesses located in a New Jersey Opportunity Zone: 31%

Child Care Providers
Funding Amount: $1.587 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1CHI
Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of small businesses receiving assistance: 127
    - Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 63
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of funding awarded to businesses located in a New Jersey Opportunity Zone: 28.9

Project 26: Sustain and Serve
Funding Amount: $9.854 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA2SAS
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

- **Project Overview:** The Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is operating the $10 million Sustain and Serve New Jersey program to provide nonprofits with grants between $100,000 and $2 million to purchase meals from New Jersey-based restaurants that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and distribute the meals for free to food-insecure families in the community. In earlier phases of the program, NJEDA has distributed $34 million to 31 organizations across the State to purchase 2.5 million meals from more than 400 restaurants across nearly 150 municipalities in all twenty-one counties. This $10 million in SFRF funds represents the third phases of the Sustain and Serve New Jersey program.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.njeda.gov/sustain-and-serve/
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of restaurants participating in the program: 200
    - Number of meals distributed by the program: 1,319,972
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of adults in households where there was either sometimes or often not enough to eat in the last 7 days: 10.1%

Project 27: Water and Sewer – Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority
Funding Amount: $10.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM5FME
Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution

- **Project Overview:** $10.5 million will go to the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority for necessary water and sewer upgrades.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 1
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Median Household Income of service area: $118,008.00
    - Lowest Quintile Income of service area: $25,513.00

Project 28: Anti-Discrimination Housing
Funding Amount: $2.481 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCR1HAD
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

- **Project Overview:** The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) within the Office of the Attorney General was granted $2.481 million for its housing unit to investigate complaints from tenants alleging that their housing provider discriminated against them based on their source of lawful income by refusing to accept their COVID-19 Rental Assistance or Section 8 vouchers. In addition, the housing unit will enforce the Fair Chance in Housing Act which aims to allow people with criminal convictions to access stable housing without being discriminated against based on their prior criminal history.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/priorities/housing-discrimination/
- **Use of Evidence:** Seron, Carroll, et al. "The Impact of Legal Counsel on Outcomes for Poor Tenants in New York City's Housing Court: Results of a Randomized Experiment." *Law & Society Review*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2001, pp. 419–34. JSTOR, https://doi.org/10.2307/3185408. Accessed 21 Jun. 2022.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2.481 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of combined LAD and FCHA intakes received: 1,623
    - Number of combined LAD and FCHA complaints filed: 873
    - Number of FHCA Director Initiated Complaints: 178
    - Number of combined LAD and FCHA resolutions (including director initiated FCHA complaints): 758
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of Homeless Individuals in NJ: Approximately 22,985
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 29: Hospital-Based Violence Intervention
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFLPS3HBV
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** The U.S. Treasury recognizes that violent crime and gun violence is a public health challenge exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, NJLPS will make funding available to eligible entities to support programming that connects victims to services beginning in a hospital or other medical setting to services outside of the hospital in order to increase support for victims of crime, improve their outcomes, and reduce future victimization.

    - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/oag/grants/2022-1026_FY21-American-Rescue-Plan-Competitive-Funds-for-New-Jersey-Hospital-Based-Violence-Intervention-Program-(NJHVIP)_NOAF.pdf
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - Cooper, Carnell MD; Eslinger, Dawn M. MS; Stolley, Paul D. MD. Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs Work. The Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection, and Critical Care 61(3):p 534-540, September 2006. | DOI: 10.1097/01.ta.0000236576.81860.8c
    - RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CENTER, JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, “Critical Care: The Important Role of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs” (May 18, 2018) available at https://johnjayrec.nyc/2018/05/15/criticalcare/
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $9.75 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of hospitals participating in this program: 11
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - NJ Violent Crime Rate: 0.2%
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
        - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
        - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 30: Violence Prevention and Detection
Funding Amount: $5.014 million
Identification Number: SLFRFLPS1VPD
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** The Department of Law and Public Safety has received just over $5 million to both prevent and respond to the increase in gun violence. This investment in technology and related infrastructure will assist first responders in rendering life-saving medical aid more quickly to victims of gun violence and help law enforcement solve gun crimes.
    - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/oag/grants/2022-0912_Gunshot-Detection-Technology-Initiative_NOAF.pdf
- **Use of Evidence:** Goldenberg, Anna DO; Rattigan, Deviney MD; Dalton, Michael MD; Gaughan, John P. PhD; Thomson, J. Scott MA; Remick, Kyle MD; Butts, Christopher DO; Hazelton, Joshua P. DO. Use of ShotSpotter detection technology decreases prehospital time for patients sustaining gunshot wounds. Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery 87(6):p 1253-1259, December 2019. | DOI: 10.1097/TA.0000000000002483
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5.014 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of local police departments participating in the program: 10
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - NJ Violent Crime Rate: 0.2%

Project 31: Digital School Mapping
Funding Amount: $6.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJSP3DS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** This Program, through the Department of Law and Public Safety and the State Police, will fund the creation of geocoded digital maps of the interior and exterior grounds of over 1500 K-12 facilities in the State. Digital mapping will give police and first responders accurate information on the layout, elevation, entrances, exits, sight lines, and other details in and around the schools and facilities. This will allow police and first responders to make better informed and more accurate decisions regarding positioning and entry into buildings, leading to more effective responses.
- **Use of Evidence:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, Washington, D.C., 2003.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $6,337,500
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Schools mapped: 1,458
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of all public and charter schools mapped: 100%
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 32: State Police Academy
Funding Amount: $3.65 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJSP2PA
Project Expenditure Category: 3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff

- **Project Overview:** The Division of State Police will use SFRF funds to cover the costs associated with commencing the 164th State Police class. The class, comprised of 180 recruits, will supplement the anticipated attrition rate within the Division of State Police and allow the Division to address pandemic-related attrition and continue with its current responsibilities. Staffing levels play a critical role in the Division's ability to remain agile enough to meet the various needs of the State's law enforcement and emergency management missions. Prior investments made in staffing and the Division's ability to reassign members of units whose primary mission were impacted by COVID-19 were important factors in our successful response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Officers Hired: 103
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - NJ Violent Crime Rate: 0.2%

Project 33: Food and Hunger Programs
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJDA1FH
Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

- **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) received $10 million to supplement The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Since 1982, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) has administered TEFAP in New Jersey, distributing several million pounds of federal food throughout the State's twenty-one counties. This program currently provides over 70 different food items to New Jersey's eligible citizens challenged by food insecurity. Currently, New Jersey receives over 20 million pounds of TEFAP foods annually from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). NJDA manages the TEFAP food ordering and scheduling of direct shipments from USDA vendors to six State-contracted Emergency Feeding Organizations (EFOs) who have developed a network of over 800 Local Distribution Agencies (LDAs) (food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and needy feeding agencies) throughout the State.
- **Use of Evidence:** Mabli, James, and David Jones. Food Security and Food Access among Emergency Food Pantry Households. Mathematica Policy Research, June 2012.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - 2,833,144 meals provided
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Food Insecurity Rate: According to data on the NJ Department of Health's – NJ State Health Assessment Data website, in 2020, the most recent year for which data is available, the food insecurity rate in New Jersey was 7.4% for all individuals and 9.0% for children

Project 34: Water Quality Accountability Municipal Compliance (Cyber Security)
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOHSP1WQ
Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure

- **Project Overview:** On July 21, 2017, the Water Quality Accountability Act, P.L. 2017, c. 133 (WQAA), was signed into law, thereby establishing new requirements for purveyors of public water systems to improve the safety, reliability, and administrative oversight of water infrastructure. As part of this act, each water purveyor with Internet connected control systems is required to develop a cybersecurity program that includes the establishment of policies, plans, processes, and procedures for identifying and mitigating cyber risk to their public water system.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed Less Than 50%
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Program outcomes will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 35: Funding for Integrity Monitors
Funding Amount: $10.3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOMB1INM
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

- **Project Overview:** This funding has been set aside for integrity monitoring, including for the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Program and the Excluded New Jerseyans Fund

Project 36: Government Services
Funding Amount: $690.333 million
Identification Number: Not Applicable
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **Project Overview:** This amount has been allocated to the provision of government services, which includes capital improvements to expand capacity at several hospitals and medical facilities, improvements to childcare facilities throughout the State, small business and tourism assistance, contributions to local government initiatives and infrastructure projects, among other eligible uses.

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Project 1: DREAMS – Developing Resiliency with Engaging Approaches to Maximize Success
Funding Amount: $3.78 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF7DRE
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The DREAMS Initiative through the NJ Department of Children and Families will serve dozens of school districts by providing trauma-informed and healing-centered training and support, including training in the Nurtured Heart Approach. This initiative will help schools establish safe, welcoming, and relationship-centered learning environments and practices for all students that provide structure, help mitigate the effects of any trauma or adversity a student may be facing and support positive growth. Participating school districts have been selected, but program activities have not yet begun.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/education/safety/wellness/trauma/dreams.shtml#:~:text=The%20New%20Jersey%20Department%20of%20Education%20%28NJDOE%29%20plays,trauma-informed%20and%20healing-centered%20practices%20through%20the%20DREAMS%20Program
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Roth, S. E. (2018). A quasi-experimental investigation of the impact of the nurtured heart approach on parenting confidence, use of appropriate verbal discipline and perceptions of child interpersonal strengths in a Caucasian population sample [ProQuest Information & Learning]. In Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering (Vol. 79, Issue 11–B(E)).
  - Brennan A, Hektner J, Brotherson S, Hansen T. A Nonrandomized Evaluation of a Brief Nurtured Heart Approach Parent Training Program. Child & Youth Care Forum. 2016;45(5):709-727. doi:10.1007/s10566-016-9351-4
  - Azeem M, Aujla A, Rammerth M, Binsfeld G, Jones RB. Effectiveness of six core strategies based on trauma informed care in reducing seclusions and restraints at a child and adolescent psychiatric hospital. Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing. 2017;30(4):170-174. doi:10.1111/jcap.12190
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.6 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of school districts participating in DREAMS program: 43
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)
    - Number of Students impacted by DREAMS initiative: The DREAMS 2024-2025 School Districts currently serve approximately 206,916 youth.

Project 2: Assertive Community Treatment Pilot
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF9ACT
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general population by funding support, treatment, and rehabilitation to youth most likely to experience psychiatric crises. DCF will pilot the services in a limited geographic area, referring the youth through the Children's System of Care's mobile response and stabilization units.
- **Use of Evidence:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Assertive Community Treatment: The Evidence. DHHS Pub. No. SMA-08-4344, Rockville, MD: Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2008.; https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/sma08-4344-theevidence.pdf
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of families using the services (service utilization): The pilot has a capacity of 40 families, each being served for 3-6 months
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)
        - Percentage of High School students having seriously considered attempting suicide: 19.6% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 3: COVID Respite Services
Funding Amount: $4.297 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF8COR
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general population by providing grants to caregivers of youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to expand services and activities to promote behavioral health development. In addition, this Program will provide one-time $15,000 dollar payments to DCF-contracted family support organizations to provide sensory-friendly enrichment activities to reduce the impacts of isolation and build community connections.
- **Use of Evidence:** Avison, C., Brock, D., Campione, J., Hassell, S., Rabinovich, B., Ritter, R., … Zebrak, K. (2018). Outcome evaluation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Rockville, MD: Westat.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4.295 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:

      - Number of families receiving support: 4,060 checks have been issued for Family Respite Support
      - Number of individuals served by the program: over 2,500
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
      - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 4: School Linked Federal Services Federal Revenue Planning
Funding Amount: $6.825 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF5SLF
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program will fund a statewide mental health intervention for grade-school students. The Department of Children and Families will subgrant to 15 "Administrative Hubs" to provide behavioral counseling. Recipients will be determined using a needs index which uses a combination of school-specific data and municipality data to rank schools for priority services.
- **Use of Evidence:** The Department of Children and Families offers a list of recommended interventions and their evidence-base: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/fcp/sls/SLS-Recommendations.Final.pdf
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $6.5 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
      - Number of students and caregivers participating in Tier 1 Events: 670,000
      - Number of Applications for Tier 2 or Tier 3 Events: 512
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
      - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 5: Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide
Funding Amount: $1.2 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF6PTS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program will fund the partnership between the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide to expand the dissemination of critical crisis and behavioral health toolkits to the families of all fifth graders in New Jersey, in addition to hospital emergency departments, and Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) and Care Management Organizations (CMO).
  - Link to Project Website: https://sptsusa.org/
- **Use of Evidence:** Godoy Garraza L, Walrath C, Goldston DB, Reid H, McKeon R. Effect of the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Suicide Prevention Program on Suicide Attempts Among Youths. JAMA Psychiatry. 2015;72(11):1143–1149. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2015.1933

    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $1.2 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of professionals trained in Adolescent Clinician Training for Suicide Prevention: 737
        - Number of Behavioral Health Toolkits distributed to Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) and Care Management Organizations (CMO): 70,965
        - Number of Behavioral Health Toolkits distributed to emergency departments: 33,255
        - Number of Behavioral Health Toolkits distributed to parents: 182,135
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 6: Universal Newborn Home Visitation Program
Funding Amount: $6 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF3UHV
Project Expenditure Category: 2.12 Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting

- **Project Overview:** Throughout the pandemic, studies have found that rates of maternal mortality increased significantly, rates of anxiety, depression, and post-partum symptoms increased beyond pre-pandemic levels, and restrictions and closures reduced access to in-person medical care, social support, and pre-natal care and screening. Therefore, the State has qualified new families as a class of beneficiaries impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Children and new families are often particularly vulnerable immediately after the child is born. Medical, mental health, and nutritional issues may not present in ways that are obvious to the family. In addition, care, screening, and informational resources that normally would have been provided prior to birth have been cancelled or limited due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This issue is exacerbated for those that may not have independent access to quality information, one-on-one counseling with professionals, knowledge of public resources, or access to affordable health care. This Program is designed to affirmatively address these issues among new families.
    - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/early/visitation/
- **Use of Evidence:**
    - Goodman, W., Dodge, K., Bai, Y., O'Donnell, K., & Murphy, R. (2019). Randomized controlled trial of Family Connects: Effects on child emergency medical care from birth to 24 months. Development and Psychopathology, 31(5), 1863-1872. doi:10.1017/S0954579419000889
    - Dodge KA, Goodman WB, Murphy RA, O'Donnell K, Sato J. Randomized controlled trial of universal postnatal nurse home visiting: impact on emergency care. Pediatrics. 2013 Nov;132 Suppl 2(Suppl 2):S140-6. doi: 10.1542/peds.2013-1021M. PMID: 24187116; PMCID: PMC3943376.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $6 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ ages 3-5): 0
    - Number of families served by home visiting: 2,065
    - Percent of families successfully connected to resources: 75%
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Maternal Mortality Rate in NJ: 25.7 per 100,000 live births (National Average is 23.5 per 100,000 live births)

Project 7: Borough of Cliffside Park
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP8BOC
Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

- **Project Overview:** The Cliffside Park Program will help remediate major flooding and water quality issues in the neighborhoods near Lafayette Avenue and Oakdene Avenue. Flooding in these locations negatively impacts numerous public facilities, including West Grantwood Park and Public School #6, hundreds of businesses, thousands of residential units, and thousands of residents and visitors.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of beneficiary census tracts: 4
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of people residing in mitigated area: 2,500

Project 8: City of Camden Lead Service Line Replacement Initiative
Funding Amount: $6.6 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP8CAM
Project Expenditure Category: 5.12 Drinking water: Lead Remediation, including in Schools and Daycares

- **Project Overview:** The Camden Lead Service Replacement Pilot Program will fund the inventory and replacement of lead service lines at various points within Camden. The city of Camden is number one on the NJ Department of Community Affairs' Municipal Revitalization Index.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of beneficiary census tracts: 19
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Share of Camden service lines that are lead: The City of Camden has nearly 14,000 combined residential and commercial water customers with New Jersey

American Water serving the remaining nearly 9,000 combined customers, for a total of approximately 23,000 customers utilizing service lines. Of that number, nearly 13,000 (or over 56%) may have lead service lines in need of replacement.

Project 9: Fair Lawn Municipal Operations
Funding Amount: $262,500
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP8FLM
Project Expenditure Category: 5.12 Drinking water: Lead Remediation, including in Schools and Daycares

- **Project Overview:** The Fair Lawn Municipal Operations Program will help fund the inventory and inspection of approximately 11,000 transmission curb boxes in order to identify lead or copper piping, with the intention of eventually replacing all deficient lines.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of beneficiary census tracts: 8
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Share of transmission curb boxes that remain deficient: Unknown at this point, the inventory and inspection will identify this number. 11,000 will undergo inspection.

Project 10: South Toms River Landfill
Funding Amount: $5.035 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP6STR
Project Expenditure Category: 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source

- **Project Overview:** The Borough of South Toms River will be granted $5.25 million to properly cap and close an inactive landfill.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 1
    - Medium household income of service area: $89,703
    - Lowest quintile income of service area: $16,501
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of people residing in mitigated area: This is a non-residential area. The population of Tom's River Township is 91,798.

Project 11: Water Infrastructure
Funding Amount: $301.321 million

Combined Sewer Overflow
Funding Amount: $248.095 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP7WIC
Project Expenditure Category: 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells

- **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Water Bank (NJWB) is a partnership between the DEP and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank) to provide low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water. Funding will be used to provide principal forgiveness loans through the NJWB to help offset the substantial costs communities face to implement Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) long-term control plans (LTCP).

- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
    - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Treatment
Funding Amount: $23.988 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP7WIT
Project Expenditure Category: 5.10 Drinking water: Treatment

- **Project Overview:** The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water.
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
    - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Other Water Infrastructure
Funding Amount: $23.988 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP7WIO
Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure

- **Project Overview:** The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water.
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
    - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Private Wells
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP7WPW
Project Expenditure Category: 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells

- **Project Overview:** The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water. There are approximately 8,000 home sales each year that are subject to the requirements of the Private Well Testing Act. It is anticipated that approximately 10 percent of private wells will have exceedances of the applicable standards and will therefore seek treatment or alternative water supply depending on the contaminant. Funding will be used to provide financing to private well owners in order to address and remediate the issues.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
  - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 12: Office of Eviction Prevention
Funding Amount: $5.637 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHCR7OF
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

- **Project Overview:** To provide an expansive model in comprehensive and efficient defense against eviction to low-income renter households in NJ by interconnecting two existing, successful, and impactful Department best practices in eviction prevention, namely connecting the Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI) to the Access to Counsel Initiative (ATC) thereby combining safety net services and effective anti-displacement strategies into one stronger wrap-around intervention. In this expansive model, eligible tenants facing or threatened with eviction are paired up with resource navigators for social services support, case management, and immediate problem-solving intervention including flexible direct financial assistance and with access to legal services for brief legal advice or legal representation.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/dhcroep.shtml
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Michelle Wood, Jennifer Turnham & Gregory Mills (2008) Housing affordability and family well-being: Results from the housing voucher evaluation, Housing Policy Debate, 19:2, 367-412, DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2008.9521639
  - Seron, Carroll, et al. "The Impact of Legal Counsel on Outcomes for Poor Tenants in New York City's Housing Court: Results of a Randomized Experiment." *Law & Society Review*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2001, pp. 419–34. JSTOR, https://doi.org/10.2307/3185408. Accessed 16 July 2023.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5.637 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of households served by the program: 9,900
    - Percentage of program participants who avoided displacement: 89% (9% relocated as a result of program support; 2% relocated to homelessness or unsheltered status)

        - Percentage of evictions dismissed as a result of program intervention and support: 73%
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Homeless Individuals in NJ: 22,985 distinct persons

Project 13: County Area Agencies on Aging
Funding Amount: $4.1 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS10CA
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the senior population by funding additional front-line staff and necessary technology upgrades at Area Agencies on Aging ("Agencies"). These county-level agencies are the first contact for many senior residents for services related to health care support, caregiver concerns, homelessness prevention, benefit assessment, money management, accessible transportation, home-delivered meals, and legal issues. The dramatically increased vulnerability of the senior population, combined with the necessary quarantines and in-person facility closures, have exacerbated the existing challenges of senior care.
    - Link to Project Website: https://nj.gov/humanservices/doas/assistance/county-offices/
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
    - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 14: Enrollment Based Payment Extension
Funding Amount: $48 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS4EBP
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

- **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on child care facilities by extending the Enrollment Based Payment Program through the Department of Human Services, helping protect an industry vital to sustained recovery. The U.S. Treasury has found that child care providers are a key industry for economic recovery, as access to safe, quality, affordable child care allows families to return to work with confidence. The Program allows child care providers to be confident that their payroll and operational expenses will be met even if new COVID-19 variants or local outbreaks cause sudden, unexpected drops in attendance.
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of providers participating in the program: approximately 4,000
        - Number of children participating in the program: approximately 64,200
        - Number of families participating in the program: approximately 39,500
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Licensed Child Care Centers in NJ: 4,061

Project 15: Higher Education Peer Counseling
Funding Amount: $2.46 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS9HEP
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The Program will fund mental health surveys and focus groups at colleges and universities across the State, as well as support the development of a statewide student-led advisory group and regional student-led learning communities focused on campus mental health. The surveys and focus groups will build on previous studies by providing deeper insight into program outcomes and the continuing needs of the student community.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Judith Chemuatai Bett, "The Importance of Promoting the Value and the Role of Peer Counseling among Students in Secondary Schools," International Journal of Economy, Management, and Social Sciences 2(6) (2013) at 477-484
  - Leigh McCallen et. al., "How a Community Engagement Model of Near Peer Counseling Impacts Student Mentors' College Outcomes," Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement 27(2) (Sept. 28, 2023).
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated to evidence-based interventions: $2.4 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Higher Education Institutions participating in the program: 5
    - Number of events held by the program: 24
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of teletherapy sessions through the Uwill platform: 12,000

Project 16: Mental Health First Aid Initiatives
Funding Amount: $4.305 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS8MHF
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program will fund the creation and implementation of teen mental health awareness and support services. This program will allow DHS to partner with the New Jersey Department of Education to address youth mental health issues.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - John P. Salerno, "Effectiveness of Universal School-Based Mental Health Awareness Programs Among Youth in the United States: A Systemic Review," Journal of School Health 86(12) (Dec. 2016) at 922-931
  - Ty B. Aller, "Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy (MHAA) for Youth: An Evaluation of College-Based Mental Health Literacy Curriculum," Mental Health and Prevention 23(1) (Sept. 2021).
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated to evidence-based interventions: $4.2 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of trainers participating: 251 Instructors have been trained
    - Number of high schools participating in the initiative: 64
    - Number of high school students participating: 16,861
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of High School students who have reported feeling sad or hopeless in the last two weeks: 41.5% (CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021)

Project 17: Social Services Advertising
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS2SSA
Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

- **Project Overview:** This program will use public advertising to raise awareness of social services programs that are not reaching the audience they were intended to reach. The advertising will be in multiple languages, will be comprised of television and radio ads, streaming service ads, in-store advertisements through public address systems, social and digital advertising, roadway billboards and mass transit signage, print advertisements, and posters.
- **Use of Evidence:** R Kosar, K. (2011). Advertising by the Federal Government: An Overview (No. 7–5700). Congressional Research Service.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - NJ ABLE Enrollment: FY 2024 with 1044 new accounts, the highest annual growth in NJ ABLE history
    - Number of Calls to 988 answered in New Jersey in June 2025: 6,823 (80% in-state answer rate) https://988lifeline.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/In-State-Monthly-KPIs-June-2025.pdf
    - Number of Calls received by NJ FamilyCare: 198,620 (March '24), up from 78,853 in March '23 https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/staycoverednj/renewaldata/NJ_DMAHS_March_Renewal_Report_04-25-2024.pdf
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed 50% or more

Project 18: Veterans Homes Oversight
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDMAVA01
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** With residents of medical facilities at particular risk of contracting COVID-19, the State Veterans' homes in Menlo Park, Vineland, and Paramus experienced challenges related to preventing the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) will use this program to identify and remedy the causes of outbreaks in these facilities. DMAVA hired independent consultants to review DMAVA's overall operations, policies, and procedures to recommend improvements in its operating practices.

- **Use of Evidence:** This allocation is funding a program evaluation – Independent consulting services will review all facility operations, policies, and procedures and provide recommendations for improvement so that the facility can meet or exceed the necessary standards of care for nursing homes.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed 50% or more
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - This program will benefit the approximately 600 residents

Project 19: Increased County Jail Population due to COVID
Funding Amount: $20 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOCICJP
Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** This Program helps fund the additional operational costs of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended quarantine and observational protocols.
- **Use of Evidence:** CDC Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Homeless Service Sites and in Correctional and Detention Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-correctional-settings.html
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of county facilities implementing CDC-recommended mitigation protocols through this program: 17
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - This program is completed.

Project 20: Educator and Staff Training Initiatives
Funding Amount: $3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOE2EST
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This Program will distribute $3 million between three behavioral health programs to strengthen educator and staff training for supporting youth mental health and education: (1) The Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program will provide coaching services to school districts to support the development of comprehensive school-based mental health systems through a pilot program aligned to the New Jersey Comprehensive

School-Based Mental Health Services Resource Guide; (2) Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders program will create a statewide training series for school leaders on implementing systemic social and emotional learning (SEL) in schools; and (3) The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign will use a three-pronged approach to address youth suicide that will include training for educators, a youth suicide awareness campaign, and a State conference to generate awareness of risk factors for youth suicide and resources available.

- **Use of Evidence:**
    - The Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program:
        - LeBlanc, Sara & Özer, Bilge & Pourseied, Katere & Mohiyeddini, Changiz. (2017). Effect of an Emotion Regulation Training Program on Mental Well-Being. International Journal of Group Psychotherapy. 67. 108-123. 10.1080/00207284.2016.1203585.
    - Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders:
        - Durlak, J. A., Weissberg, R. P., Dymnicki, A. B., Taylor, R. D., & Schellinger, K. (2011). The impact of enhancing students' social and emotional learning: A meta-analysis of school-based universal interventions. Child Development, 82, 405-432.
    - The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign:
        - Pistone I, Beckman U, Eriksson E, Lagerlöf H, Sager M. The effects of educational interventions on suicide: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Int J Soc Psychiatry. 2019 Aug;65(5):399-412
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of school districts participating in the "Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program: 36
        - Number of school districts participating in the "Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders" program: 89
        - Number of educators participating in training through "The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign": 0 (This portion of the program has not yet begun)
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - NJ Youth Mental Health metrics: 41.5% of NJ High School Students surveyed reported feeling sad or hopeless within the most recent 2021 CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS).

Project 21: Unemployment Processing Modernization and Improvements
Funding Amount: $15.75 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOL3UPM
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

- **Project Overview:** This program will fund the upgrades and improvements to the front-end and back-end technology, process, equipment, and procedures necessary for the delivery of unemployment programs and other public benefits and services. The improvements funded by this program will also fund projects necessary to improve the delivery of user-facing programs by making it easier to navigate, understand, and access, all with an eye toward increasing public access to unemployment insurance benefits and associated services. This user-centered approach to the delivery of unemployment programming includes a continued focus on improving call center intake processes by implementing different automated call functions that change based on the active monitoring of data metrics such as call volume, unique caller IDs, and reasons for calling.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Initial Claims Filed: 142,191
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Cases receiving first payment within 21 days: 72%

Project 22: Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Grant
Funding Amount: $5.063 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOT1SBE
Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

- **Project Overview:** The unforeseen emergency of the unanticipated escalation in construction material prices, including steel and lumber, has imposed substantial difficulty upon Small Business Enterprises (SBE), which have been awarded contracts or are subcontractors on contracts after public bidding. These complications have threatened the ability of those contractors and subcontractors to fulfill their obligations under the contracts. This program provides grants to SBEs to mitigate these circumstances.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of small business enterprises (SBEs) served: 11
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of awarded applicants within the top 100 of the Municipal Revitalization Index (MRI): 36%

Project 23: Former State Buildings Planning Study
Funding Amount: $1 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOMB4SBP
Project Expenditure Category: 2.23 Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties

- **Project Overview:** $1 million is allocated to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury for the Former State Buildings Study Program. The Program will address vacant and abandoned properties by funding a study to investigate the potential redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized State-owned surface parking. This will allow the State to better understand the potential of these spaces, implement a plan to ensure these abandoned lots to not turn into blight or decay, and ensure that these prime locations are returned to the local communities for their benefit.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Study Progress: Bid awarded
  - Key Outcome Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 24: Hospital Roof at Garden State Correctional Facility
Funding Amount: $1.05 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOMB18GS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** This Program will repair the roof at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility Hospital. This on-site medical facility serves the incarcerated population at the youth correctional facility, including medication distribution, dental services, primary medical care, and surgical procedures. The facility is critical to the health and safety of the incarcerated population, both for the treatment of COVID-19 and other medical needs. The facility's roof structure was installed in 1960 using EPDM rubber and asbestos fireproofing, and the Department of Corrections has found that the age of the material, the age of existing repairs, the risk of asbestos contamination in the event of failure, and the critical nature of the facility makes replacement of the roof a necessity. A new roof enhances health care capacity by fulfilling a clear threshold requirement for any form of patient care. This Program will help ensure that incarcerated persons at the Garden State Youth Correctional facility have access to competent, safe, and functional on-site medical facilities.
- **Use of Evidence:** Goswami E, Craven V, Dahlstrom DL, Alexander D, Mowat F. Domestic asbestos exposure: a review of epidemiologic and exposure data. Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2013 Oct 31;10(11):5629-70. doi: 10.3390/ijerph10115629. PMID: 24185840; PMCID: PMC3863863.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $606,522
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Construction progress: Construction – 75%
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of individuals benefitting from asbestos mitigation and access to medical facilities: The entire incarcerated population at the Garden State Correctional Facility will have hospital services available to them. The operational capacity of this facility is 1,471 and current in-house population is 987.

Project 25: Elizabeth, Storm Recovery Support
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM38ES
Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

- **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to the City of Elizabeth for the Elizabeth Storm Recovery Support Program. The Program will make necessary investments in water infrastructure by funding a redundant power generator at the Verona-Gebhardt Stormwater Pump Station and the rehabilitation of pipes in Elizabeth's combined sewer system. These augmentations and repairs are a cost-effective means of making the City of Elizabeth's stormwater system more resilient to the challenges of severe weather.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Project Status: Construction: 25%
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of people residing in mitigated area: 137,000
    - Median household income of service area: $64,065

Project 26: Resident Services Upgrades
Funding Amount: $26.25 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOOI2RES
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** Improve the user experience for accessing State Benefits and programs (Unemployment Insurance, TDI/FLI, etc.)
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of agencies engaged in resident services upgrades: 17
    - Number of community organizations engaged in improvements to digital services: 25
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of systems modernized through the program: 16

Project 27: United in Care
Funding Amount: $1.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM26UC
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

- **Project Overview:** $1.5 million is granted to United Way of Northern New Jersey which will fund a demonstration of the "hub and spoke" model of child care in which larger center-based child care facilities operate as hubs and small family child care providers operate as the spokes. This will increase capacity and reduce costs which will benefit small businesses and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) residents.
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.unitedwaynnj.org/united-in-care
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of Registered Family Day Care Centers: 31
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - 92% of home-based providers are at 85% of enrollment capacity or higher during daytime hours

- 94% of eligible families (81 children) are receiving financial assistance for childcare
- Licensed childcare centers continue at a staffing level of 74% and 100% of home-based providers are fully staffed
- 100% of providers are registered with the state

Project 28: Worker Experience and Service Delivery
Funding Amount: $3.2 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOOI1WES
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** Improve the user experience for accessing State Benefits and programs (Unemployment Insurance, TDI/FLI, etc.)
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of agencies engaged in worker and service delivery upgrades: 6
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of systems modernized through the program: 14

Project 29: UH Study and Plan for New Healthcare Facilities
Funding Amount: $52.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA7UHS
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- **Project Overview:** $52.5 million is allocated to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) for the University Hospital Study and Construction Program. The Program will respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted communities by funding upgrades and enhancements to the hospital. This Program funds the initial research, design, and engineering work required to determine the most immediate needs of the community served by University Hospital.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Study and Planning Progress: The initial report, prepared by the Innova Group, which was required by the state budget act is complete. The report concluded that UH's proposed master plan will meet current and future demand for the hospital services. The second study, by HR&A Advisors, regarding underutilized property on the UH campus has also been completed.

Project 30: Anti-Discrimination Housing #2
Funding Amount: $1.6 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCR2HAD
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

- **Project Overview:** The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) within the Office of the Attorney General was granted $1.6 million for its housing unit to investigate complaints from tenants alleging that their housing provider discriminated against them based on their source of lawful income by refusing to accept their COVID-19 Rental Assistance or Housing Choice vouchers. In addition, the housing unit will enforce the Fair Chance in Housing Act which aims to allow people with criminal convictions to access stable housing without being discriminated against based on their prior criminal history.

    - Link to Project Website: https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/priorities/housing-discrimination/

- **Use of Evidence:** Seron, Carroll, et al. "The Impact of Legal Counsel on Outcomes for Poor Tenants in New York City's Housing Court: Results of a Randomized Experiment." *Law & Society Review*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2001, pp. 419–34. JSTOR, https://doi.org/10.2307/3185408. Accessed 21 Jun. 2022.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $1.52 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of combined LAD and FCHA intakes received: 1,623
        - Number of combined LAD and FCHA complaints filed: 873
        - Number of FHCA Director Initiated Complaints: 178
        - Number of combined LAD and FCHA resolutions (including director initiated FCHA complaints): 758
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Homeless Individuals in NJ: Approximately 22,985
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 0 (Not Applicable)
        - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 31: Community-Based Violence Intervention
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFLPS5CBV
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to the Department of Law and Public Safety (LPS) for the Community-Based Violence Interventions Program. The Program will respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency by funding non-profit community service providers for the development and implementation of violence intervention services for communities with high rates of violence, particularly gun violence.
- **Use of Evidence:** "Community-Based Violence Interventions: Proven Strategies to Reduce Violent Crime," Center for American Progress, Jun. 15, 2022 (https://www.americanprogress.org/article/community-based-violence-interventions-proven-strategies-to-reduce-violent-crime/).
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4.875 million

- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of communities (municipalities) served through this program: 7
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - NJ Violent Crime Rate: 0.2% Statewide
    - Required Performance Indicators:
        - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
        - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
        - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 32: State Police – Storage Warehouses
Funding Amount: $2.2 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJSP4SW
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** This Program will fund two warehouse locations for the storage of COVID-19 related materials. The COVID-19 public health emergency has required a broad range of responses, and this has in turn resulted in the purchase of a wide variety of equipment and supplies. The State has acquired everything from hospital beds, mattresses, pillows, and blankets, to specialized medical equipment, hot water heaters, and portable showers. Consumable supplies have also been acquired in bulk; gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and similar. With case totals fluctuating and the threat of additional variants still looming, effective storage of these materials is a key part of the logistics process, allowing them to be safely secured and then quickly distributed to the end users as needed.
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Project Status: Completed less than 50%
    - Key Outcome Indicators: Not applicable

Project 33: Motor Vehicle Commission Resident Services Upgrades – Enhanced Digital Driver's License (EDDL) Cameras
Funding Amount: $7 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM28MV
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** This program will replace the 259 existing MVC camera workstations located in facilities across the State, replacing outdated hardware and software with equipment that meets modern standards for safety, speed, and electronic security. In addition, 100 additional camera workstations will be added across existing facilities, increasing the volume of transactions that can be completed and helping prevent crowding in facility waiting areas.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of facilities with upgraded EDDL Cameras: 32
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of photos taken with EDDL Cameras: 2,886,245

Project 34: Motor Vehicle Commission Resident Services Upgrades – Security Cameras
Funding Amount: $3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM29MV
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** This program will update the MVC's aging security system to ensure that the public facilities people are required to enter are as safe and welcoming as possible.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Frances Adams-O'Brien, "Is There Empirical Evidence That Surveillance Cameras Reduce Crime?" University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service, May 12, 2021.
  - Caplan, J.M., Kennedy, L.W. & Petrossian, G. Police-monitored CCTV cameras in Newark, NJ: A quasi-experimental test of crime deterrence. J Exp Criminol 7, 255–274 (2011). https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-011-9125-9
  - Gomez-Cardona, Santiago and Mejia, Daniel and Tobon, Santiago, The Deterrent Effect of Public Surveillance Cameras on Crime (February 3, 2017). Documento CEDE No. 2017-09, Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=2912947 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2912947
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of facilities with upgraded security cameras: 34
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Number of incidents reported: 747
    - Number of incidents investigated: 747
    - Number of incidents closed: 747
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not applicable)
    - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not applicable)
    - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not applicable)

Project 35: OIT Resident Services Upgrades
Funding Amount: $7.436 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOIT1RSU
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

- **Project Overview:** This Program will fund the New Jersey Office Of Information Technology (OIT) effort to streamline and modernize the State's technology infrastructure. OIT will procure a SimpliGov license subscription and train State agencies on the implementation of the software. SimpliGov will allow State agencies to modernize their front-end and back-end functions using a low-code or no-code interface, and under OIT's guidance, will create modern, uniform application processes for various government services. This will ensure that residents are able to navigate application, permit, and submission forms with a uniform look and with uniform locations for content and information. The same process will be used on the back-end, creating a uniform look and feel that will ease friction in passing data between agencies. This will also allow the consolidation of many IT services, as the uniform platform will allow IT staff to serve multiple agencies and multiple systems with a single skill set.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of agencies participating: 25
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - The initiative has just formally kicked off as of the week of April 24, 2023. Customer feedback on the kickoff training has indicated that the SimpliGov tool is either "valuable" or "very valuable," and every agency reported that their view of their relationship with SimpliGov is "Good/Happy."

Project 36: IHE Mental Health Professional Development
Funding Amount: $1 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOSHE2MD
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The program will provide grants to available to colleges and universities to provide professional development opportunities to faculty and staff to build mental health competencies and increase engagement with students. The program will evaluate and grant applicants based on the content and sustainability of their plans. This program will look for applications that address both the identification of students with mental health needs and responses to students who approach staff with mental health concerns. The program will also look for applications that include evidence-based impact evaluations, as well as strategic steps for maintaining and iterating on the plan into the future.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023.03.01_MHFA_Research-Summary_infographic.pdf
  - Litteken, C., Sale, E. Long-Term Effectiveness of the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Program: Lessons from Missouri. Community Mental Health J 54, 282–292 (2018). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-017-0158-z
  - Emily A. Greytak, Joseph G. Kosciw & Madelyn J. Boesen (2013) Educating the Educator: Creating Supportive School Personnel Through Professional Development, Journal of

School Violence, 12:1, 80-97, DOI: 10.1080/15388220.2012.731586

- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $1 million

- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of faculty and staff participating in mental health professional development programming: 3,664
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Colleges and Universities receiving grants to provide mental health professional development programming: 44

Project 37: IHE Mental Health Provider Grants
Funding Amount: $15 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOSHE1MP
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program will allow colleges and universities to address varied mental health needs of students on campus. Schools that receive grant awards will have a wide latitude to define their needs and create programs that address them through partnerships with local, state, and/or national providers. Acceptable programs could range from contracts with counseling services to alleviate the impact of short-staffed counseling centers, to informational programs to reduce the stigma of seeking mental health services, to partnerships with organizations that offer yoga or art therapy courses aimed at improving mental health. However, while latitude for programs is wide, institutions will be required to evidence the legitimacy and efficacy of the providers they propose to partner with and show how the services and expertise of those providers will directly benefit the student population.
- **Use of Evidence:** Fordham B, Sugavanam T, Edwards K, Stallard P, Howard R, das Nair R, Copsey B, Lee H, Howick J, Hemming K, Lamb SE. The evidence for cognitive behavioural therapy in any condition, population or context: a meta-review of systematic reviews and panoramic meta-analysis. Psychol Med. 2021 Jan;51(1):21-29. doi: 10.1017/S0033291720005292. Epub 2021 Jan 18. PMID: 33455594; PMCID: PMC7856415.
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $15 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of students served by mental health services through this program: 67,773
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - Number of Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs) participating in the program: 34

Project 38: ITIN Support
Funding Amount: $50.83 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOMB2ITI
Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other

- **Project Overview:** Despite their status as taxpaying residents of the United States, individuals holding Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers ("ITINs") are often ineligible for federal assistance, including some temporary federal benefits enacted in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The primary COVID-19 response benefit denied to ITIN holders was the federal stimulus payments, where holding an ITIN resulted in categorical ineligibility. This Program will fund a direct cash stimulus payment to State residents who have filed taxes with an ITIN, or filed taxes that listed a dependent with an ITIN. The program will distribute $500 per ITIN holder - $500 for a single ITIN holder, $1,000 for a household with two ITIN holders, etc. In order to ensure that this payment reaches the households most in need, it will be limited to households with an income equal to or less than 200 percent of the 2021 federal poverty guidelines for their household size.
    - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/itinfaq.shtml
- **Use of Evidence:** Bhutta, Neil and Blair, Jacqueline and Dettling, Lisa J. and Moore, Kevin B., COVID-19, the CARES Act, and Families' Financial Security (July 1, 2020). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3631903 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3631903
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $50.83 million
- **Performance Report:**
    - Key Output Indicators:
        - Number of households receiving ITIN support: 79,751
        - Number of individuals receiving ITIN support: 101,667
        - Income Breakdown: About 24,000 recipients had household incomes below $10,000; About 19,000 recipients had household incomes between $10,000 and $20,000; About 17,000 recipients had household incomes between $20,000 and $30,000; About 8,000 recipients had household incomes between $30,000 and $40,000; About 4,000 recipients had household incomes between $40,000 and $50,000; About 2,000 households has household incomes greater than $50,000
    - Key Outcome Indicators:
        - New Jersey Poverty Rate: 9.7%

Project 39: Government Services
Funding Amount: $1.897 billion
Identification Number: Not Applicable
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **Project Overview:** This amount has been allocated to the provision of government services, which includes significant investment in affordable housing construction, remediation of lead paint in New Jersey homes, construction and improvements to pre-k and child care facilities, infrastructure projects and assistance to local governments, among other eligible uses.

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Project 1: Domestic Violence Housing Support
Funding Amount: $17.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF10DV
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

- **Project Overview:** The Domestic Violence Housing First (DVHF) program is designed to prioritize rapidly connecting survivors with long-term housing. The DVHF framework focuses on three pillars: (1) survivor-driven and trauma-informed mobile advocacy to meet survivors where they are both mentally and physically (2) community engagement for DCF-DOW navigators to build connections with existing community resources, including landlords, community housing partners, car mechanics, small businesses, community colleges, law enforcement, employers, and other stakeholders and, (3) flexible forms of financial assistance that enables DCF-DOW to provide wraparound aid in the manner and time that it is needed.
- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Innovating Programs Research Group & University of Washington. (2015, February). The Washington State Domestic Violence Housing First Program: Cohort 2 Agencies Final Evaluation Report. Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Retrieved January 5, 2024, from https://wscadv.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/05/DVHF_FinalEvaluation.pdf
  - Sullivan, C.M. et al. (2023) 'Domestic Violence Housing First Model and association with survivors' housing, safety, and well-being over 2 years', JAMA Network Open, 6(6). doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.20213
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $8.96 million
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of domestic violence providers utilizing the Hotel Aggregator program: 28
    - Number of individuals served through the program in the most recent quarter: 1,421 (706 adults and 715 children)
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Total number of domestic violence survivors participating in the program: 7,952
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 2: Learning Acceleration
Funding Amount: $35.83 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOE4LEA
Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

- **Project Overview:** Provide competitive grant funding to school districts to implement evidence-based tutoring and learning programs identified by the Department of Education to make up for learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of school districts receiving Learning Acceleration funding: 294
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Percentage of NJ Students proficient on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for ELA in grades 3 and 4: 44%
    - Percentage of NJ Students proficient on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for math in grades 3 and 4: 48%
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 64,096

Project 3: Medical Debt Forgiveness
Funding Amount: $10.8 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOH19MD
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

- **Project Overview:** This Program will address the harms of delinquent medical debt by funding a nonprofit to purchase and then discharge the delinquent medical debt of New Jersey residents. In order to ensure that the most vulnerable of the State's populations are prioritized, the Program will limit debt purchases to individuals with a reported income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
  - Link to Project Website: https://unduemedicaldebt.org/
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Output Indicators:
    - Number of New Jersey residents with discharged medical debts through this program: 770,113
  - Key Outcome Indicators:
    - Average medical debt reduction through this program: $1,511.60
    - Total amount of medical debt held by New Jersey residents discharged through this program: $1,253,416,378.30

Project 4: Government Services
Funding Amount: $796.978 million
Identification Number: Not Applicable
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **Project Overview:** This amount has been allocated to the provision of government services, which includes capital improvements to expand capacity at several hospitals and medical facilities, improvements to the State's unemployment system, contributions to local government initiatives and infrastructure projects, among other eligible uses.

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Project 1: Government Services
Funding Amount: $250.832 million
Identification Number: Not Applicable
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **Project Overview:** This amount has been allocated to the provision of government services, which includes contributions toward operations at the Department of Corrections, capital improvements to expand capacity at several hospitals and medical facilities, investments in tourism, contributions to local government initiatives and infrastructure projects, among other eligible uses.

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