

TARRANT COUNTY RECOVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT



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Executive Summary

Letter from the County Administrator

More than three years have passed since the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) were made available to respond to and begin recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. In Tarrant County, those funds have been deployed not only to help our citizens recover, but to strengthen County infrastructure, internally and within the greater community, ensuring our ability to provide essential services to our citizens for years to come.

This year's report highlights a slate of projects focused on issues such as senior isolation, workforce readiness, small business resilience, food and housing shortages, and community violence. While a large number of SLFRF-funded subrecipient partnerships have ended or will come to an end in 2024, the majority will maintain their presence in the community, continuing the work made possible by ARPA.

Tarrant County is stronger and more resilient because of the partnerships supported by SLFRF funding. Under the leadership of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, the County has implemented initiatives that will improve our community and impact the lives our residents for years to come.

Sincerely,

Chandler Merritt

Tarrant County Administrator



SLFRF Highlights

Expanding High Quality-Early Learning

LVT RISE CHILDCARE FACILITY

\$2,750,000

12,700-sq ft new childcare facility
8 classrooms, 9 program areas, with
>25% of classrooms used for Early Head Start



TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT NORTHWEST CAMPUS CHILDCARE FACILITY

\$3,575,000

14,000 sq ft childcare facility
8 classrooms, 9 program areas with
>25% of classrooms used for Early Head Start

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT SOUTH CAMPUS CHILD CARE FACILITY

\$4,475,000

14,000 sq ft childcare facility
8 classrooms, 9 program areas with
>25% of classrooms used for Early Head Start



Enhancing Access to Youth Services

HOPE FARM, INC. SLONE VOCATIONAL CENTER

\$600,000

New classrooms for training in IT,
culinary arts, auto mechanics and
construction fields



EASTSIDE AND NORTHSIDE YMCA

\$6,000,000

14,000-sq ft Eastside facility improvement
New Northwest location
Serves 4,000 families

FORT WORTH ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

\$250,000

11,000-sq ft addition, 6 classrooms
Mobile unit with habitats and biofacts
1,500 additional summer camp spaces
Serves 4,000 students per school year



Alleviate Food Insecurity



TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK \$4,800,000

80,000-sq ft agriculture hub
Refrigerated warehouse
3.6 million pounds of fresh food for local use

TARRANT COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS, INC. \$9,863,188

18,000-sq ft expansion
New kitchen, freezer, and dry storage space
Support for 1.5 million meals served per year



6 STONES \$2,000,000

25,000-sq ft new facility construction
Food pantry and resource center
Food assistance to more than 35,000 people



COMMUNITY LINK MISSION \$75,000

1,800-sq ft expansion
Freezer/cooler space for expanded food
assistance



COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER

\$614,980

900-sq ft food pantry expansion
20% increase in food distribution



Supporting Housing Solutions



FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS HUGHES HOUSE

\$2,380,716

4830 E. Rosedale St., Fort Worth
13 units
Permanent Supportive Housing

PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER JOURNEY HOME II

\$3,984,000

7600 Crowley Road, Fort Worth
24 units
Permanent Supportive Housing



FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS CASA DE LOS SUEÑOS

\$8,000,000

8401 West Freeway, Fort Worth
36 units
Permanent Supportive Housing

TOBIAS PLACE, LP DEVELOPMENT

\$2,000,000

505 W. Biddison St., Fort Worth
13 units
Deeply affordable housing for elderly residents



Community Engagement

To ensure public participation and transparency are at the core of Tarrant County's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, the Commissioners Court facilitated numerous opportunities for community engagement and has prioritized the accessibility of program information to the public. County administration oversaw the facilitation of work sessions, a countywide needs assessment, and multiple countywide public surveys. In response to the data collected, a series of requests for proposals were released. Over 5,000 businesses, nonprofits, and individuals participated in the needs assessment process.

The County's community engagement strategy focused on the following areas:

Commissioners Court Work Sessions

County staff facilitated a series of public work sessions during regular meetings of the Commissioners Court. The work sessions provided information related to eligible uses of SLFRF funding and provided information from local subject matter experts and key community stakeholders on pressing community needs.

COVID-19 Needs and Resources Assessment

The COVID-19 Needs and Resources Assessment played a pivotal role in informing the allocation of relief funds and ensuring that SLFRF funding was deployed to meet the needs of residents in Tarrant County through County and community programs.

Needs Assessment Deliverables to Guide Decision Making

Recommendations to the Commissioners Court included a multi-phased approach that considered recovery needs along with objectives and resources; strategies for community alignment; and uses of funding, considering existing resources and opportunities for regional collaboration.

Ongoing Communication with Regional Partners

In addition to the Commissioners Court Work Sessions and COVID-19 Needs and Resources Assessment, the County conducted regular calls to engage intergovernmental partners, local nonprofits, and private sector businesses to generate and sustain cooperation, coordination, and collaborative partnerships. The calls served as a channel for information related to the pandemic and its effects on those within our communities and an opportunity to avoid duplication of efforts in the context of local projects funded by State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Calls for Proposals

Over the past four years, the County issued several calls for proposals to include nonprofit, government, and quasi-governmental partners in COVID-19 funding opportunities. In response to the Community Call for Proposals, the County received 131 submissions totaling over \$208 million in requests. This response demonstrated the Tarrant County community's ongoing need to overcome the pandemic's effects. Separate call for proposals resulted in funding for four affordable housing developments totaling \$16.9 million.

Tarrant County staff provides the Commissioners Court and the public with continuous updates regarding SLFRF programming and expenditures. Through numerous channels, the County continues to share the impact of SLFRF in the community. Examples include:

- Commissioners Court briefings by non-profit and community partners receiving SLFRF funding (examples: MHMR Jail Diversion Center and UTSW Moncrief Cancer Institute health screenings)
- Commissioners Court review and approval of sub-recipient contracts and amendments with time allotted for public questions and comments
- Frequent updates to the County's ARPA website
- Active engagement on the County's social media channels in local and regional newspapers sharing SLFRF recipient success stories



Use of Funds



Through investments in our workforce, facilities, and programs, Tarrant County is positioning itself to serve the needs of our community for generations to come.

Prepare for the Future

(Allocation: \$176,070,577)

(Actual Expenditures: \$109,091,466)

Responding to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tarrant County Commissioners initiated an immediate response to mitigate the spread of the disease while protecting employees and those utilizing County services. While many mitigation measures to prevent the spread of infection made it difficult to provide certain government services, Tarrant County focused on long-term solutions and developed strategies to create resiliency.



GOAL 1

Expand & Improve Tarrant County Facilities for Optimal COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation

GOAL 2

Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Negative Effects of COVID-19

GOAL 3

Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services



Through investments in public health infrastructure, Tarrant County is prioritizing the essential health needs of the community.

Improve Public Health & Wellness

(Allocation: \$101,054,633)

(Actual Expenditures: \$70,603,111)

Through collaboration with community stakeholders, frontline workers, and policymakers, Tarrant County continues to focus on the provision of essential services and quality programs to achieve enhanced community health. By engaging partners in the assessment and strategic planning efforts of Tarrant County Public Health, the administration remains positioned to sustain a countywide culture of health improvement.



GOAL 1

Create a World-Class Public Health Department

GOAL 2

Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area

GOAL 3

Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes

GOAL 4

Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare

GOAL 5

Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County



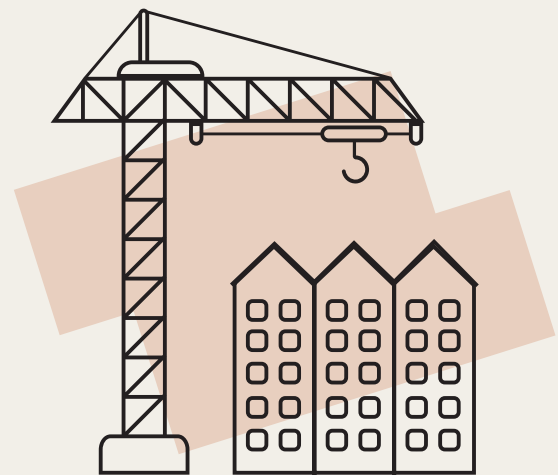
Tarrant County will support the local economy for a strong and equitable recovery by investing in the training and development of our current and future workforce; supporting disproportionately impacted industries; and identifying innovative opportunities for growth.

Revitalize the Economy

(Allocation: \$63,702,195)

(Actual Expenditures: \$35,465,865)

The County’s proactive approach aims to strategically mitigate the shocks from the pandemic that continue to affect the local economy. To facilitate a strong economic recovery, the Commissioners Court prioritized programs that catalyze economic and social recovery, grow and strengthen job opportunities, better equip our emerging workforce, and ensure working families have the childcare infrastructure necessary to remain a valuable part of the workforce.



GOAL 1 Support Disproportionately Impacted Industries

GOAL 2 Strengthen Tarrant County Businesses

GOAL 3 Improve Access to High Quality Dependent Care

GOAL 4 Expand Job Training & Workforce Development Opportunities

GOAL 5 Facilitate Economic Recovery Through Innovation



FOCUS AREA 4

Through investments in our community, Tarrant County will ensure residents are equipped with the necessary resources to recover from the negative socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic.

Strengthen the Community

(Allocation: \$67,561,485)

(Actual Expenditures: \$43,195,080)

Tarrant County's SLFRF program places emphasis on providing support to assist disproportionately impacted populations in the wake of the pandemic. Through investments in programs and projects addressing homelessness, food insecurity, violence, and support for the aging and youth populations, the County hopes to address the increased costs and social impacts affecting the quality of life for the County's most vulnerable populations.



GOAL 1

Provide Support to the Aging Population

GOAL 2

Support Solutions to Reduce Housing Insecurity

GOAL 3

Mitigate the Impact of Community Violence

GOAL 4

Alleviate Food Insecurity

GOAL 5

Enhance Access to Youth Services

GOAL 6

Address Infrastructure Needs

Camp Fire First Texas



Project Description

Camp Fire First Texas is using SLFRF to support its Early Educators Apprenticeship Program (EEAP), which aims to address the need for high-quality childcare services. The program provides an earn-while-you-learn education and career pathway to the early education workforce.

**FOCUS
AREA 3**

GOAL 4



96

Apprentices initially
enrolled in Camp Fire
EEAP



73

Active Camp Fire First
Texas Early Educator
Apprentices



76%

Retention rate of
apprentices after
completion of the program



11

Early Education
Apprentices who have met
all program requirements
for graduation

Key Performance Indicators

1. Number of Camp Fire First Texas Early Educator Apprentices enrolled and on the path toward completion
2. Camp Fire First Texas EEAP Apprenticeship retention rate
3. Number of Early Educator Apprentices who successfully completed all program requirements for graduation

Project Summary

During the 2023–2024 grant year, Camp Fire First Texas saw increased participant retention and completion rates in EEAP. Camp Fire was able to implement strategies to increase engagement and address barriers to student program completion. Upon completion of EEAP, 7 apprentices returned to Camp Fire First Texas as journey workers and part-time mentors.

Project Description

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County (BGCTC) utilized SLFRF funding to offer youth development and basic needs services to the young population in underserved areas across Tarrant County. The Mobile Clubhouse Experience program, which forms a part of this initiative, enabled the BGCTC staff to expand high-yield programmatic services outside of conventional BGCTC facilities and into Tarrant County neighborhoods. As a result, traditional afterschool and summer programs were enhanced, and the mobile clubhouse provided S.T.E.A.M., health and wellness, and social recreation activities to over 800 youth.



**FOCUS
AREA 4**

GOAL 5

Key Performance Indicators

1. Number of youths served by the Mobile Clubhouse Experience
2. Number of youths who reported an interest in or change in knowledge about S.T.E.A.M.

Project Summary

During the 2023-2024 SLFRF grant year, BGCTC concluded its programming. Throughout the grant period, the mobile clubhouse engaged Tarrant County youth in various curated hands-on mathematics, engineering, entomology, biology, robotics, and chemistry activities. Overall, BGCTC served 11,298 youths, and of those surveyed, 100% of youth perceived increased access to high-quality youth development programming.



71%

Youths surveyed who reported an increase in interest or knowledge about S.T.E.A.M.



826

Youths served by the Mobile Clubhouse Experience

Sixty and Better



Project Description

Many seniors in Tarrant County experience social isolation and loneliness, two of the leading causes of dementia. To address this issue, Sixty & Better utilized SLFRF dollars to provide seniors with tailored activities through the Healthy Aging and Community Re-engagement program. As part of the program, Sixty & Better offers Talk Time Isolation Calls, creating opportunities for social connection.

FOCUS AREA 4

GOAL 1

Project Summary

During the 2023-2024 program year, Sixty & Better made significant efforts to provide high-quality senior social isolation programming. The staff conducted 70 home inspections to help seniors identify potential fall risk factors, which resulted in zero reported fall injuries throughout the program year. Additionally, Sixty & Better engaged program participants in the evidence-based Makerspace Creativity Lab activities. The lab promotes a “maker culture” that embodies seniors’ values of caring for their health and well-being and making things for others in need. At the end of the program year, observations found that 93% of Makerspace Creativity Lab participants demonstrated an improvement in their physical health. Sixty & Better also implemented Walk With the Doc and Talk Time Isolation Calls to enhance existing senior isolation strategies. After surveying the participants in both activities, 100% reported increased access to care and/or having their needs met by the targeted intervention.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number of clients who actively participated in the Healthy Aging program
2. Total number of Sixty & Better Healthy Aging clients who reported increased mobility after three or more balance classes



946

Seniors who attended the Healthy Aging Program



194

Healthy Aging Fall Prevention Classes offered in 2024



100%

Class participants who reported an increase in mobility after three or more balance classes.

Guardianship Services

Project Description

Guardianship Services' SLFRF-funded program tackles social isolation among older adults. The Lifeline Friendly Visitors (LVF) program, a pilot initiative, is designed to reduce senior loneliness and combat cognitive decline. The LVF program utilizes a comprehensive four-pronged strategy, including education workshops, one-on-one community navigation assessments, financial exploitation prevention, and friendly visitor matching. Each LVF strategy is tailored to target senior isolation by providing support and companionship.

**FOCUS
AREA 4**

GOAL 1



Project Summary

During the 2023-2024 grant year, Guardianship Services improved its outreach by enlisting the help of 10 Phone Buddy check-in volunteers. With the assistance of SLFRF funds, the community navigator was able to serve 43 seniors who were at risk of financial exploitation. Additionally, navigators made 115 wrap-around service referrals to external partners and 43 internal referrals, ensuring seniors have access to the resources they need.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number of seniors served by LFV (community resources navigation, financial exploitation prevention, fraud prevention education, and friendly visitors)
2. Percent of LFV participants who show improvement in standardized assessment



584

Clients enrolled in Lifeline Friendly Visitor program.



50%

LFV participants who showed an improvement in standardized assessment.



FOCUS AREA 2

GOAL 4

Project Description

The primary goal of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program is to offer community-based, rather than institutional, mental health treatment. The court-mandated program serves individuals who have been diagnosed with severe mental illness which is associated with a decreased level of functioning in the activities of daily life, including finding and sustaining housing and employment as well as accessing and engaging in treatment. The collaborative program relies on active participation, engagement, and cooperation between the Tarrant County Probate Judges, Criminal District Attorney, County Clerk, MHMR Tarrant, John Peter Smith Hospital staff, and private inpatient psychiatric healthcare providers. The program's overall goal is to engage patients and educate them through an intensive program to better equip them with the skills needed to maintain continuous treatment.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number of patients screened, assessed, situated with a plan for care, and provided ACT and/or IMR and medication services
2. Total number of patients who graduated AOT and continued treatment with MHMR or private inpatient psychiatric care 90 days after program completion



447

AOT patients screened and provided ACT and/or IMR and medication management



57

Patients graduated from the AOT Program who remained in psychiatric care 90 days post graduation

Project Summary

The MHMR AOT program utilizes SFRF dollars to improve the treatment of adults who are under civil commitment and have been diagnosed with severe mental illness but have a history of treatment non-compliance. During the 2023-2024 grant period, AOT provided patients with essential services, resulting in their intentional transition and ongoing treatment compliance. As a result, no arrests were reported for any AOT participants while enrolled in the program. Additionally, while in treatment, some patients made life-changing steps to better themselves, such as regaining custody of their children and remaining out of the hospital.

United Way of Tarrant County BRAVE/R

Project Description

United Way of Tarrant County, through the BRAVE/R initiative, is utilizing SLFRF dollars to address the barriers to doing business in Fort Worth for nonprofits, home-based businesses, and other small businesses serving the 76104 community. The program aims to guide small businesses in obtaining their minority business certifications, city permits, and provide education about the government procurement process.



26

Small businesses serving the 76104 zip code enrolled in business coaching and development



53

Minority Business certifications obtained



2

Businesses that obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt status or sole proprietorship certification

FOCUS AREA 3

GOAL 2

Key Performance Indicators

1. Number of 76104 businesses actively participating in BRAVE/R coaching and mentoring
2. Number of BRAVE/R participants that obtained federal and/or state designation certification

Project Summary

Through intensive education and strategic management, United Way of Tarrant County's BRAVE/R participants obtain business certifications, including Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Woman-Owned Small Business and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise. To enhance the success rate of minority business certifications, BRAVE/R used SLFRF dollars to cover certification fees and assist businesses in obtaining their Limited Liability Corporation, 501(c)(3), and operating permits. The certifications, permits, and licenses obtained throughout the program exemplify the commitment of the program to equip small businesses with the tools necessary for sustainability in 76104. Through strategic partnerships with institutions such as Texas Christian University Neeley School of Business, Texas A&M Law School, and various financial institutions, the BRAVE/R initiative has expanded participants' networks and positioned each to maintain and grow their businesses.

Arlington Charities



Project Description

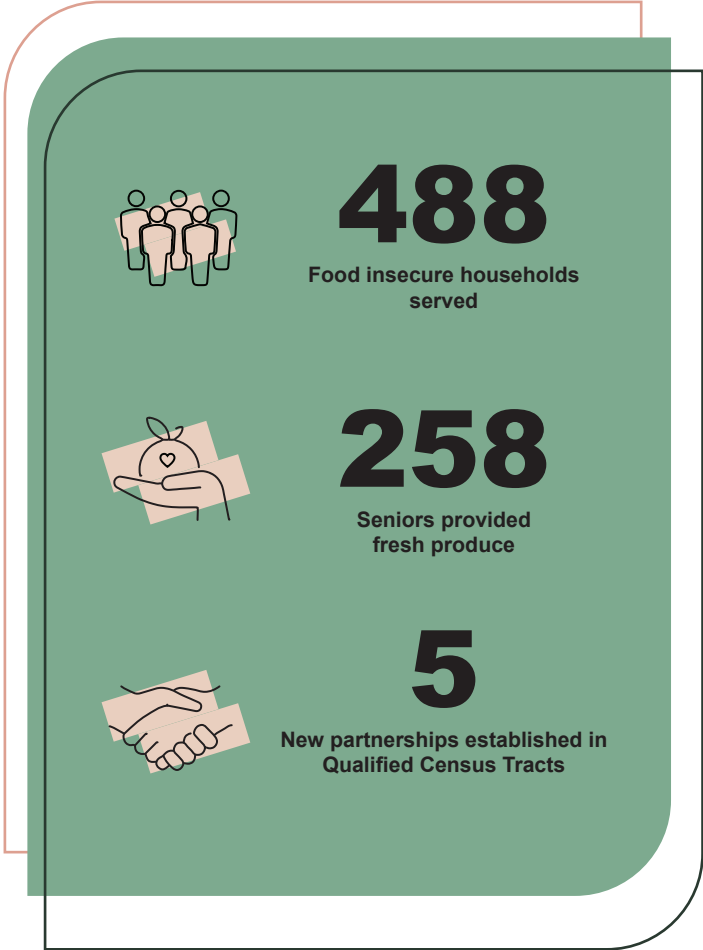
Arlington Charities uses SLFRF dollars to address food insecurity in Qualifying Census Tracts (QCTs) within their service area. After an initial needs assessment, they discovered that 100 or more housing units lack access to a vehicle and are one-half mile or more from the nearest grocery store, hampering their ability to access healthy nutrition. To ensure access to fresh food and vegetables, Arlington Charities purpose-built a mobile farmer’s market truck to serve an additional 30-50 households (a 25-40% increase), including seniors who lack the transportation means to obtain food onsite at agency facilities.

Project Summary

During the 2023-2024 grant period, Arlington Charities utilized SLFRF funds to expand staffing capacity to serve the Tarrant County community. With the acquisition of a mobile food truck, Arlington Charities hired a program coordinator tasked with establishing partnerships in food-insecure areas of Tarrant County. The program’s success is largely attributed to the agency’s ability to collaborate with community partners, including apartment complexes and other nonprofits, such as Arlington Urban Ministries and Seasons of Change.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number of Arlington Charities clients served by the Mobile Farmers Market truck
2. Total number of seniors who received fresh, nutritious produce



Safehaven of Tarrant County

Project Description

Safehaven provides legal representation to support victims of partner violence and offers Partner Abuse Intervention and Prevention (PAIP) to offenders to break the cycle of community violence. Specifically, SLFRF funds are used to ensure continuous intervention services for victims and offenders, and to help victims escape abusive situations.



**FOCUS
AREA 4**

GOAL 3



404

Clients who were provided legal representation



599

Clients who were mandated or voluntarily participated in the PAIP program



58

Clients who successfully completed the PAIP course

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number of clients who received legal services assistance, including full legal representation
2. Total number of clients enrolled in Partner Abuse Intervention and Prevention (PAIP)
3. Total number of clients who completed Partner Abuse Intervention and Prevention (PAIP)

Project Summary

The Safehaven PAIP program has proved to be an integral intervention mechanism in mitigating the effects and occurrences of intimate partner violence. Safehaven staff have provided 3503 participant hours in group sessions, including 57 curated specialty group sessions established to ensure universal levels of service. To further achieve active participation, Safehaven partners with the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Safehaven staff reflect their commitment to the program's effectiveness by working diligently to support and ensure clients' adherence to PAIP program expectations.

Housing Finance Corporation



GOAL 4

Project Description

The Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) was established to support the provision of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. The HFC received SLFRF dollars to support organizations actively working to reduce homelessness in Tarrant County. Through this program, the HFC granted funds to local organizations that provide housing services, including emergency shelter, home repair, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and other supportive housing services.

Project Summary

During the 2021–2023 grant period, HFC provided SLFRF dollars to All Church Home Youth Emergency Shelter, Recovery Resource Council, Presbyterian Night Shelter, True Worth Place, Grapevine Relief and Exchange, and Arlington Life Shelter. HFC subrecipients collectively provided 25,272 personalized resources to address the complex issues experienced by those facing homelessness and housing insecurity. The evidence-based wraparound services include intensive case management, financial planning, employment assistance, housing assistance planning, and mental and behavioral health assistance.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Total number served in need of permanent housing or housing related services
2. The total number of individuals who transitioned to permanent housing or maintained housing



3,526

Economically vulnerable and housing-insecure individuals who received housing services

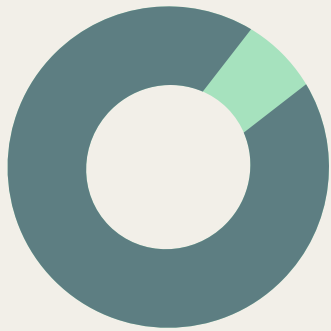


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Individuals who exited HFC partner programming after stabilization

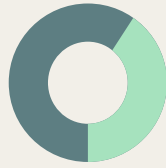
Housing Finance Coporation Partnerships

Individuals Served



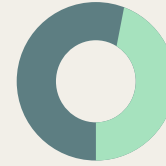
2,989

Arlington Life Shelter



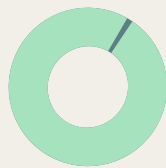
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ACH: Child and Family Services



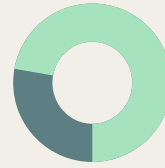
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Family Pathfinders



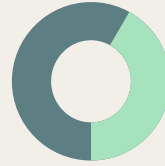
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GRACE: Transitional Housing



225

Presbyterian Night Shelter: Establishing Home



65

Recovery Resource Council



45

True Worth Place: Establishing Home

Housing Finance Coporation Partnerships

Arlington Life Shelter



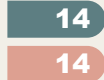
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Family Pathfinders



GRACE: Transitional Housing



Presbyterian Night Shelter: Establishing Home



Recovery Resource Council



True Worth Place: Establishing Home



- Number of individuals who exited to stable housing and/or maintained housing through service provisions
- Number of individuals employed upon exiting to permanent housing

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Tarrant County understands the importance the U.S. Treasury places on the equitable allocation, distribution, and implementation of SLFRF-funded programs. The County focused its goals and outcomes to ensure all County residents benefit from the investment of SLFRF dollars. Additionally, as directed by Executive Order #13985, Tarrant County designed its SLFRF program framework to increase investments in underserved communities and provide funding for projects that prioritize equitable outcomes.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court adopted the following policy statement:

“It is the policy of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to promote the highest and best use of funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act by leveraging existing resources and prioritizing programs without an alternate source of funding. The Commissioners Court will direct the use of these funds in four focus areas: Prepare for the Future, Improve Public Health and Wellness, Revitalize the Economy, and Strengthen the Community.”

Approach

Within each Focus Area of the County’s SLFRF framework, outcome and performance goals have been developed, collaboratively assessed, and tested as evaluation measures. Focus Area outcomes set a firm foundation for the countywide effort to address social and economic gaps for those most vulnerable to the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

Each Focus Area goal prescribes outcomes that promote levels of service. The County’s strategy includes programs and services for underserved populations, individuals, and families from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.



Focus Area Outcomes

Each Focus Area includes specific outcomes each subrecipient should demonstrate as applicable to their program. The project-level outcomes consider the program’s administrative requirements and needs as well as the potential impact on the community served.

The following table highlights the outcomes assigned to various SLFRF subrecipient programs.

Program (Subrecipient)	Expenditure Category	Focus Area Outcome	Project-level Outcome	Equity Outcome
MHMR Assisted Outpatient Treatment	1.12	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
MHMR Mental Health Jail	1.12	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
The Women’s Center - Crisis Services	1.11	F4: Strengthen the Community	Assist in-Reducing Acts and the Effects of Community Violence	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
Guardianship Services	2.34	F4: Strengthen the Community	Provide Support to the Aging Population	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
Agencies Addressing Housing Insecurity	2.18	F4: Strengthen the Community	Support Solutions to Reduce Housing Insecurity	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
UNTHSC/ TechStars – Accelerator Services	2.32	F3: Revitalize the Economy	Facilitate Economic Recovery through Innovation	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
Tarrant County College Foundation - Tarrant to and Thru Persistence Coaching	2.25	F3: Revitalize the Econom	Expand Job Training and Workforce Development Opportunities	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities with a focus on youth from low to moderate socioeconomic backgrounds
MHMR – Help Me Thrive	1.12	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
Workforce Solutions – Adult Education and Literacy	2.10	F3: Revitalize the Economy	Expand Job Training and Workforce Development Opportunities	Closing gaps for the unemployed and underemployed, especially those who may have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
Alliance for Children – Child Advocacy	1.11	F4: Strengthen the Community	Mitigate the Impacts of Community Violence	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities

Program (Subrecipient)	Expenditure Category	Focus Area Outcome	Project-level Outcome	Equity Outcome
Center for Transforming Lives – Riverside Campus	2.34	F4: Strengthen the Community	Mitigate the Impacts of Community Violence	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities, with a focus on women and families from low to moderate socioeconomic backgrounds
Emergency Service District – Improve Access to Care in Unincorporated Area	1.14	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area	Closing gaps in unincorporated neighborhoods that may have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation Partnerships	2.18	F4: Strengthen the Community	Support Solutions to Reduce Housing Insecurity	Universal levels of service with respect to disproportionately impacted communities
City of Everman – Emergenc Services Dispatch Services Upgrade	1.14	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
UTSW / Moncrief Cancer Institute – Mobile Preventative Cancer Screenings	1.14	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
Catholic Charities – Fleet Improvement	2.34	F4: Strengthen the Community	Provide Support to the Aging Population	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities with a focus on the transportation needs of the aging population
Meals On Wheels Facilities Expansion	2.1	F4: Strengthen the Community	Alleviate Food Insecurity	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
Helping Restore Ability - Client Growth and Expanded Caregiver Training	2.34	F4: Strengthen the Community	Provide Support to the Aging Population	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
City of Fort Worth Radio Tower	1.14	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities
United Way of Tarrant County – Community-based Doulas	1.14	F2: Improve Public Health and Wellness	Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes	Closing gaps in disproportionately impacted communities

Use of Evidence

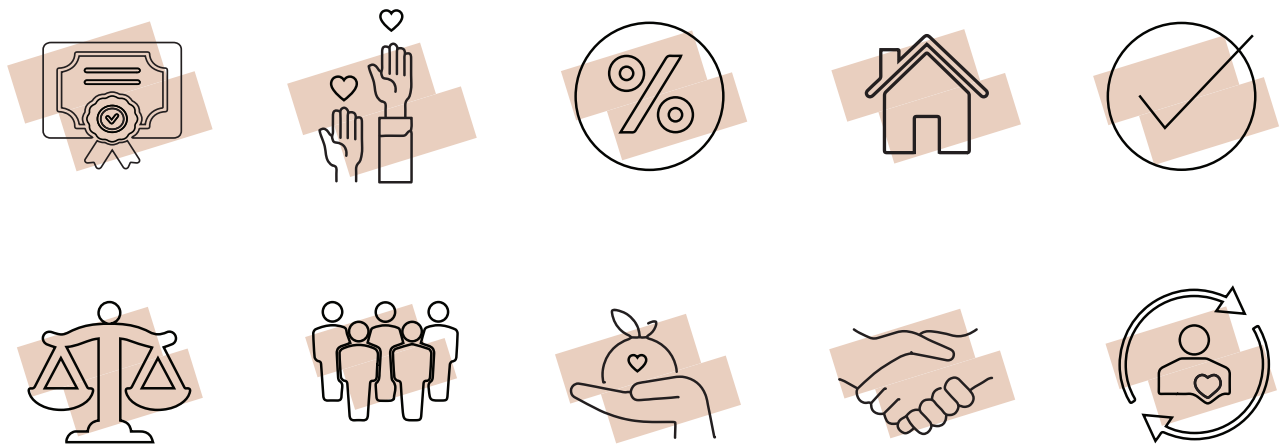
SLFRF program evaluation focuses on long-term COVID-19 pandemic recovery and the economic outcomes of Tarrant County residents, businesses, and nonprofits.

Tarrant County evaluated all program and project proposals requesting SLFRF funding based on their proposed program performance plan and demonstrated ability to assess the program's short and long-term applicability. After careful vetting, a reporting document was developed for each subrecipient to ensure alignment with Tarrant County Focus Area outcomes. The primary purpose of the reporting document is to capture and evaluate how SLFRF-funded programs and projects adhere to the guidelines in the US Department of Treasury Final Rule and align with the direction of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, reinforcing the commitment to the County's goals and objectives.

Subrecipients that used SLFRF dollars for evidence-based interventions must submit evidence (academic or industry best practice literature) that aligns with their key performance indicators.

The evaluation of each program and project is comprised of the following activities:

- Engaging stakeholders to build rapport and familiarity with the agency/department
- Discovering the overall COVID-19 impact and recovery agenda
- Developing a complete understanding of the program/project
- Gathering credible evidence of what service is provided, who is served, and the outcomes of the service
- Justifying conclusive findings with published scholarly and evidence-based research
- Outlining lessons learned to inform future reporting and allocation of funding



Labor Practices

Tarrant County is committed to ensuring compliance with labor standards outlined in 2 CFR 200 and the Davis-Bacon Act, as applicable. County Staff coordinates with subrecipients to conduct site visits, assess labor standards practices, and perform other compliance monitoring activities.



Tobias Place



Tyre Park
City of Grand Prairie



Casa de Los Suenos



Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

The following table lists the cumulative expenses, as of the date of this report, within each Expenditure Category.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	YTD EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT
1.1	\$ 3,170	\$ 0
1.2	3,538,142	0
1.4	29,412,593	22,996,366
1.5	69,724	(797)
1.7	4,491	0
1.11	37,869,754	26,783,318
1.12	32,098,714	18,157,330
1.14	36,186,110	10,858,457
2.1	12,807,900	6,993,204
2.10	3,411,427	1,949,373
2.11	8,722,452	7,510,764
2.18	10,546,216	10,058,362
2.25	5,806,860	4,645,078
2.30	594,184	269,429
2.32	2,952,896	1,451,008
2.34	3,065,150	1,135,241
2.36	17,073,500	0
3.1	2,489,178	353,853
3.2	4,514,432	2,746,271
3.3	27,879,006	455,694
3.4	117,112	0
3.5	8,731,118	4,771,513
5.5	1,868,513	1,732,763
5.19	93,254	920
6.1	646,964	646,964
7.1	7,852,662	3,850,882
TOTAL	\$ 258,355,522	\$ 127,365,993

Data as of 6/30/2024

Project Inventory

The Project Inventory provides a comprehensive overview of Tarrant County's SLFRF-funded projects for the Performance Year from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. It serves as a resource for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the public.

Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County Facilities

Project Identification Number:	F1G1A
Approved Budget:	\$38,675,700
Actual Expenditures:	\$6,995,183
Project Expenditure Category:	1.4
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Expand & Improve Tarrant County Facilities for Optimal COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

This project will mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Tarrant County facilities by renovating existing facilities and reconfiguring workstations and customer service areas to provide a safer environment for its employees and visitors.

KPIs and Use of Evidence: The project does not require KPIs or evidence.

Improve Air Quality in Tarrant County Facilities

Project Identification Number:	F1G1B
Approved Budget:	\$28,181,611
Actual Expenditures:	\$20,089,134
Project Expenditure Category:	1.4
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Expand & Improve Tarrant County Facilities for Optimal COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

This project will mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within Tarrant County facilities by enhancing air quality through substantial improvements to HVAC units. The initiative involves augmenting the number of HVAC units and upgrading existing units with advanced technology. By strategically increasing the efficiency and capabilities of the HVAC systems, the project aims to create a healthier and safer environment within Tarrant County facilities.

KPIs and Use of Evidence: The project does not require KPIs or evidence.

Ensure Continuity of Essential Government Services

Project Identification Number:	F1G1C
Approved Budget:	\$1,620,280
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,290,067
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Expand & Improve Tarrant County Facilities for Optimal COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project is designed to ensure the continuous provision of essential government services throughout Tarrant County. The project addresses operational and technological needs across various County departments, including the Medical Examiner's office. The project optimizes operational efficiency and technological infrastructure, specifically supporting the essential functions carried out by vital County departments.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Provide essential government services
Output:	A total of \$1,620,280 was allocated towards technological and operational costs
Outcome:	80% of the expended funds have been utilized for technological and operational expenses

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Support Public Safety Needs

Project Identification Number:	F1G2A
Approved Budget:	\$1,597,694
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,171,827
Project Expenditure Category:	3.3
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project will bolster Tarrant County's law enforcement capabilities to address the heightened public safety demands brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through targeted marketing and recruitment initiatives, the project seeks to stabilize the number of Tarrant County law enforcement personnel.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Referral and retention for Detention Officers
Output:	91 detention officer candidates referred
Outcome:	64 detention officer candidates recruited and retained (Program ended December 2023)
Use of Evidence:	The project does not require evidence.

Administrative Capacity for Development, Evaluation, Implementation, and Oversight Activities

Project Identification Number:	F1G2B
Approved Budget:	\$1,435,430
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,435,430
Project Expenditure Category:	7.1
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project ensures that Tarrant County has adequate administrative capacity to conduct program development, evaluation, implementation, and oversight activities for the effective and efficient administration of ARPA SLFRF grant funds.

KPIs and Use of Evidence:	The project does not require evidence.
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Reduce Judicial Backlogs from COVID-19

Project Identification Number:	F1G2C
Approved Budget:	\$10,250,584
Actual Expenditures:	\$8,731,118
Project Expenditure Category:	3.5
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Reduce Judicial Backlogs from COVID-19
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project responds to court closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project funds the creation of additional positions, an update of the case-flow management program, and the implementation of supplementary court activities, including visitation supervision.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Reduce judicial backlog
Output:	16,510 judicial cases pending in court backlog *
Outcome:	8.01% reduction in the number of pending cases from April 2023 to May 2024

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

*through April 2024

Technologies (IT) Solutions to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19

Project Identification Number:	F1G2D
Approved Budget:	\$4,942,761
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,725,087
Project Expenditure Category:	1.4
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project addresses social distancing in work settings and congregate meeting rooms by funding IT enhancements in various facilities as well as applications such as GoToMeeting, which offers a secure virtual meeting platform for both internal and external stakeholders.

KPIs

Metric Name:	IT Capital Solutions
Output:	11 IT Capital Projects funded
Outcome:	7 IT Capital Projects have been completed, 3 are in process, and 1 was cancelled

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	He, Wu, Zuopeng Justin Zhang, and Wenzhuo Li. 2021. Information Technology Solutions, Challenges, and Suggestions for Tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic. <i>International Journal of Information Management</i> 57: 102287. Chu, Derek K., Elie A. Akl, Stephanie Duda, Karla Solo, Sally Yaacoub, Holger J.Schünemann, Amena El-Harakeh et al. 2020. Physical Distancing, Face Masks, and Eye Protection to Prevent Person-to-Person Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. <i>The Lancet</i> 395(10242): 1973-1987.

SLFRF Program Evaluation

Project Identification Number:	F1G2E
Approved Budget:	\$117,112
Actual Expenditures:	\$117,112
Project Expenditure Category:	3.4
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project funds Program Evaluation Specialist positions to establish evaluation criteria and guide external and internal project requests to ensure compliance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury reporting requirements.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Program review of SLFRF-related projects and programs
Output:	77 projects are being reviewed for Federal and Local compliance
Outcome:	In process

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Ensure Adequate Law Enforcement Staffing

Project Identification Number:	F1G2F
Approved Budget:	\$2,428,406
Actual Expenditures:	\$2,412,033
Project Expenditure Category:	3.1
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Resources are allocated to address heightened staffing requirements within the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, specifically in response to increased operational and administrative needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The project encompasses various essential expenses, such as administrative and human resources staffing, detention officer staffing, patrol deputy staffing, and other operational necessities. By strategically deploying resources in these areas, the project aims to respond to the evolving challenges posed by the pandemic.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Detention Staffing and Human Resources Coordinator capacity needs
Output:	221 Law Enforcement positions available
Outcome:	127 (57%) of Law Enforcement positions filled

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Alternative Inmate Housing Program

Project Identification Number:	F1G2G
Approved Budget:	\$37,517,618
Actual Expenditures:	\$26,834,174
Project Expenditure Category:	1.11
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Position the County's Workforce to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19
Capital Project:	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$37,517,618

Project Description:

The backlog of court cases and increased crime rates amid the COVID-19 pandemic significantly strained the operations at the Tarrant County jail. To comply with state ratios, elevate service standards, and effectively meet the community's pressing needs, this project uses SLFRF funds to acquire additional space to house inmates.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Alternative Inmate Housing Program
Output:	Total number of beds available at Tarrant County Jail
Outcome:	On average, 446 inmate beds were filled at the Garza County Jail

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence: Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based screening tool(s).

Selected Citations: Mei, Xiaohan, Melissa A. Kowalski, Leah Reddy, Ciara McGlynn, Mary K. Stohr, Craig Hemmens, and Jiayu Li. 2024. The Deleterious Health Consequences of COVID in United States Prisons. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 49(3): 435-461.

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Essential Government Services Programs (Revenue Loss)

Project Identification Number:	F1G3A
Approved Budget:	\$10,000,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$646,964
Project Expenditure Category:	6.1
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Rule allows local governments to use \$10 million of their SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) allocation for the provision of government services.

KPIs and Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Technical Assistance to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 and Assist the Community

Project Identification Number:	F1G3B
Approved Budget:	\$7,730,294
Actual Expenditures:	\$6,411,301
Project Expenditure Category:	7.1
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project includes technical assistance related to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the community and County facilities. Items such as the County's COVID Needs and Resources Assessment included in this project.

KPIs and Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Translation Services for COVID-19

Project Identification Number:	F1G3C
Approved Budget:	\$10,782
Actual Expenditures:	\$4,491
Project Expenditure Category:	1.7
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The translation services project is funded through SLFRF to bridge communication gaps between Tarrant County and its non-English-speaking residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deploying translation services enhances the dissemination of vital information, fosters inclusivity, and contributes to the overall well-being of our community.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Human Resources Programs to Mediate the Effects of COVID-19 on Tarrant County Employees
Output:	\$10,782 is budgeted for the program
Outcome:	\$4,491 was expended on translation services

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

FRF Workforce Program

Project Identification Number:	F1G3D
Approved Budget:	\$4,772,071
Actual Expenditures:	\$4,514,432
Project Expenditure Category:	3.2
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The Final Rule allows the County to increase the number of budgeted full-time equivalent (FTE) employees to support essential government functions. According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's calculation, Tarrant County can fund up to 298 FTEs under this program.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Human Resources programs to mediate the effects of COVID-19 on Tarrant County employees
Output:	\$4,772,071 is budgeted for the program
Outcome:	94% of funds have been expended

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Retention Payment Program

Project Identification Number:	F1G3E
Approved Budget:	\$26,784,303
Actual Expenditures:	\$26,707,179
Project Expenditure Category:	3.3
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Tarrant County encountered challenges in recruiting and retaining employees during the COVID-19 pandemic; each department experienced heightened turnover due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. A comprehensive retention program was implemented, offering retention payments of up to \$4,900 to full-time Tarrant County employees.

KPIs

Metric Name:	HR Programs to Mediate Employee Turnover Due to the Effects of COVID-19 on Tarrant County
Output:	\$26,784,303 is budgeted for the Retention Payment Program
Outcome:	\$26,707,179 was distributed to qualifying Tarrant County employees

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

COVID-19 Administrative Program

Project Identification Number:	F1G3F
Approved Budget:	\$5,932
Actual Expenditures:	\$5,932
Project Expenditure Category:	7.1
Focus Area:	Prepare for the Future
Goal:	Ensure Equitable Access to Essential Government Services
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Administrative expenses to support SLFRF program operations.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Human Resources Programs to Mitigate the Administrative Expenses Incurred Due to the Effects of COVID-19 on Tarrant County Employees
Output:	\$0 is budgeted for the program
Outcome:	0% of funds have been expended

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Technical Support Related to Public Health

Project Identification Number:	F2G1A
Approved Budget:	\$487,467
Actual Expenditures:	\$487,412
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Create a World-Class Public Health Department
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project includes technical support to assess the Tarrant County Public Health Department. SLFRF dollars were utilized to conduct a comprehensive evaluation and formulate an improvement plan to streamline the County's public health infrastructure and ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Consultation to Assess Informatics and Data Systems
Output:	30 hours of technical support provided to TCPH per month
Outcome:	100% cumulative completion for both authorized studies

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County Community

Project Identification Number:	F2G1B
Approved Budget:	\$919,643
Actual Expenditures:	\$917,167
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Create a World-Class Public Health Department
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Funding is allocated for various public health initiatives aimed at combating COVID-19 in Tarrant County. The project funds epidemiological research to track the spread of the virus, marketing efforts aimed at recruiting qualified public health staff, and the ongoing staffing and maintenance needs of Tarrant County Public Health facilities.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Additional Public Health Capacity
Output:	101 vacant positions in the Public Health Department needing to be filled
Outcome:	73% of Public Health Department vacancies have been filled

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Public Health Facilities Improvement

Project Identification Number:	F2G1C
Approved Budget:	\$18,201,523
Actual Expenditures:	\$18,089,039
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Create a World-Class Public Health Department
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project provides additional space for the Public Health Department to optimize the delivery of critical public health services and ensure that health department staff remain easily accessible to the public. This expansion reinforces the County's commitment to safely and effectively addressing public health needs during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

KPIs and Use of Evidence The project does not require evidence.

Public Health Informatics System

Project Identification Number:	F2G1D
Approved Budget:	\$558,631
Actual Expenditures:	\$558,631
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Create a World-Class Public Health Department
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project uses SLFRF to improve Tarrant County's Public Health Informatics Systems by providing increased access to existing data and the ability to integrate with various local, state, and federal systems.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Public Health Informatic Systems Improvements
Output:	\$558,631 budgeted for Public Health Informatics Improvement
Outcome:	\$558,631 expended on Public Health Informatics system improvements

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 Program

Project Identification Number:	F2G2A
Approved Budget:	\$15,000,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$3,419,086
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD) was awarded SLFRF to support the continuous provision of fire, first responder, and ambulance services in the County's unincorporated areas. Funds will replace aging ambulance vehicles and upgrade personal protective equipment to ensure the safety and well-being of residents residing in unincorporated areas of Tarrant County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Emergency Service District Response in Unincorporated Areas
Output:	19 ambulances needed replacement
Outcome:	2 ambulances purchased and deployed for service

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Emergency Radio Networks for First Responders

Project Identification Number:	F2G2B
Approved Budget:	\$2,645,608
Actual Expenditures:	\$645,608
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Care in the Unincorporated Area
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project partially funds an enhanced radio network for first responders in Tarrant County. First responders have been at the forefront of the pandemic response, and programs under this project ensure that emergency communications networks have the necessary resources to deliver effective, efficient, and equitable emergency response services. The capital expenditures include equipment for an emergency operations center and emergency response equipment.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Emergency Response in Unincorporated Areas
Output:	Total number of emergency service calls taken by Tarrant County Emergency Services District No.1 - in process, no data
Outcome:	Percent decrease in response wait time – in process, no data

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Enhanced Cancer Screening & Early Detection

Project Identification Number:	F2G3A
Approved Budget:	\$9,000,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$6,859,722
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$9,000,000

Project Description:

The Moncrief Cancer Institute (MCI) at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center offers cancer screening, patient care, and outreach to individuals who have postponed or delayed cancer screenings due to COVID-19. MCI aims to engage 100,000 patients (with a focus on underserved communities) for cancer screenings and diagnostic services. This initiative, funded by SLFRF, emphasizes comprehensive screenings for breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Cancer screenings and other diagnostic tests
Output:	7,472 of cancer screening services provided
Outcome:	31% of patients screened by the mobile unit who had cancer screenings in last two years or less

Use of Evidence:

Strong Evidence:	MCI provides patient-oriented outcome evidence that supports quasi-experimental causal assumptions regarding cancer screening and targeted outreach.
Selected Citations:	Zhang, Xiaochen, Mohamed I. Elsaid, Cecilia DeGraffinreid, Victoria L. Champion, Electra D. Paskett, Guy Brock, Chasity Washington, Amy K. Ferketich, Heather Hampel, and Heather Aker. 2023. Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Cancer Screening Delays. <i>Journal of Clinical Oncology</i> 41(17): 3194-3202.

Reduce Public Health Disparities in Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Project Identification Number:	F2G3B
Approved Budget:	\$4,981,934
Actual Expenditures:	\$2,336,824
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$4,104,781

Project Description:

Five social service organizations in Tarrant County were awarded SLFRF funding through a community call for proposals. The funding will support improvements to public health and wellness programs. The project aims to expand community programs to ensure universal levels of service and access to essential healthcare treatments. This includes providing crisis assistance for individuals affected by cancer, HIV/AIDS insurance assistance, prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum community doula support, and preventative cardiovascular screenings. Funded subrecipients include AIDS Outreach Center, Black Heart Association, Cancer Care Services, H.E.L.P. Center, and United Way of Tarrant County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Improve Public Health and Wellness
Output:	1,701 persons provided services to lessen poor health outcomes and ensure universal access to essential healthcare treatment
Outcome:	Through targeted service provision, 34% of those surveyed state having benefited from participating in programs to reduce poor health outcomes

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
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Create and Operate a Mental Health Jail Diversion Center

Project Identification Number:	F2G4A
Approved Budget:	\$26,664,094
Actual Expenditures:	\$20,682,137
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$26,664,094

Project Description:

Through collaborative strategic partnerships with MHMR, local law enforcement, and healthcare service providers, this project created and provides continuous operation of the MHMR Mental Health Jail Diversion Center (MHJDC). The MHJDC diverts individuals with mental health issues who have committed minor, non-violent offenses from the Tarrant County Jail directly into treatment that includes stability-promoting services.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Create and Operate a Mental Health Jail Diversion Center
Output:	1275 patients were diverted to the Mental Health Jail Diversion Center rather than being housed at the Tarrant County Jail
Outcome:	4689 referrals for wrap-around services were provided to patients diverted to the Mental Health Jail Diversion Center to ensure continuous follow-up care

Use of Evidence:

Strong Evidence:	MHMR provides patient-oriented outcome evidence that supports quasi-experimental causal assumptions regarding the operation of the Mental Health Jail Diversion Center and services for individuals with mental health issues who have engaged in low-level misdemeanor offenses.
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Increase Access to Mental Health Needs in the Judicial System

Project Identification Number:	F2G4B
Approved Budget:	\$2,400,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,724,385
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,400,000

Project Description:

The Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program is funded by SLFRF to provide behavioral health treatment for Tarrant County residents in the criminal justice system. Patients with acute behavioral concerns are referred to a court with criminal jurisdiction. The goal is for patients to remain engaged with Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) for three months and core Illness Management and Recovery (IMR) services for an additional nine months.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Increase Access to Mental Health Needs in the Judicial System
Output:	411 court-mandated intensive service patients with acute behavioral concerns screened, assisted, and situated with an MHMR AOT plan of care
Outcome:	53 AOT program patients remained in MHMR Illness Management and Recovery 90 days after Assertive Community Treatment

Use of Evidence:

Strong Evidence: MHMR provides patient-oriented outcome evidence that supports quasi-experimental causal assumptions regarding AOT Implementation.

Selected Citations: Gearing, Robin E., Micki Washburn, Jamison V. Kovach, Lindamarie Olson, Kana Lastovica, Danny Clark, Andrew Robinson et al. 2024. Evolution of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program Through the Application of a Social Work Lens. *Research on Social Work Practice* 34(3): 256-264.

Perna, Linda; Jenny Lewis; Zeba Salim.2021. Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program Evaluation Report: September 30, 2016, to September 29, 2020. My Health My Resources of Tarrant County.

Yanos, Philip T., Lauren K. O'Connor, Joseph S. DeLuca, Samantha Fregenti, and Priya M. Reji. 2020. Assisted Outpatient Treatment Orders and The Therapeutic Relationship in Assertive Community Treatment: A Mixed-Methods Study. *Psychosis* 12(1): 23-33.

Mental Health Programs

Project Identification Number:	F2G4C
Approved Budget:	\$13,692,194
Actual Expenditures:	\$9,057,694
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$3,810,000

Project Description:

The project is funded to support high-risk families with children in need of social, emotional, and behavioral healthcare. Funded subrecipients include ACH Child and Family Services (capital project)* and My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County for the Help Me Thrive System of Care. ACH Child and Family Services will secure 16 new secured assessment beds to serve adolescents with high-level behavioral health needs. ACH Child and Family Services will also construct cottages for the MHMR Care House program.

The MHMR Help Me Thrive program will support the mental health assessment needs of youth and their families. The program is implemented by trained mental health professionals responsible for identifying service gaps and making wrap-around service referrals. MHMR will also use SLFRF dollars to train providers and offer health services in schools, WoW Talk events, and parent cafes.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Mental Health Programs
Output:	4,156 youths were provided integrated mental health support and training by MHMR Help Me Thrive navigators
Outcome:	3,876 of referrals made to ensure youth's continuous connection to social, emotional, and behavioral healthcare

Use of Evidence:

Strong Evidence:	MHMR provides patient-oriented outcome evidence that supports quasi-experimental causal assumptions regarding the implementation of Help Me Thrive, a piloted extension of the Help Me Grow model.
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Selected Citations:	Miller, Melissa, Melissa Passarelli, Sarah Zucker, Wendy Ake, Kimberly Martini-Carvell, and Paul Dworkin. 2023. Help Me Grow: A Model of Targeted Universalism to Advance Equity and Promote the Well-Being of All Children. <i>Social Innovations Journal</i> .
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Yepez, Catherine E., Ann M. Isbell, Christopher E. Anderson, and Shannon E. Whaley. 2024. Factors Associated with Caregiver Reporting of Developmental Concerns Among Children in Low-Income Communities. *Infants and Young Children* 37(2):

*The ACH Child & Family Services: The capital project does not require evidence.

Mental Health Programs

Project Identification Number:	F2G4D
Approved Budget:	\$1,092,902
Actual Expenditures:	\$634,499
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Improve Access to Quality Behavioral Healthcare
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$1,092,902

Project Description:

Through a community call for proposals, Alliance Child and Family Solutions, dba Empathy HQ, Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County, and Lena Pope Home were awarded SLFRF funds to mitigate the increased rates of mental illness, barriers to accessing treatment, and the negative economic impacts from untreated mental illnesses among Tarrant County school-aged youth. The outpatient services provided include evidence-based after-school behavioral health care, in-school mental health counseling, and outpatient substance abuse treatment. By increasing the availability of services, the programming aims to improve mental and/or behavioral functioning among youth while building socio-behavioral knowledge to serve these youth and their families/caretakers.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Mental Health Programs
Output:	838 school-aged youth participated in outpatient behavioral/ mental health care treatment.
Outcome:	353 school-aged youth illustrated an improvement in mental and/or behavioral health upon completion of outpatient treatment

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	D'Amico, Elizabeth J., Jeremy NV Miles, Stefanie A. Stern, and Lisa S. Meredith. 2008. Brief Motivational Interviewing for Teens at Risk of Substance Use Consequences: A Randomized Pilot Study in a Primary Care Clinic. <i>Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment</i> . Foa, Edna B., Anu Asnaani, Yinyin Zang, Sandra Capaldi, and Rebecca Yeh. 2018. Psychometrics of the Child PTSD Symptom Scale For DSM-5 For Trauma-Exposed Children and Adolescents. <i>Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology</i> 47(1): 38-46. Purvis, Karyn B., David R. Cross, Donald F. Dansereau, and Sheri R. Parris. 2013. Trust-based Relational Intervention (TBRI): A Systemic Approach to Complex Developmental Trauma. <i>Child & Youth Services</i> 34(4): 360-386.

COVID-19 Testing

Project Identification Number:	F2G5A
Approved Budget:	\$3,538,142
Actual Expenditures:	\$3,538,142
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$3,538,142

Project Description:

The program includes expenses for enhanced COVID-19 testing capacity throughout the County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	COVID-19 Testing
Output:	Number COVID-19 tests available to all Tarrant County residents
Outcome:	0 tests were performed during the reporting period; 142,961 tests were performed

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Pitzer, Virginia E., Melanie Chitwood, Joshua Havumaki, Nicolas A. Menzies, Stephanie Perniciaro, Joshua L. Warren, Daniel M. Weinberger, and Ted Cohen. 2021. The Impact of Changes in Diagnostic Testing Practices on Estimates of COVID-19 Transmission in the United States. <i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> 190(9): 1908-1917.</p> <p>Schultes, Olivia, Victoria Clarke, A. David Paltiel, Matthew Cartter, Lynn Sosa, and Forrest W. Crawford. 2021. COVID-19 Testing and Case Rates and Social Contact Among Residential College Students in Connecticut During the 2020-2021 Academic Year. <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i> 4(12): e2140602-e2140602.</p>

COVID-19 Vaccines

Project Identification Number:	F2G5B
Approved Budget:	\$3,620
Actual Expenditures:	\$3,170*
Project Expenditure Category:	1.1
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	No

Project Description:

This project was implemented to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates in Tarrant County by increasing transportation options to vaccination sites for residents. Through a partnership with Trinity Metro and the City of Arlington, SLFRF was used to offer free rideshare services to vaccination sites.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Provide COVID-19 Vaccines
Output:	Total number of COVID-19 vaccines available to residents in Tarrant County .
	Total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered to residents in Tarrant County
Outcome:	*The provider relief fund's available COVID-19 vaccination and testing funds have been exhausted, so these remaining funds are being reserved

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Personal Protective Equipment

Project Identification Number:	F2G5C
Approved Budget:	\$70,521
Actual Expenditures:	\$69,724
Project Expenditure Category:	1.5
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project provided funds to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other cleaning items for all County departments to mitigate potential exposure and transmission of COVID-19 among staff and the public.

KPIs

Metric Name:	PPE for County Departments
Output:	108,544 PPE units purchased between 7/1/22 and 6/30/23
Outcome:	106,305 PPE units were disbursed to Tarrant County departments

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Mitigate COVID-19 in Congregate Setting

Project Identification Number:	F2G5D
Approved Budget:	\$810,840
Actual Expenditures:	\$603,188
Project Expenditure Category:	1.4
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$810,840

Project Description:

This project was put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the County jail by implementing various measures, including extra building engineers to facilitate social distancing, and purchasing disposable products for the jail. The project also includes support of home confinement options to reduce jail overcrowding and enhance inmate safety.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Provide a Safe Environment for Individuals in the Tarrant County Jail
Output:	\$810,840 allotted to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the Tarrant County Jail
Outcome:	\$603,189 expended to mitigate COVID-19 in the Tarrant County Jail

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Wurcel, Alysse G., Emily Dauria, Nicholas Zaller, Ank Nijhawan, Curt Beckwith, Kathryn Nowotny, and Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein. 2020. Spotlight on Jails: COVID-19 Mitigation Policies Needed Now. <i>Clinical Infectious Diseases</i> 71(15): 891-892.</p> <p>Natoli, Lauren Jeanne, Kathy Linh Vu, Adam Carl Sukhija-Cohen, Whitney Engeran-Cordova, Gabriel Maldonado, Scott Galvin, William Arroyo, and Cynthia Davis. 2021. Incarceration and COVID-19: Recommendations to curb COVID-19 Disease Transmission in Prison Facilities and Surrounding Communities. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> 18(18): 9790.</p>

Public Health COVID-19 Staffing

Project Identification Number:	F2G5E
Approved Budget:	\$78,229
Actual Expenditures:	\$77,145
Project Expenditure Category:	3.1
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The program includes costs related to the increased staffing needs at Tarrant County Public Health and the Medical Examiner's Office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Public Health Staffing Support
Output:	80 Public Health and Medical Examiner staff needed
Outcome:	91 employees were hired between 7/1/23 and 6/30/23

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Keep the Work Force Safe

Project Identification Number:	F2G5F
Approved Budget:	\$755,494
Actual Expenditures:	\$755,494
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Due to the spread of COVID-19, and to meet CDC and OSHA guidelines, many Tarrant County employees have taken pandemic leave for cases of COVID-19 for themselves or a dependent. Costs of COVID-19 quarantines for employees are included in this project.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Pandemic and quarantine leave
Output:	1,339 employees used COVID-19 quarantine or pandemic leave
Outcome:	73,080 hours of pandemic or quarantine leave were utilized by County employees

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Provide a Safe Environment

Project Identification Number:	F2G5G
Approved Budget:	\$153,791
Actual Expenditures:	\$144,046
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Improve Public Health & Wellness
Goal:	Mitigate COVID-19 in Tarrant County
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project funds enhanced cleaning and mitigation efforts in County facilities, particularly in common areas, election facilities, and high-contact spaces throughout the County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Department Resources to Provide a Safe Environment and Mitigate COVID-19
Output:	\$153,791 allocated to assist Tarrant County departments in mitigating COVID-19
Outcome:	\$144,046 expended to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in Tarrant County departments

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Direct Grant Program for Businesses

Project Identification Number:	F3G1A
Approved Budget:	\$18,073,500
Actual Expenditures:	\$18,073,500
Project Expenditure Category:	2.36
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Support Disproportionately Impacted Businesses
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

Grant funds were awarded to eligible businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible businesses could receive up to \$27,500 in funding (a \$2,500 base grant with an additional \$1,000 per employee). The grant provided financial assistance to eligible small businesses whose workforces had been adversely affected by the pandemic and aided in workforce recovery, retention, recruitment, and development.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Impacted small business assistance
Output:	2,902 small businesses received grant assistance
Outcome:	61% (1,782) of women, minority, and veteran-owned small businesses were classified as eligible to receive grant assistance

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Strengthen Tarrant County Businesses

Project Identification Number:	F3G2A
Approved Budget:	\$1,000,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$594,184
Project Expenditure Category:	2.30
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Strengthen Tarrant County Businesses
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The United Way of Tarrant County's (UWTC) BRAVE/R program aims to strengthen small businesses within the County that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program provides extensive community engagement, coaching, and mentoring to help businesses in the 76104 zip code obtain their minority business certification.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Strengthen Tarrant County Businesses
Output:	26 businesses are actively participating in BRAVE/R Together Business in 76104 coaching and mentoring activities
Outcome:	84% of businesses report having maintained and/or grown their business because of BRAVE/R Together Business in 76104 coaching and mentoring

Use of Evidence: United Way of Tarrant County will conduct a program evaluation.

Expand Access to High-Quality Early Learning for All Families

Project Identification Number:	F3G3A
Approved Budget:	\$35,505,418
Actual Expenditures:	\$8,722,452
Project Expenditure Category:	2.11
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	High-Quality Dependent Care
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project supports the increased availability of high-quality childcare services in Tarrant County. As a primary project partner, Child Care Associates aims to achieve this goal through a three-pronged approach: strengthening existing childcare businesses by providing free local business coaching and sustainability tools; implementing the Prime Early Learning Pilot program, improving the quality and stability of childcare programs for low-income children; and project management support related to construction of four new childcare facilities in target areas. Additional partners in this program include the City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth, and Tarrant County College District.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Expand Access to High-Quality Early Learning for All Families
Output:	19 PRIME Early Learning Pilot providers enrolled in business coaching
Outcome:	19 PRIME Early Learning Pilot providers are meeting sustainability and improvement quality goals

Use of Evidence: Child Care Associates will conduct a program evaluation that encompasses the work of all project partners.

Expand Family and Individual Support Programs

Project Identification Number:	F3G3B
Approved Budget:	\$1,500,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$683,015
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	High Quality Dependent Care
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$1,500,000

Project Description:

My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County's Individual & Family Support Program (IFSP) uses SLFRF grant funds to offer direct financial assistance to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and their caretakers experiencing an emergency need.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Provide Emergency Needs to Those Living with Disabilities and the Families that Care for Them
Output:	1,080 participants were provided direct financial assistance for emergency needs
Outcome:	20%(219) of those provided direct financial assistance for emergency needs stated having improved household stability

Use of Evidence:

Strong Evidence:	MHMR provides patient-oriented outcome evidence that supports quasi-experimental causal assumptions regarding person-centered planning for people with disabilities.
Selected Citations:	Fleming, Pádraic, Sinead McGilloway, Marian Herson, Mairead Furlong, Siobhain O'Doherty, Fiona Keogh, and Tim Stainton. 2019 Individualized Funding Interventions to Improve Health and Social Care Outcomes for People with a Disability: A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review. <i>Campbell Systematic Reviews</i> 15(1-2).

Expand Job Training Opportunities

Project Identification Number:	F3G4A
Approved Budget:	\$1,551,652
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,551,562
Project Expenditure Category:	2.10
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Expand Job Training & Workforce Development Opportunities
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$951,652

Project Description:

The project is designed to improve job training opportunities through collaborations with Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County and HOPE Farm, Inc. Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County provides adult education and literacy (AEL) as well as training services for adults, including English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, Internationally Trained Professionals and Workplace Literacy. With the help of SLFRF, HOPE Farm, Inc*. will construct the Slone Vocational Center, which will serve as a dedicated space for specialized industry training.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Education and Literacy Training for Tarrant County Workforce Development Participants
Output:	247 participants enrolled in and completed Adult Education and Literacy training
Outcome:	16% of Adult Education and Literacy participants illustrated an educational functioning gain after 40 hours of High School Equivalency level training 11% of Adult Education and Literacy participants illustrated an educational functioning gain after 40 hours of English as a Second Language level training

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Cielinski, Anna. 2014. Using Measurable Skill Gains to Best Serve Low-Income, Lower-Skilled Individuals. Center for Law and Social Policy, Inc.

*The HOPE Farm, Inc. project does not require evidence.

Increase Post-Secondary Completion Programs

Project Identification Number:	F3G4B
Approved Budget:	\$1,156,168
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,028,391
Project Expenditure Category:	2.25
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Expand Job Training & Workforce Development Opportunities
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$1,156,168

Project Description:

This project goal was designed to spur economic recovery from the pandemic through the investment in post-secondary programs. Partnerships under this project include Tarrant County College Foundation (TCCF) and Texas Tech Health Science Center (TTHSC) in Mansfield School of Nursing. The TCCF initiative addresses first-time college students' academic and socioemotional needs while supporting their academic progress. The TTHSC School of Nursing program aims to prepare nursing students for their future health occupations and, upon graduation, contribute to the pool of qualified nurses in Tarrant County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Increase Participation and Access to Post-Secondary Completion Programs
Output:	1,756 students participated in secondary education and enrichment and persistence programming
Outcome:	259 (15%) students completed the education and enrichment program and were provided further scholarship or healthcare sector employment assistance

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Price, Derek V., Jessa L. Valentine, and Alexander Leader.2021. Success Coaching Impact on Retention for Community College Students. Strategic Enrollment Management Quarterly 9(3): 3-10. Beck, Angela J., Joanne Spetz, Patricia Pittman, Bianca K. Frogner, Erin P. Fraher, Jean Moore, David Armstrong, and Peter I. Buerhaus.2021. Investing in a 21st Century Health Workforce: A Call for Accountability. Health Affairs Forefront.

Create Workforce Development Opportunities

Project Identification Number:	F3G4C
Approved Budget:	\$3,137,870
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,859,865
Project Expenditure Category:	2.10
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Expand Job Training & Workforce Development Opportunities
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,599,026

Project Description:

The project provides funding for job training and workforce development programs to help adult learners improve their technical, professional, and interpersonal skills for the workplace. The organizations involved in this project are Camp Fire First Texas, Taste Project, and Presbyterian Night Shelter. Camp Fire First Texas runs an Early Education Apprenticeship Program that prepares early childhood educators for quality teaching and a career pathway. The Taste Project offers a culinary arts apprenticeship program that provides on-the-job training and preparation for the American Culinary Federation certification to low-income Tarrant County residents. Presbyterian Night Shelter's Upspire program helps homeless individuals obtain and maintain viable employment. A portion of project funds are being used to renovate a warehouse to expand Presbyterian Night Shelter's program capacity.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Create Workforce Development Opportunities
Output:	240 adult learners were enrolled and participated in sector-specific job training and workforce development to upskill them for long-term success
Outcome:	50 adult learners completed the job training and workforce development programs

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Camp Fire School Readiness & Early Education Apprenticeship Program, Evaluation Report (2020-2021). Camp Fire First Texas.</p> <p>Johnston, Nicholas Edward, and Kelly Virginia Phelan. 2016. Assessing Objective and Subjective Factors of Culinary Career Success: Exploring the Influence of Industry Certifications. <i>Journal of Culinary Science & Technology</i> 14(1): 36-58.</p> <p>Marshall, Carrie Anne, Leonie Boland et al. 2022. Effectiveness of Employment-Based Interventions for Persons Experiencing Homelessness: A Systematic Review. <i>Health & Social Care in the Community</i>. 30(6), 2142 -2169.</p>

Support Accelerator & Incubator Programs

Project Identification Number:	F3G5A
Approved Budget:	\$2,400,000
Actual Expenditures:	\$2,200,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.32
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Facilitate Economic Recovery Through Innovation
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,400,000

Project Description:

The University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), with its partner Techstars, is using SLFRF funds to provide a 13-week business accelerator program for companies that have a focus on physical health, health sciences, rehabilitation, physical therapy, osteopathic care, and musculoskeletal conditions, mobility, performance, sports, exercise, medicine, software, hardware, digital health, wearables, and innovations in human movement. The technologies and treatments developed by the selected innovative, high-growth, early-stage startups seek to address concerns regarding the post-pandemic physical therapy needs within disproportionately impacted communities.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Accelerator Business Development Support
Output:	10 businesses completed the UNTHSC/ Techstars Accelerator program
Outcome:	5 UNTHSC/ Techstars accelerator cohort small businesses secured strategic partnerships, providing possible opportunities for growth and expansion in Tarrant County

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Woolley, Jennifer L., and Nydia MacGregor. 2022. The Influence of Incubator and Accelerator Participation on Nanotechnology Venture Success. <i>Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice</i> 46(6): 1717-1755.

Support Innovative Business Support Programs

Project Identification Number:	F3G5B
Approved Budget:	\$1,377,587
Actual Expenditures:	\$752,896
Project Expenditure Category:	2.32
Focus Area:	Revitalize the Economy
Goal:	Facilitate Economic Recovery Through Innovation
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$1,377,587

Project Description:

The Next SBIR Phase 0 Program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) assists with the preparation and submission of proposals for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding for businesses focused on developing new technologies. Selected small businesses are provided mentoring, market research information, technology assessments, and grant writing assistance to help them succeed in the SBIR application process.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Small Business Innovation Development Support
Output:	43 Tarrant County small businesses were admitted to the SBIR Phase 0 cohort training program
Outcome:	Of the 43 businesses participating in the SBIR Phase 0 program, 14 SBIR Phase 0 applications were submitted, and 13 proposals are being prepared for the September 2024 submission

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Woolley, Jennifer L., and Nydia MacGregor. 2022. The Influence of Incubator and Accelerator Participation on Nanotechnology Venture Success. <i>Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice</i> 46(6): 1717-1755.

Provide Support for the Aging Population

Project Identification Number:	F4G1A
Approved Budget:	\$1,561,999
Actual Expenditures:	\$807,789
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Provide Support for the Aging Population
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$864,999

Project Description:

Tarrant County provided SLFRF to support the County's aging population through Helping Restore Ability's client growth and agency training activities. These activities aim to recruit and train caregivers and clients so they may better support their clients and loved ones. SLFRF funds were also utilized to assist Catholic Charities* in procuring 14 vehicles to better serve the transportation needs of the County's aging population.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Support the Aging Population
Output:	87 caregivers and clients participated in the Agency Program Client Growth activity 435 clients were assisted to increase the Consumer-Directed Services Program Growth activity
Outcome:	Of the total caregiver and clients who were assisted to increase the Agency Program Growth activity, there were 18 new agency clients and 1 recovered agency client 63 elderly (age 65 and older) clients of the total 435 clients were assisted increasing the Consumer-Directed Services Program Growth activity by 8%

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipient uses peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Feinberg, Lynn Friss, Kari Wolkwitz, and Cara Goldstein. 2006. Ahead of the Curve: Emerging Trends and Practices in Family Caregiver Support. Washington, DC: AARP Public Policy Institute.

*The Catholic Charities project does not require evidence.

Provide Support for the Aging Population

Project Identification Number:	F4G1B
Approved Budget:	\$2,138,207
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,257,361
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Provide Support for the Aging Population
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,138,207

Project Description:

Five proposals were awarded funding for this project through a community call for proposals. The project funds program expansions for bilingual dementia education, homebound library services, reduction of social isolation, community-building programs, healthy aging, and community re-engagement. The funded subrecipients are Guardianship Services, Inc., James L. West Center for Dementia Care, Sixty and Better, United Way of Tarrant County- Reduce Social Isolation, and City of Arlington.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Support the Aging Population
Output:	5,426 aged adults and their caregivers were recruited and registered in programs and services to mitigate social isolation
Outcome:	470 aged adults and their caregivers who demonstrate improved physical and psychological well-being

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Neary, Susan R., and Diane Feeney Mahoney. 2005. Dementia Caregiving: The Experiences of Hispanic/Latino Caregivers. <i>Journal of Transcultural Nursing</i> 16(2):163-170.</p> <p>Snowden, Mark B., Lesley E. Steinman, Pamela Piering, Sluggo Rigor, and Andrea Yip. 2015. Translating PEARLS: Lessons Learned from Providers and Participants. <i>Frontiers in Public Health</i> 2:105237.</p> <p>Jiménez, Frances N., Joan F. Brazier, Natalie M. Davoodi, L. Carter Florence, Kali S. Thomas, and Emily A. Gadbois. 2021. A Technology Training Program to Alleviate Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Homebound Older Adults: A Community Case Study. <i>Frontiers in Public Health</i> 9:750609.</p> <p>Phelan, Elizabeth A., Sally Aerts, David Dowler, Elizabeth Eckstrom, and Colleen M. Casey. 2016. Adoption of Evidence-Based Fall Prevention Practices in Primary Care for Older Adults with a History of Falls. <i>Frontiers in Public Health</i> 4:220285.</p>

Support Solutions for Housing Insecurity

Project Identification Number:	F4G2A
Approved Budget:	\$18,565,716
Actual Expenditures:	\$10,546,216
Project Expenditure Category:	2.18
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Support Solutions for Housing Security
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The project uses SLFRF to fund capital projects and programs that support affordable housing development and homelessness prevention through partnerships with various organizations, including Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Presbyterian Night Shelter, Tobias Place, LP, and the Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation (HFC).

KPIs

Metric Name:	Housing and Homelessness Prevention
Output:	\$18,565,716 invested to create new housing units and serve housing insecure individuals and families
Outcome:	Total number of new housing units created – ongoing, pending construction 3,526* of housing insecure individuals and families were served by HFC

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

*Based on HFC participation totals.

Moderate Evidence: Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).

Selected Citations: Purvis, Karyn B., Sheri R. Parris, and David R. Cross. 2011. Trust-based Relational Intervention: Principles and Practices. *Psychopathology*, 9(10).

Peng, Yinan, Robert A. Hahn, et al. 2020. Permanent Supportive Housing with Housing First to Reduce Homelessness and Promote Health Among Homeless Populations with Disability: A Community Guide Systematic Review. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, 26(5): 404-411.

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Nubani Linda, Alaina De Biasi, Marie A. Ruemenapp, Lisa D. Tams, and Robert Boyle. 2022. The Impact of Living in an Un- or Under-Furnished House on Individuals who Transitioned from Homelessness. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 50(8): 3681-3699.

Support Programs that Reduce the Effects of Community Violence - Internal

Project Identification Number:	F4G3A
Approved Budget:	\$2,518,645
Actual Expenditures:	\$2,868,645
Project Expenditure Category:	1.11
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Mitigate the Impacts of Community Violence
Capital Project:	No
Evidence-based Intervention:	No

Project Description:

The objective of this project is to mitigate the backlog of community violence cases at the Criminal District Attorney's Office, which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. To address this issue, SLFRF funding was allocated to recruit additional full-time employees (FTEs) for the Intimate Partner Violence Unit, Investigators, Gang Violence Unit, DFPS Attorney, and Protective Order Unit.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Reduce Community Violence by Improving Existing Tarrant County Public Safety Enforcement and Support Services
Output:	48,106 backlogged Community Violence cases as of August 2021
Outcome:	46,826 formerly backlogged Community Violence cases resolved

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Support Programs that Reduce the Effects of Community Violence - External

Project Identification Number:	F4G3B
Approved Budget:	\$7,132,939
Actual Expenditures:	\$6,970,981
Project Expenditure Category:	1.11
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Mitigate the Impacts of Community Violence
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$3,882,939

Project Description:

The project provides programmatic support and capital funding to organizations that serve victims of domestic violence and abuse in Tarrant County. Supports include advocacy, crisis management, legal representation, and partner abuse intervention services to reduce perpetuated acts of community violence. Funded subrecipients include Alliance for Children, The Women's Center, Safe Haven, and Center for Transforming Lives*.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Reduction in the Effects of Community Violence
Output:	14,594 clients received coordinated victim services such as advocacy, crisis management, legal representation, and/or partner abuse intervention
Outcome:	525 clients/partners clients received coordinated partner abuse intervention services to reduce perpetuated acts of community violence

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Gannon, Theresa A., Mark E. Olver, Jaimee S. Mallion, and Mark James. 2019. Does Specialized Psychological Treatment for Offending Reduce Recidivism? A Meta-Analysis Examining Staff and Program Variables as Predictors of Treatment Effectiveness. <i>Clinical Psychology Review</i> 73:101752.</p> <p>Ruffolo, Mary C., and Daniel Fischer. 2009. Using an Evidence-Based CBT Group Intervention Model for Adolescents with Depressive Symptoms: Lessons Learned from a School-Based Adaptation. <i>Child and Family Social Work</i> 14(2): 189-197.</p> <p>Thompson, Erika L., Zhengyang Zhou, Ashvita Garg, et al., 2022. Evaluation of a School-based Child Physical and Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. <i>Health Education and Behavior</i> 49(4): 584-592.</p>

*Center for Transforming Lives: The project does not require evidence.

Support Programs that Reduce the Effects of Community Violence – Call for Projects

Project Identification Number:	F4G3C
Approved Budget:	\$4,573,576
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,405,873
Project Expenditure Category:	1.11
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Mitigate the Impacts of Community Violence
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,657,528

Project Description:

Through a community call for proposals, One Safe Place, Lena Pope Home, United Way of Tarrant County, and the City of Grand Prairie (capital project)* were awarded funding to mitigate the impacts of community violence. Programming aims to build resilience in at-risk youth and families, reduce access to firearms, and improve public spaces to minimize the adverse outcomes of pervasive crime.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Reduction in the Effects of Community Violence
Output:	427 at-risk youth/families and community advocates enrolled and/or recruited to participate in individualized youth violence mitigation efforts
Outcome:	66(15%) of at-risk youth/families and/or community advocates that report having increased hope or show resilience after having received the support and resources needed to mitigate the negative impacts of community violence

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Bair-Merritt, Megan H., Mercedes Blackstone, and Chris Feudtner. 2006. Physical Health Outcomes of Childhood Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence: A Systematic Review. <i>Pediatrics</i> 117(2): e278-e290.</p> <p>Donnelly, Megan R., Areg Grigorian, Lourdes Swentek, Jagmeet Arora, Catherine M. Kuza, Kenji Inaba, Dennis Kim, Michael Lekawa, and Jeffrey Nahmias. 2022. Firearm Violence Against Children in the United States: Trends in The Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. <i>Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery</i> 92(1): 65-68.</p> <p>Weisz, John R., Bruce F. Chorpita, Lawrence A. Palinkas, Sonja K. Schoenwald, Jeanne Miranda et al. 2012. Testing Standard and Modular Designs for Psychotherapy Treating Depression, Anxiety, and Conduct Problems in Youth: A Randomized Effectiveness Trial. <i>Archives of General Psychiatry</i> 69(3): 274-282.</p>

*City of Grand Prairie: The project does not require evidence.

Alleviate Food Insecurity

Project Identification Number:	F4G4A
Approved Budget:	\$10,229,968
Actual Expenditures:	\$4,730,122
Project Expenditure Category:	2.1
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Alleviate Food Insecurity
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$291,780

Project Description:

The project develops additional community infrastructure to alleviate food insecurity through school-based food programming and the expansion of meal delivery capacities in Tarrant County. Funded subrecipients include Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County (capital project)* and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Food Insecurity Solutions for School-Age Children
Output:	2,254 school-age youth were enrolled in nutrition programs
Outcome:	2,254 school-age youth actively participated across two nutrition programs

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence: Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
*The Meals on Wheels Inc of Tarrant County. Project does not require evidence

Selected Citations: Niewolny, Kim L., and Patrick T. Lillard. 2010. Expanding the Boundaries of Beginning Farmer Training and Program Development: A Review of Contemporary Initiatives to Cultivate a New Generation of American Farmers. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* 1(1): 65-88.

Alleviate Food Insecurity – Call for Projects

Project Identification Number:	F4G4B
Approved Budget:	\$8,786,843
Actual Expenditures:	\$8,077,778
Project Expenditure Category:	2.1
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Alleviate Food Insecurity
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$1,744,843

Project Description:

The project uses SLFRF funds to address food insecurity needs in Tarrant County. Subrecipients include 6 Stones Mission Network (capital project)*, Tarrant Area Food Bank (capital project)*, Texas Health Research and Education Institute, GRACE Food Pantry, Community Enrichment Center, Community Food Bank, and Arlington Charities.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Food Insecurity Alleviation
Output:	60,121 single- and head of household food pantry/ food bank visitors and/or visits
Outcome:	70% of those surveyed state having benefitted from food pantry/food bank usage and have better access to healthy foods

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
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Selected Citations: Riediger, Natalie D., Lindsey Dahl, Rajeshwari A. Biradar, Adriana N. Mudryj, and Mahmoud Torabi. "A Descriptive Analysis of Food Pantries in Twelve American States: Hours of Operation, Faith-Based Affiliation, and Location. BMC Public Health 22(1): 525

Evaluation of Blue Zones Project Fort Worth. September 2021. Texas Health Resources.

*The 6 Stones Mission Network and Tarrant Area Food Bank projects do not require evidence.

Enhance Access to Youth Services

Project Identification Number:	F4G5A
Approved Budget:	\$8,158,085
Actual Expenditures:	\$4,334,937
Project Expenditure Category:	2.25
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Enhance Access to Youth Services
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$2,158,085

Project Description:

Through a call for proposals, funding was provided to enhance access to youth services and improve youth outcomes. The project uses SLFRF funding to support facility enhancements, mentorship programs, mobile engagement endeavors, and school district leadership convenings focused on educational success. Subrecipients selected for funding include the YMCA of Metro Fort Worth (capital project)*, Lena Pope Home, Girls Inc. of Tarrant County, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County, and Rev Partnership.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Enhance Access to Youth Services
Output:	9,646 youth service initiatives and programs implemented to improve youth outcomes
Outcome:	7,992 youths actively engaged in youth service initiatives and programs aimed to improve youth outcomes

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research model(s) and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	<p>Bair-Merritt, Megan H., Mercedes Blackstone, and Chris Feudtner. 2006. Physical Health Outcomes of Childhood Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence: A Systematic Review. <i>Pediatrics</i> 117(2): e278-e290.</p> <p>Purvis, Karyn B., David R. Cross, Donald F. Dansereau, and Sheri R. Parris. Trust-based Relational Intervention (TBRI): A Systemic Approach to Complex Developmental Trauma. <i>Child & Youth Services</i> 34(4): 360-386.</p> <p>Stronger, Smarter, Bolder: Girls Take the Lead Report. 2022. Girls Inc. of Tarrant County.</p> <p>Schinke, Steven P., Kristin C. Cole, and Stephen R. Poulin. 2000. Enhancing the Educational Achievement of At-Risk Youth. <i>Prevention Science</i>, 1: 51-60.</p>

*The YMCA of Metro Fort Worth project does not require evidence.

Youth Educational Programs

Project Identification Number:	F4G5B
Approved Budget:	\$651,754
Actual Expenditures:	\$443,532
Project Expenditure Category:	2.25
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Enhance Access to Youth Services
Capital Project:	Partial
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	Yes
Total Amount Allocated to EBI:	\$401,754

Project Description:

The Tarrant County Texas Agrilife STEM Program supports educational programs for Tarrant County youth. Increased access to high quality educational experiences for disproportionately impacted students will increase learning outcomes in Tarrant County.

KPIs

Metric Name:	Providing educational experiences to disproportionately impacted youth
Output:	Two educational programs available to disproportionately impacted youth
Outcome:	3,192 of youth were reached

Use of Evidence:

Moderate Evidence:	Funded subrecipients use peer-reviewed academic research models and/or best practice evidence-based tool(s).
Selected Citations:	Cutucache, Christine, Taylor Boham, Jamie Luhr, Amie Sommers, Nikolaus Stevenson, Erko Sointu, Kati Mäkitalo-Siegl et al.2018. "NE STEM 4U Afterschool Intervention Leads to Gains in STEM Content Knowledge for Middle School Youth. Cogent Education 5(8):1558915.

Resource Connection Infrastructure - Broadband

Project Identification Number:	F4G6A
Approved Budget:	\$93,254
Actual Expenditures:	\$93,254
Project Expenditure Category:	5.19
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Infrastructure
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	No

Project Description:

The project includes investments into the infrastructure at the Resource Connection campus. The campus serves as a centralized location for the provision of critical socioeconomic services through local non-profit and government organizations.

KPIs

N/A

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Resource Connection Infrastructure - Water

Project Identification Number:	F4G6B
Approved Budget:	\$2,800,500
Actual Expenditures:	\$1,868,513
Project Expenditure Category:	5.5
Focus Area:	Strengthen the Community
Goal:	Infrastructure
Capital Project:	Yes
Evidence-based Intervention (EBI):	No

Project Description:

The project includes investments into the infrastructure at the Resource Connection campus. The campus serves as a centralized location for the provision of critical socioeconomic services through local non-profit and government organizations.

KPIs

N/A

Use of Evidence: The project does not require evidence.

Programs Other Than SLFRF

In addition to the funding provided through the SLFRF, Tarrant County and local governments nationwide received federal funding for various programmatic activities associated with the COVID-19 response. Below is information related to non-SLFRF programs funded through ARPA.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

The purpose of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) is to serve as a general revenue enhancement program. The Commissioners Court will evaluate program options for LATCF, using \$100,000 over the next two years.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Program Description

The Tarrant County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was designed to assist eligible households who were unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic as established by section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (ERA 1) and Section 3201 of Subtitle B, Title III of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ERA 2).

Assistance could be provided for unpaid, overdue rent (arrears) from April 1, 2020, and for future rent. Using a combination of ERA 1 and ERA 2, total months of assistance could not exceed 15 months, or 18 months, if necessary, for housing stability as defined by U.S. Department of the Treasury.

If applicant/household was eligible, assistance was provided as follows:

- Rent arrears plus three months in future rent, for a total of up to 15 months
- Rent arrears plus three months in future rent, for a total of up to 18 months if more than 12 months in arrears exists at time of application
- Arrears only if 18 months in arrears exists at time of application
- Utility arrears plus current month utility expense if applicant provides current month's utility bill
- Additional assistance may be provided for future rents in three-month increments or utility payments one month at a time as outlined in Income Determination section



Total Households Assisted: 2,164

Program Statistics as of 07/26/2024

ERA 1 Obligations

Total Award: \$24,281,300

Voluntary Reallocation

\$10,000,000 to City of Fort Worth

\$5,000,000 to City of Arlington

	EXPENDED	UNSPENT OBLIGATION	TOTAL OBLIGATION
Administrative	\$ 644,300	\$ 0	\$ 644,300
Housing Stability	0	0	0
Assistance	8,637,000	0	8,637,000
TOTAL	\$ 9,281,300	\$ 0	\$ 9,281,300

ERA 2 Obligations

Total Award: \$26,407,662

	EXPENDED	UNSPENT OBLIGATION	TOTAL OBLIGATION
Administrative	\$ 1,365,538	\$ 0	\$ 1,365,538
Housing Stability	126,720	0	126,720
Assistance	\$20,729,201	0	20,729,201
Housing Development	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 22,221,459	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 26,221,459



Public Health

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) demonstrated its adaptability in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing a variety of prevention, mitigation, and intervention strategies. These strategies included public education and outreach, testing, vaccination, case surveillance, and contact tracing. As the number of COVID-19 cases began to decrease, TCPH's strategies shifted. TCPH transitioned from addressing COVID-19 directly to focusing on the health consequences of the pandemic, identifying the health conditions worsened by social isolation or delayed medical care, and implementing interventions to address these emerging public health needs. The funding for these interventions was secured through a strategic leveraging of multiple grant streams, including the following:

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Grant Funding

NAME	INITIAL COURT APPROVAL DATE(S)	TOTAL AWARD	FUNDING PERIOD
DSHS CDC- Epidemiology and Lab Capacity (ELC)	August 11, 2020	\$9,187,726	8/16/2020-7/31/2026
DSHS CDC- COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Enhancement	April 26, 2021	\$27,015,816	4/26/2021-6/30/2025
DSHS-CDC Public Health Crisis Response Workforce Grant	August 1, 2021	\$1,595,000	8/3/2021-6/30/2024
CDC COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant	June 8, 2021	\$27,241,785	6/1/2021-5/31/2025
CDC - Public Health Infrastructure	December 13, 2022	\$20,162,748	12/1/2022-11/30/2027
TOTAL ARPA PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED		\$ 85,203,075	

The following represents a high-level summary of the COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, and intervention strategies implemented beyond those funded solely by SLFRF since the beginning of the pandemic. In most instances, the funding represents a combination of the grants mentioned above to maximize impact and make the most of the available funding during the pandemic.

Vaccinations: To improve access to immunizations, TCPH offered routine childhood and adult immunizations as well as influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations during extended evening and weekend clinic hours. Additionally, pop-up clinics were set up in the community. Between July 1, 2023, and May 31, 2024, TCPH organized 1,657 additional clinic opportunities. Out of these, 241 were conducted in the community, with 80% held in census tracts with high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) scores. We partnered with various community engagement organizations for these clinics, including faith communities, municipalities within the County, community health events, Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs), homeless shelters, businesses/manufacturers, long-term care providers, non-profits, and academic communities. Through the use of ARPA funding, TCPH facilitated the administration of 76,327 vaccine doses.

Health Promotion Campaigns: The “Vax Up Like” campaign was conducted between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The campaign aimed to raise awareness of the need for adults and children to continue routine vaccinations, utilizing streaming and online video, radio and streaming audio, programmatic display, social media, and programmatic out-of-home media.



Health Education Events: Outreach staff worked with non-profits, educational and faith-based organizations, local businesses, and governmental agencies to set up information tables, staff health and wellness fairs, find locations for community-based pop-up vaccine sites, and provide formal age-appropriate presentations for all age groups at 569 events. The team directly shared information on COVID-19 and other vaccine-preventable diseases with 34,770 community members. The outreach team distributed 9,595 flyers, including to 1,564 single-family homes and apartments. The newly state-certified Tarrant County Public Health Community Health Worker Institute graduated its first cohort of 13 Community Health Workers eligible to become state-certified.

Community Engagement: TCPH fostered partnerships with over 100 community partners and stakeholders. A total of 14 areas of high need were identified for focused community efforts, which included 34 zip codes within Tarrant County. Fourteen Community listening sessions and 832 community surveys informed community engagement goals and helped develop strategies to bolster change. There were 21 strategies developed, and as of May 2024, community partners and stakeholders have completed two and are implementing five others.

Mass Messaging: Client reminder and recall interventions effectively increase vaccination rates in children, adolescents, and adults. The department utilizes an electronic messaging system to send automated texts and phone messages regarding upcoming immunization clinics or the need to get caught up on immunizations. TCPH sent 89,436 automated messages between July 1, 2023, and May 31, 2024.

Data Modernization: The pandemic emphasized the need for modern and secure public health data system that delivers real-time, accurate, and actionable data. While the procurement of systems was funded through SLFRF, the identification and maintenance of staff to lead and coordinate data modernization efforts has been financed mainly through other funds. Data modernization efforts have touched every area of departmental operations, including but not limited to:

- Electronic lab (ELR) and case (eCR) reporting
- Enhancement and implementation of a disease management system
- Standardization and clinical workflows and documentation
- Modernization of data infrastructure to release accurate and timely data through dashboards and reports
- Development of no code database systems for individual programs
- Eligibility Screening Solution
- Point of Sale Solution
- Data Governance Program
- SharePoint Intranet sites for collaboration and communication

Home Investment Partnership Program

Background

To reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided \$5 billion for housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. These grant funds are administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

Consultation, Needs Assessment, and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with HUD requirements, Tarrant County, through its Community Development Department, consulted with the Continuum of Care, homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies, public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of people with disabilities.

The consultation process, led by the Community Development Department, was a comprehensive effort. The process involved collecting over 440 2022 Housing Survey responses, stakeholder interviews, a human-centered design session at a local community center, and public hearings during the Tarrant County Commissioners Court. The feedback from the extensive process, combined with the data collected from the needs assessment and gap analysis, was instrumental in guiding the selection of HOME-ARP activities and funding amounts.

Funding

The Tarrant County Consortium was awarded \$5,281,656 in HOME-ARP funding. A significant portion of this, \$4,489,407, is dedicated to eligible activities, including \$4,000,000 for supportive services and \$489,407 for tenant-based rental assistance. The remaining funds will be utilized for administrative and planning purposes. The funds are slated to be utilized within the performance period, which concludes September 30, 2030.

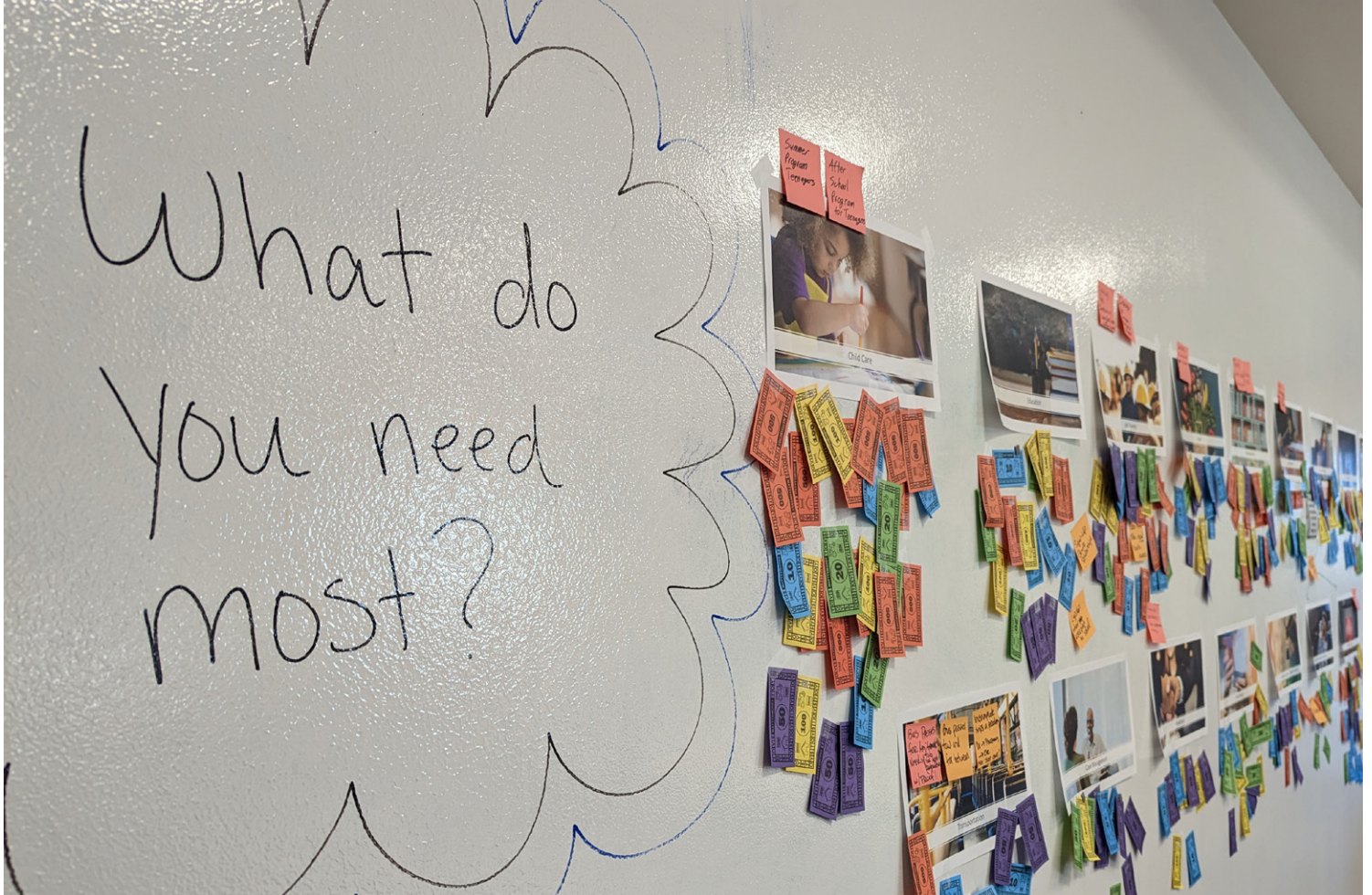
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was developed by the Community Development Department through the consultation, needs assessment, and gaps analysis outlined above. The Plan was approved by HUD in April 2023. A copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available on the Tarrant County website.

Next Steps

In Spring 2023, Tarrant County issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for community partners to implement eligible activities within the Tarrant County Consortium area, particularly those related to the activities outlined in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The selection criteria include quality of proposal, financial feasibility, organizational capacity and experience with federal funding, community impact, community engagement, economic and community inclusion, and proposal readiness. The RFPs will remain open until all funds are committed.

The Community Development Department provides administrative support, technical assistance, and oversight of reporting and reimbursement requests.





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