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State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2024 Report

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Will County, Illinois 2024 Recovery Plan

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Will County continues to seek ways to help residents recover from the physical and economic devastation of the ongoing pandemic. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act includes \$134 million under its State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for Will County (County). Will County received all funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Will County, with the issuance of the Final Rule effective April 1, 2022, used the guidance to accelerate efforts to meet the needs of residents with the most recent available guidance. Through assessments of the community, Will County developed strategies to ensure equitable outcomes for target populations, industries, sectors, and specific businesses or agencies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This assessment included obtaining quantitative data, as well as qualitative data through engagement, to articulate goals. This allowed Will County to align the community goals with subrecipients who have been impacted by COVID-19 and can support the betterment of community health and wellbeing.

WILL COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT	
Population	700,728
Square Miles	836
Median Household Income	\$103,678
Persons in Poverty (%)	7.1%

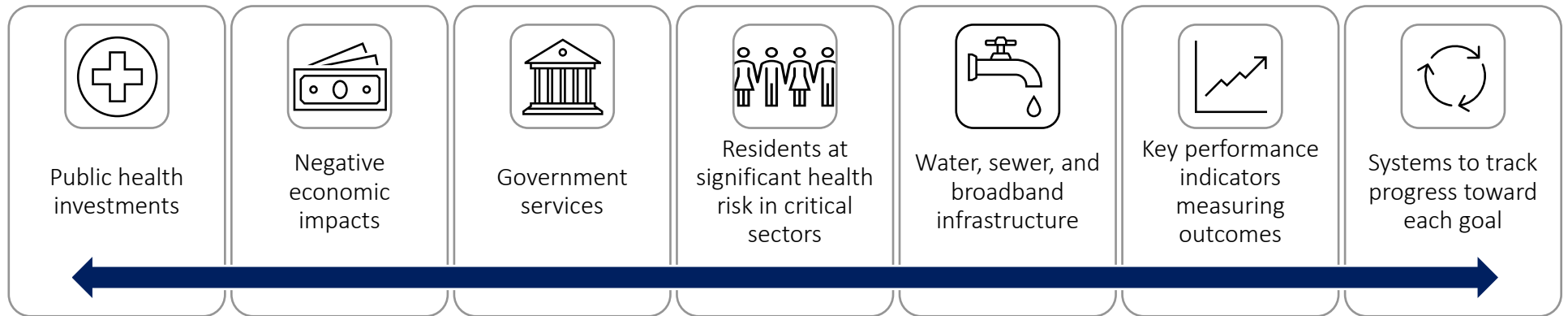
[Source: 2023 Census, [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Will County, Illinois](#)]

The high-level overview of Will County's intended uses of SLFRF funding include the following:

- 1. Unmet Needs:** Addressing critical community needs that emerged or intensified due to the pandemic, such as food insecurity, housing assistance, mental health support, facility improvements and other essential services local units of government that did not receive direct SLFRF allocations.
- 2. Health:** Strengthening healthcare infrastructure and resources to handle the surge in COVID-19 cases, improve overall public health capabilities, and address the tangential impacts of the pandemic including food insecurity, mental health, violence prevention, and equitable access to healthcare.
- 3. Economic Development:** Providing financial assistance and support to small businesses, non-profit organizations, workers, and industries significantly affected by the pandemic to help them recover and stabilize the local economy.
- 4. Infrastructure:** Investing in infrastructure projects to enhance community resilience and support future growth and development.
- 5. Revenue Replacement:** Funding the provision of government services due to Will County experiencing a lost in revenue growth during the pandemic.
- 6. Administration:** Providing oversight on the implementation of ARPA funded projects and establishing reporting and monitoring provisions

For each of these pillars, Will County set key outcome goals to measure the effectiveness of the allocated funds in addressing the pandemic's impact and promoting economic recovery. These goals include metrics such as industry sector jobs created, the unemployment rate, small businesses supported, poverty rates, and infrastructure improvement metrics. Progress on these outcome goals would depend on the speed and efficiency of implementing various programs and initiatives funded by the SLFRF. Reporting on these outcomes would likely be periodic, providing updates on the achievements and challenges faced during the reporting period. Noteworthy challenges include ensuring equitable distribution of funds across different communities within the county, navigating changing federal regulations and guidelines for SLFRF usage, and coordinating efforts with other

federal and state assistance programs. Opportunities will continue to arise in identifying innovative solutions to community needs, collaborating with local organizations and stakeholders, and leveraging the funding to create a more resilient and sustainable future for the county.



Will County’s framework – with options – for the County’s disbursement of ARPA funding, per the categories above. In general, the philosophy behind this plan has four parts:

- 1. Open Application**
Providing funding for grants to be allocated on an application basis for projects in the areas of infrastructure, healthcare, and economic development, inclusive of education, job creation, and workforce development.
- 2. Targeted Engagement**
Providing direct allocations to County departments and services
- 3. Negative Economic Impact Payments**
Issuing funds for flat-rate small business and non-profit organization grants based on operating in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or experiencing a loss in revenue because of the pandemic.
- 4. County-Wide**
Providing flat rate grants to designated transformational County organizations that serve clients or residents county-wide and were key in the COVID response and recovery.

Will County has engaged the services of a SLFRF technical consultant to help supplement staff, assist the County in the program management and implementation of SLFRF program-funded activities, and help ensure regulatory compliance. The County has SLFRF Policies and Procedures which provide standardized guidance for the overall management and administration of the program.

Will County finalized the program framework and application selection process.

- ✓ **Determine Evaluation Criteria:** Will County, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, established clear evaluation criteria to guide the allocation process. These criteria included the county's most pressing needs, the pandemic's impact on various sectors, economic recovery potential, public health priorities, equity considerations, and community input.
- ✓ **Public Engagement and Input:** Gathering input from the public and community organizations was essential to identify unmet needs and priorities.
- ✓ **Application Process:** Will County opened a formal application process for entities, organizations, and businesses seeking SLFRF funding. This process would require applicants to submit detailed proposals outlining their projects' objectives, budget, expected outcomes, and alignment with the county's evaluation criteria.
- ✓ **Review and Evaluation:** The County's technical consultant reviewed and evaluated the received applications to make recommendations. They would assess each proposal's feasibility, alignment with established criteria, potential impact on pandemic response and economic recovery, and adherence to applicable regulations.
- ✓ **Recommendations and Allocations:** Based on the evaluation, the review team would make recommendations on how to allocate the SLFRF funds to various projects and initiatives. These recommendations would be presented to relevant county authorities for approval.

MINIMUM CONSIDERATIONS

- Sustainable and on-time
- Aligns with U.S. Treasury Final Rule
- Located in and/or primarily benefitting Will County residents

PRIORITIZATION

- Benefit to impacted and disproportionately impacted residents
- Sustainable for funding and resource management
- Direct benefit within unincorporated portions of the County
- Expands service, increases access, or establishes resiliency.

Update: The County, within the past programmatic year, completed the selection and total allocation of the entire SLFRF program. It is expected that any remaining returned, withdrawn, or canceled projects will be reallocated by December 31, 2024.

- ✓ **Reporting and Transparency:** Throughout the process, there would be a focus on transparency and communication with the public. Regular updates on the progress of the evaluation, application review, and allocation decisions would be provided to ensure accountability and foster trust.

This past programmatic year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) has been primarily dedicated to the finalization of program goals, design of evaluation criteria, and program selection for implementation. To date, there has not been qualitative and quantitative data, on how the jurisdiction’s approach achieved or promoted equitable outcomes or progressed against equity goals as the bulk of projects have not yet been implemented. Over the course of the upcoming programmatic year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) Will County expects to be able to provide a more substantial overview of the efforts and achievements.

Timeline – Progress: The Will County Board is committed to supporting projects that promote a robust recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The County has not expended any of its SLFRF funds for the annual reporting period. The County has focused on developing the framework and process in which Will County will invest funds. This section provides a preliminary framework for County SLFRF priorities and record of approvals to-date.

QUARTER	MILESTONES
<p style="text-align: center;">Q3 2023 (July-Sept)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unmet Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Preserve District of Will County completed the resurfacing & reconstruction of the 4.4-mile trail linking the Rock Run Greenway Trail and I&M Canal St. Trail. • Eight Library and Township projects were completed. • Eight Park District Projects were completed. 2. Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Stones, a substance use treatment facility, received \$686,728 part of a larger renovation effort to expand accessibility and bed capacity to their current facility. • The Indian Prairie Education Foundation expended their grant totaling \$6,875 for high school student’s cardiovascular screenings. • Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County issued their COVID-19 staffing incentive stipend totaling \$39,800. 3. Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five subrecipients initiated the reimbursement process, while in the planning phase, with construction anticipated to start in early 2024. • Infrastructure initiatives were in the design and initial execution stages. 4. Economic Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first round of funding for small businesses and non-profits impacted by the pandemic were issued totaling \$2,488,451.

**Q4
2023
(Oct- Dec)**

1. Unmet Needs:

- Supplemental support lump sum payments were issued to small businesses and non-profits disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.
- Libraries – \$ 433K remaining – eleven projects were fully reimbursed for completed projects.
- Park Districts – \$ 3.2M remaining – twelve projects were completed and reimbursed.
- Townships – \$ 2.2M remaining – seven projects were completed.

2. Health

- Lightways Hospice received \$177,750, for surge staffing in response to the pandemic as the largest provider of free grief support services in Will County.
- Almost 60% of subrecipient projects expended a portion of their award.
- WCHD started five out of seven projects and were paid out for almost \$600,000 of their total award.

3. Infrastructure:

- Wilmington High School completed facility improvements which included the installation of a new HVAC system using their entire award.
- Habitat for Humanity successfully completed their sanitary sewer project, to extend connection for service to a new housing development investing a total of \$102,503.
- Channahon Fire Protection District completed the first phase for sewer, water, and sanitary upgrades for the buildout of their newest fire station, Station #2.

4. Economic Development:

- Village of University Park demolished a blighted property which successfully completed their project.
- Guardian Angel Community Services started expending their award to support case management services, rent, and utilities enabling residents to secure permanent housing.

**Q1
2024
(Jan-Mar)**

1. Unmet Needs:

- Libraries – \$ 388K remaining – twelve projects were completed.
- Park Districts – \$ 2.5M remaining – fifteen projects were completed.
- Townships – \$ 2.1M remaining – fourteen projects are complete.

2. Health:

- The Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry utilized its \$50,000 grant for supplies and food to support pantry operations.
- WCHD started five out of seven projects and has been paid out for almost \$700,000. Over \$1.2m was expended to date.
- Lockport Rotary Foundation spent their \$5,000 award on addressing food insecurity with local families and Veterans.

	<p>3. Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley View School District completed facility improvements which included fiber upgrades for highspeed broadband connectivity investing a total of \$43,000 of their award. Will County Fair Association expended half of their total award on emergency generators for the north and south halls of the Atrium which is a designated surge center for disaster relief. Spanish Community Center, a non-profit serving low-income residents, spent \$106,000 of their \$350,000 award on HVAC upgrades and installation to address air quality in response to the pandemic. <p>4. Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joliet Junior College distributed over \$11,000 to assist homeless and at-risk students in the spring semester. Guardian Angel Community Services spent a little over \$120,000 of their award to continue supporting case management services, rent, and utilities enabling residents to secure permanent housing.
<p>Q2 2024 (Apr-June)</p>	<p>1. Unmet Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries – \$ 269K remaining – fourteen projects were completed. Park Districts – \$ 1.7M remaining – twenty-one projects were completed. Townships – \$ 1.4M remaining – seventeen projects were completed. <p>2. Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Community Center has used \$97,000 of their \$349,000 award to continue remodeling their food pantry facility, enabling a client-choice model of food distribution, and allowing them to serve a greater number of clients. WCHD spent \$343,000 on ongoing staffing, COVID-19 testing kits, outreach event supplies, and transportation for residents as needed. Trinity Services spent \$443,000 of their total award in Q2, focusing on transforming a newly purchased site in Joliet into a comprehensive behavioral health hub. <p>3. Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village of Frankfort has fully expended their \$500,000 award on addressing the vulnerabilities and potential risks associated with the Village's water supply system. Village of Plainfield finished their award of \$500,000 on water main replacement, storm sewer installation and replacement, and sanitary manhole improvements. Troy Township completed their Ron Lee Estates Storm Sewer Replacement Project, expending their \$201,415 award. <p>4. Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat for Humanity has utilized over \$517,000, continuing to make strides on the Arrowhead Duplex Project. Joliet Junior College distributed over \$25,000 of their award to assist students in the spring semester. Guardian Angel Community Services spent a little over \$76,000 of their award to continue supporting case management services, rent, and utilities enabling residents to secure permanent housing.

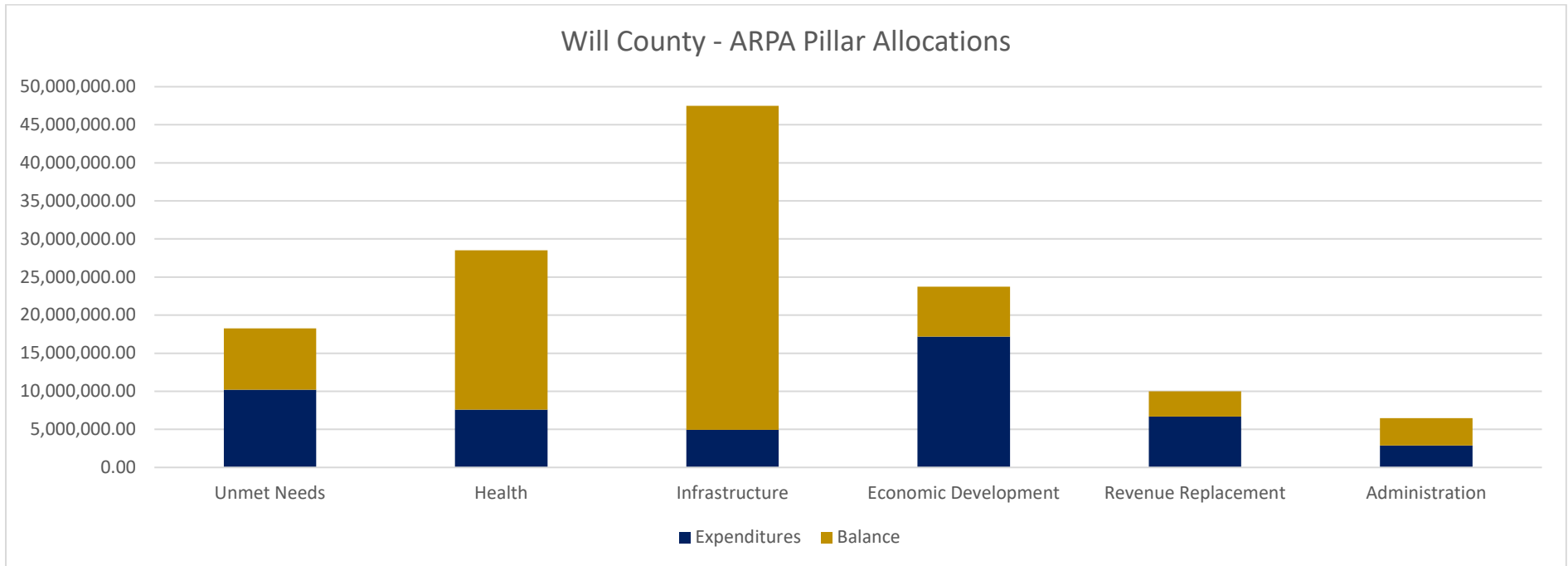
2. USES OF FUNDS

In July 2022, Will County approved an allocation plan for the five pillars below. After reviewing over 300 project applications, Will County has approved allocation amounts to each pillar attributing funds to over 250 projects.

Please see the table below that outlines the progress of the ARPA allocation.

WILL COUNTY – ARPA PILLAR ALLOCATIONS				
PILLAR	% of Pillar Spent	Approved Allocation	Allocation Expenditures	Allocation Balance
UNMET NEEDS	56%	\$ 18,250,000.00	\$ 10,227,884.38	\$ 8,022,115.62
HEALTH	27%	\$ 28,505,000.00	\$ 7,650,545.26	\$ 20,854,454.74
INFRASTRUCTURE	11%	\$ 47,500,000.00	\$ 5,023,783.47	\$ 42,476,216.53
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	72%	\$ 23,750,000.00	\$ 17,121,796.20	\$ 6,628,203.80
REVENUE REPLACEMENT	67%	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 6,702,994.90	\$ 3,297,005.10
ADMINISTRATION	58%	\$ 6,163,730.00	\$ 3,579,048.40	\$ 2,584,681.60
	37%	\$ 134,168,730.00	\$ 50,306,052.61	\$ 83,862,677

As of July 29, 2024



PUBLIC HEALTH

The core of the COVID-19 pandemic was an attack on the health of individuals. While this threat had ripple effects throughout resident’s lives, COVID-19 also made it clear that there are inequities in social determinants of health. Social determinants of health are conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health and quality-of life-risks and outcomes. Will County prioritized funding to non-profit partners with projects that improve residents’ social determinants of health. The County Executive Committee approved \$28,505,000 targeting public health initiatives addressing the adverse impacts of COVID-19, prioritizing those improving quality of life. Through the review of 107 projects, Will County funded 57 eligible projects that have assisted the community through the Health Department, equitable access to health facilities and services, food stabilization, behavioral health, and violence prevention efforts. Within that, the Sub-Pillars in Table A were approved to bring focus to a targeted approach within the Health Pillar as a whole.

TABLE A – HEALTH - \$28.5M	
Entity	Allocation
Will County Health Department	\$ 7,872,105
Will County Coroner - Morgue Equipment	\$ 1,603,495
Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)	\$ 1,000,000
Non-Profit Organizations – Health Programs	\$ 17,118,332
Will County Health Department – MAPP Initiative	\$ 779,805
Sunny Hill Nursing Home – Will County	\$ 39,800
Reallocate	\$ 91,463
Approved Total	\$28,505,000

Will County Health Department served as the community hub, sustaining a substantial portion of the response to COVID-19, caring for residents, and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 over the last two years. The Health Department has been granted a portion of funds to execute a list of requests for projects, supplies, staffing, and programs to improve effective service delivery, increase capacity, and expand services for a more robust recovery response. The County Board examined these requests, with input from staff and Health Department leadership, approved nearly \$8 million. The comprehensive project profiles expected to be funded through 2026 are outlined in the supplemental project list attached. A summary of projects is found below.

Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses			
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation
Administrative	Media Marketing and Health Promotions	Promote COVID-19 vaccination and testing efforts	\$ 826,000
Administrative	Outreach Van	Transport for COVID-19 vaccination and testing efforts	\$ 57,000
Total			\$ 883,000
Community Violence Interventions			
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation
Behavioral Health	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)	Improve staff training and service delivery	\$ 360,000

			Total	\$ 360,000
Mental Health Services				
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation	
Behavioral Health	Psychological Testing and Diagnostics	Increase service delivery	\$ 437,000	
			Total	\$ 437,000
Substance Use Services				
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation	
Behavioral Health	Substance Use Program	Address increased response to substance use in Will County	\$ 291,390	
			Total	\$ 291,390
Healthy Childhood Environments: Families Involved in Child Welfare System				
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation	
Family Health	Employment - Registered Nurse (3 FTE)	Staff support for ongoing operations	\$ 1,079,000	
			Total	\$ 1,079,000
Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services				
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation	
Behavioral Health	YESS Program	Support students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19	\$ 438,035	
			Total	\$ 438,035
Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Workers				
Department	Activity	Description	Allocation	
Administrative	Safety/Risk Reduction Offer	Workplace safety and risk management professional	\$ 314,000	
Administrative	Vaccine Equity Incentives	Support for ongoing increased staffing capacity	\$ 722,500	
Human Resources	Recruitment Enhancement	Support for ongoing increased staffing capacity	\$ -	
Human Resources	HR Assistant (FTE)	Support for communicable disease tracking, management	\$ 441,000	
Family Health	Communicable Diseases - Program Manager	Support for communicable disease tracking, management	\$ 294,500	
Family Health	Communicable Diseases - Investigators	Support for communicable disease tracking, management	\$ 452,000	
Family Health	Communicable Diseases - Assistants	Support for communicable disease tracking, management	\$ 482,100	
Family Health	Admin Clerk - Maternal/Child Health	Staff support for maternal/child health	\$ 221,000	
Family Health	Admin Clerk - Immunizations	Staff support for immunizations	\$ 185,300	
			\$ 198,300	
			Total	\$ 3,310,700

Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Department	Activity	Description	Allocation
I.T.	Communications Improvements	IT improvements to maintain virtual communication efforts	\$ 79,000
I.T.	NextGen (Electronic Medical Records)	Contract tracing and vaccine tracking	\$ 350,000
I.T.	IPFlex	Maintain increased phone system capacity	\$ 99,000
I.T.	Data Warehousing	Maintain increased data collection capacity	\$ 200,000
Human Resources	Learning Management System	Improve access to mandatory staff training	\$ 39,000
Human Resources	HR Work space	Create HR work space for testing, training, staff overflow	\$ 4,880
Behavioral Health	PI/PM Program	Quality assurance/improvement to track changes in client outcomes	\$ 301,100
Total			\$ 1,072,980

Will County's Coroner's Office purchased autopsy room equipment to aid the response to COVID-19 and its impacts on long-term public health and disaster preparedness. The Coroner's Office utilized \$1.6 million to purchase and install autopsy room equipment and freezers. The Will County Coroner's Office is considered eligible for funding given its involvement in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic precipitating updates to its outdated temporary facility. Throughout the pandemic, the Will County Coroner's Office underwent several changes to assist the County in the unprecedented number of COVID-19-related deaths. The morgue was dilapidated and had been in a temporary location for many years. When COVID-19 hit, the temporary facility's capacity was exceeded and could not accommodate the nearly 1,700 deaths. As a result, the County had to utilize refrigeration trucks to store and maintain bodies while awaiting examination. The community will benefit from the new facility as the Coroner's Office continues to respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The new facility will ensure preparedness for a future mass casualty event, public health crisis, or disaster. It may also serve as a space for medical supplies and equipment storage, emergency response and administration, and future surge medical facility capacity. Additionally, the Coroner's Office is still experiencing an influx of autopsies for drug overdoses/suicide that may be related to mental health issues resulting from COVID-19.

Will County's Advocacy Center, as an extension of the State's Attorney's Office, requested and was granted funds to both purchase and outfit a new building to operate their services. Violence and abuse against children increased over the course of the pandemic. As a result, the Children's Advocacy Center saw a rise in cases. The current facility is inadequate for the operations and, with a new facility, can accommodate all staff, private interview rooms, and allow for expansion of services. The existing building has greater capital needs compared to a new building. There is no opportunity for expansion and the facility is outdated and in need of extensive repairs and rehabilitation. It could not accommodate the expansion of services needed to address the impacts of the pandemic. Data suggests that COVID-19 has had a major impact on child abuse and neglect (CAN) in the U.S. leading to a change in the number of reported screened-in CAN investigations, missed prevention cases, and missed CAN cases. The investment in the CAC is in response to the broader health impacts of COVID-19, including community violence interventions and behavioral health.



The **Coroner's Office** new morgue was completed in July 2023. For more information, check out the press release at the link below: [Will County Officials Celebrate Ribbon Cutting for New Coroner's Facility - Will County News](#)



The **CAC's** new facility which enables more staff, investigations, and children to be served was completed in April 2024. For more information, check out the press release [Will County Children's Advocacy Center Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New, State-of-the-Art Facility - Will County State's Attorney \(willcountysao.com\)](#)



Easterseals of Joliet acquired a facility to serve their clients in need of adult day services and respite for caregivers. For more information, please visit the link: [Easterseals Joliet Region – Grant-Funded Community Day Center | Will County Illinois](#)



Illinois Partners in Hope expanded their food distribution system by purchasing two large vehicles and pallet jacks to improve operations and bring more food to partner agencies and residents in need. For more information, check out the link: [Illinois Partners in Hope Grant-Funded Equipment Improvements | Will County Illinois](#)



ShareFest, a regional non-profit organization which distributes food to pantries and residents recently opened a new distribution center. For more information, check out the video spotlight at the link: [ARPA – Sharefest | Will County Illinois](#)



Stepping Stones, a substance use treatment center, renovated their facility enable greater accessibility and increased bed capacity. For more information, check out the link: [Stepping Stones Grant-Funded Facility Renovation Project | Will County Illinois](#)

Open Applications – Subrecipient Health Programs

Access/Equity: Through the COVID-19 pandemic, Will County has identified a need to improve access to resources and services to address inequities created or expanded by the public health crisis. Subrecipients were selected with the goal to support for equity to reduce disparities in access to high-quality treatment and services. Through review of over 15 applicants, Will County approved \$6.5 million in funding to 10 non-profit organizations that specialize in community outreach and health services towards low-income residences.

Food Stabilization: There is a wide network of non-profit food providers throughout Will County including community-based pantries, school-based pantries, temporary mobile food pantries, door-to-door meal delivery services, and food distribution within congregate settings. Through review of over 20 applicants, Will County approved funding to 16 non-profit organizations that specialize in community outreach and equitable food access. This resulted in over \$4 million in funding. Many of the funded food programs have been initiated in the past year and were recently spotlighted in January 2024. For more information, check out the press release at the link: [ARPA Food Programs | Will County Illinois](#)

Behavioral Health: Many areas experienced an increase in mental health issues related to the pandemic and Will County is not immune to that impact. The County has identified funding to support ongoing mental health, behavioral health, and substance use prevention initiatives prioritized for disproportionately impacted community members. Through review of over 20 applicants, Will County approved \$5.5 million in funding to 14 non-profit organizations that specialize in community outreach and behavioral health services.

Crime Prevention: Communities experienced an increase in interpersonal violence and crime resulting from widespread impacts of COVID-19 including isolation, unemployment, lack of regularly available community-based resources, etc. The County has identified funding to support ongoing crime victim, violence mitigation, and neighborhood support

initiatives prioritized for disproportionately impacted community members. Through review of over 10 applicants, Will County approved \$831 thousand in funding to 6 non-profit organizations that specialize in community outreach and behavioral health services.

MAPP Initiative – Will County Health Department and various social service agencies, including the United Way of Will County, embarked on a mission to assess the health needs of their community. They joined forces to conduct a comprehensive community health needs assessment through the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Collaborative. Their goal was to enhance the quality of life for all residents by identifying and addressing priority areas, known as social determinants of health. Several task forces were formed, each focused on specific priority needs of the community. Among them was the *Access to Food and Nutrition Task Force, a partnership between the Will County Health Department and the United Way of Will County*. This task force recognized the pressing issue of food insecurity, affecting nearly 10% of the county's population. Even more concerning was the fact that a significant portion of these individuals had no access to healthy food retailers. Among those impacted the most were the children in the county, with over 34,000 experiencing food insecurity. 46% of these children were ineligible for assistance programs, leaving them vulnerable and without the support they desperately needed. The situation was particularly dire for residents living in the central and northwestern areas of Will County, where access to nutritious food options was severely limited. Only 15 out of every 100,000 residents had access to stores authorized to accept WIC benefits.

With this crucial data, the Access to Food and Nutrition Task Force set out to develop a transformative initiative: the **Food for All for a Healthier Community** project. The primary objective was to combat food insecurity and improve access to nutritious food for all residents, with a special focus on the identified priority needs and populations in the MAPP assessment. Food for All adopted a "Food First Model" approach to tackle food deserts within Will County. The program aimed to establish a local food economy that would support and empower socially vulnerable communities, particularly those disproportionately impacted in the target areas. Entrepreneurial opportunities would be created, allowing residents of these areas to actively participate in and benefit from the program.

To achieve these goals, Food for All would collaborate with various organizations and entities, including We WILL Grow, Sharefest, Will County Farm Bureau, local farmers interested in sustainable produce for community use, Illinois Partners in Hope, Health System partners, and Will County Higher Learning Universities. The program planned to funnel fresh produce through these channels, ensuring a steady supply of nutritious food to the communities in need.

The Food for All initiative didn't stop at addressing food insecurity alone. It recognized the compounding challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, including educational disparities. As a response, the program aimed to increase resources in the community, offering learning services such as tutoring and afterschool programs. Additionally, support for social, emotional, and mental health needs would be provided, ensuring holistic well-being for all residents. In conclusion, the Food for All for a Healthier Community project was born out of a collaborative effort to create lasting change in Will County. By targeting food insecurity and the specific priority needs and populations identified in the MAPP assessment, this initiative aimed to establish a local food economy and foster education, while also addressing broader challenges faced by the community. With determination and unity, the people of Will County embarked on a journey toward a healthier and more food-secure future for all.

Additionally, projects approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may intersect with Public Health initiatives as those allocations are intended for a broad, community-level response under any of the eligible Expenditure Categories.

For more information on Will County’s Health Pillar, please visit: [Dashboard | Will County Illinois](#)

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Proposed economic development initiatives will be focused on five primary categories impacting the County’s resiliency:

Grant Initiatives – Support for Impacted Households & Healthy Children

- 1) Leveraging affordable housing initiatives
- 2) Fostering public/private partnerships for the unbanked/underbanked residents
- 3) Addressing instructional learning loss and childcare deserts

Grant Initiatives – Aid to Impacted Industries

- 4) Aiding non-profit organizations
- 5) Supporting qualified small businesses in critical supply chain

TABLE B - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - \$23.8M	
Entity	Allocation
Center for Economic Development	\$3,750,000
College Initiative – HEROES Scholarship	\$10,000,000
Open Application	\$9,990,000
Reallocate	\$10,000
Approved Total	\$23,750,000

To help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn, Will County has dedicated a Pillar to Economic Development totaling \$25,000,000. The County will invest in economic development and community projects, including but not limited to, job training (i.e., nursing and education professionals), workforce development for small businesses, addressing educational disparities caused or exacerbated by the pandemic, investing in neighborhoods and affordable housing programs, and enhancing childcare services. The pandemic exposed an increased call for community-based services, a shorter-term response addressing the immediate needs brought on by the pandemic and a need to improve access to resources and services to address inequities created or expanded by the public health crisis. Will County prioritized non-profits and small business that have been negatively affected by COVID-19. Through review of 143 applications, Will County awarded 21 non-profits and 11 small businesses. The non-profit subrecipients are those in an impacted industry with loss fundraising revenue and increase expenses. The non-profits provide a qualified service to impacted residents (housing/childcare). The small businesses were eligible as an impacted Industry with closures, reduced revenue, and increase operations.

Center for Economic Development, the regions hub for recruiting new companies offering high-quality jobs and a solid tax base while assisting existing businesses to grow, enabling the retention and addition of jobs. CED was allocated funds to support the long-term recovery by addressing long range planning for regional success and economic growth, equitable development amidst women, minority, and disadvantaged small business owners and direct business support. Ultimately, CED will engage and collaborate to identify initiatives to address disparities among impacted communities including, but not limited to,

- Enhanced Support to Microbusinesses
- Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance
- Job Training to Support In-Demand Fields

One of the key programs which was implemented is the Will UpSkill program. This provides Will County employers funding for customized employee training to expand their skills and strengths allowing companies to remain competitive and retain their workforce. Utilizing the Workforce Investment Board of Will County’s IWT program process and funding through the Economic Development Pillar of ARPA funds, the Business Services Team work with employers to identify specific business needs that can be addressed with training. The employee will receive training that results in learning a new skill along with a credential or certification. The timing, location, and type of training will be up to the company – if they are able to demonstrate the training need. Grants will be available up to \$19,500 per project and available until the grant expires or funding is depleted. Grants will be assessed based on type of training, skills gained, number of employees training, cost per employee, overall cost of training. Companies must have been in operation in Will County for at least one-year, have a FEIN in good standing, and follow all state and federal employment and business laws. This is a reimbursement grant program with a company match component based on company size.





WILL UpSkill



An employee Training Grant Program

The Will UpSkill program provides Will County employers funding for customized employee training to expand their skills and strengths allowing companies to remain competitive and retain their workforce.

- ✔ The timing, location, and type of training will be up to the company
- ✔ Grants available up to \$19,500 per project & available until the grant expires or funding is depleted.
- ✔ Companies must have been in operation in Will County for at least one-year, have a FEIN in good standing, and be in compliance with all state and federal employment and business laws.

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PROGRAM MILESTONES		
<p><u>Workforce / Will Upskill Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers enrolled: 235 • Participating businesses: 10 	<p><u>Long Range Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100+ new jobs • Multiple recruitment projects, Invenergy Center of Excellence in Bolingbrook, IL 	<p><u>Direct Business Support – Business Retention and Expansion Programming</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a new hire and is just ramping up – significant outreach has taken place, and visits are just now starting to happen.



Critical Sector Training - College Initiative was established to “prime the pipeline” for teacher-candidates and nursing students who live in Will County and expect to work at a Will County education or healthcare institution, respectively, after graduation. Will County has awarded four higher education partners, Governors State University, University of St. Francis, Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, funds to generate a pathway for enrollment, education, and employment. This Monetary

Award Program-like (MAP) approach – will award participants \$2,500 per semester or \$5,000 per academic year as an education and employment incentive for professionals to stay and work in Will County – beginning with students enrolled in Fall 2023.

During the span of this training initiative, the four college partners project graduating approximately:

- 100 teachers (elementary education, special education, secondary education) – with 400 students remaining in the pipeline to continue to graduate 100 teachers per year
- 58 RNs and 80 BSN-RNs – with 360 students remaining in the pipeline to continue to graduate 15 RNs and 85 BSN-RNs per year

In conjunction with Ascension St. Joseph, Silver Cross, Center for Economic Development, and Workforce Services, the program will foster a pipeline for graduating high schoolers, adults seeking career transition, and paraprofessionals or healthcare workers seeking advancement in continuing education. This incentive addresses shortages in critical sectors which were

“The Will County HEROES Scholarship was introduced to me through an advisor at USF. It was a simple application that relieved me of a tremendous amount of financial stress. As a first-generation student, I was able to put a primary focus on my studies and pursue opportunities to help my future career. This would not have been possible without the help of this scholarship. I was able to give back to my community just as this scholarship did to me.”

Isabel Bolanos | USF Leach College of Nursing

“I heard about this opportunity through my advisor when I was first admitted to the university. By having some funds allocated to my schooling, I have been able to purchase many of the texts I need as an English educator, rather than rent them, which is something extremely beneficial and rewarding as a lover and instructor of literature. This scholarship is a great opportunity, and I strongly encourage anyone who thinks that they might qualify to seek it out!”

Tyson David Guseman |USF College of Education

exacerbated by the pandemic resulting in unemployed or underemployed workers seeking job training, subsidized employment, or employment incentives.

This program is available to impacted students which must qualify and attest to one of the following:

- Low- or-moderate income households (income at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of the household)
- Households that experienced unemployment
- Households that qualify for Medicaid, PELL, SNAP, WIC

Additionally, projects approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may intersect with Economic Development initiatives as those allocations are intended for a broad, community-level response under any of the eligible Expenditure Categories.

“Joliet Junior College is grateful to offer financial assistance to students pursuing careers in teaching and nursing. The scholarship’s parameters have been adjusted to remove enrollment barriers, aiming to help students graduate nearly debt-free.

Dr. Stephanie L. McIntyre-Braun, Dean of Academic Intervention, Support, and Student Development Grants | Joliet Junior College

Joliet Junior College

Students enrolled in Q2: 421
Students graduated in Q2: 93
Total students enrolled to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 568
Total students graduated to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 169

University St. Francis

Students enrolled in Q4: 0
Students graduated in Q4: 1
Total students enrolled to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 45
Total students graduated to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 3

Lewis University

Students enrolled in Q4: 54
Students graduated in Q4: 0
Total students enrolled to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 54
Total students graduated to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 18

Governor’s State University

Students enrolled in Q4: 7
Students graduated in Q4: 0
Total students enrolled to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 30
Total students graduated to date (inception through 6/30/2024): 0

PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY

Allocations approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may intersect with Public Sector Capacity initiatives. Specifically, Libraries, Parks, Fire Protection Districts, and Townships are encouraged to pursue projects supporting these eligible Expenditure Categories based on their local needs. Additionally, there is an ongoing evaluation of Will County’s internal needs to improve and expand their staffing and service delivery to meet the increase needs due to COVID-19.

PREMIUM PAY

Allocations approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may intersect with Public Sector Capacity initiatives. Specifically, Libraries, Parks, Fire Protection Districts, and Townships are encouraged to pursue projects supporting these eligible Expenditure Categories based on their local needs. Additionally, there is an ongoing evaluation of Will County’s internal needs to support premium pay for the COVID-19 response associated with managing congregate facilities including, but not limited to, Juvenile Detention, Adult Corrections, and County owned and operated skilled nursing facility.

WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

County Executive Committee approved \$47,500,000 targeting infrastructure initiatives addressing the adverse impacts of COVID-19. To gauge the County’s current backlog of eligible projects, a Letter of Intent was issued in June 2022 with a deadline of July 22, 2022, to collect responses and solicit feedback regarding the investment and stage of readiness for potential projects. Over 80 responses were received totaling over \$1 billion in requests. As a result, Will County narrow the scope of the subsequent application and evaluation criteria. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery program is meant to address the tremendous need related to the consequences of deferred maintenance in drinking water systems and removal, management, and treatment of sewage and stormwater, along with additional resiliency measures needed to adapt to climate change. Data collected supported a wide breadth of needs throughout the County. Will County allocated the remaining \$13.5M in infrastructure projects to fund significant infrastructure projects within the community to close gaps on existing projects and target long-term strategic investments. This allocation reflects a strategic decision to enhance community facilities and services that are significant for public welfare and engagement. The targeted engagement initiative is designed to address specific needs identified through community input, focusing on areas that require urgent attention and improvement to foster a more connected and resilient community. By investing in infrastructure, the county aims to not only improve the quality of life for its residents but also stimulate local economic activity and job creation. This commitment

TABLE C – INFRASTRUCTURE - \$47.5M	
Entity	Allocation
Open Application	\$16,000,000
Targeted Engagement - Land Use	\$17,997,710
School-Based Technology Upgrades	\$176,640
Targeted Engagement - Community	\$13,325,650
Approved Total	\$47,500,000

to community-focused projects underlines Will County's proactive approach to using federal funds to maximize social and economic benefits for its citizens. In the spirit of the final rule, and in conjunction with LOI submission review, the following goals were identified:

- **Local Support:** leverage federal funds for local governments which would, without assistance, not complete an eligible, shovel-ready project.
- **Access:** infrastructure to improve access to safe drinking water for individuals served by residential wells, including testing initiatives, and treatment/remediation strategies that address contamination or connecting service.
- **Improvement:** support plans to address drinking water quality including, but not limited to, facility improvements, lead testing, installation of corrosion control treatment, lead service line replacement, as well as water quality testing, compliance monitoring, and remediation activities, including replacement of internal plumbing and faucets and fixtures in schools and childcare facilities.
- **Efficiency/Conservation:** reduce the demand for Publicly owned treatment works POTW capacity through decreased water consumption or energy consumption reduction.
- **Resilience/Security:** increase the resilience of treatment works to manmade or natural disasters, such as extreme weather events and sea level rise. This includes efforts to assess future risks and vulnerabilities.

Will County evaluated the requests, determined a prioritization, and collected detailed project applications, which resulted in 43 projects for improvements to the community's sewer and water quality. Additionally, allocations approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may bolster Infrastructure initiatives.

Will County ARPA Water and Infrastructure Projects: Targeted Engagement Update

In its ongoing commitment to enhancing and modernizing community infrastructure, Will County has proactively leveraged ARPA funds to address critical water and infrastructure needs. Since July 2023, this strategic investment has fueled the initiation of several targeted engagement projects, underscoring the county's dedication to sustainable development and community well-being.

Projects Overview

Community Water System Upgrades: In response to the increasing demand for reliable and safe water supply, substantial investments will be made by upgrading community water systems. Projects include installing advanced filtration systems, replacing outdated pipelines, and enhancing water storage facilities. These upgrades are designed to ensure the long-term sustainability and safety of their water resources.

Stormwater Management Improvements: Recognizing the growing challenges climate change poses, targeted efforts have been directed toward improving stormwater management. This includes constructing new drainage systems, rehabilitating existing stormwater infrastructure, and implementing green infrastructure solutions such as rain gardens and permeable pavements. These initiatives aim to mitigate flooding risks and enhance water quality.

Infrastructure Development: To bridge the gap between urban and rural infrastructure standards, several projects have been launched in rural areas of Will County. These projects focus on extending water and sewer services, improving road conditions, and upgrading public utilities. By enhancing infrastructure in rural communities, they aim to promote equitable growth and development across the county.

Sustainable Practices and Innovations: The projects prioritize sustainability by integrating innovative technologies and practices. For example, integrating renewable energy sources in infrastructure projects reduces their carbon footprint and promotes environmental stewardship.

Since July 2023, Will County has made significant strides in advancing its water and infrastructure projects through targeted engagement initiatives. By prioritizing community needs, integrating sustainable practices, and fostering active participation, Will County is building a resilient and thriving future for all residents. These projects not only address immediate infrastructural challenges but also lay the groundwork for long-term prosperity and environmental sustainability, bringing tangible benefits to their community.



For more information about **Troy Township**, check out the link: [Troy Township Highway Department Grant-Funded Water Drainage System Overhaul | Will County Illinois](#)



To learn more about the **Village of Bolingbrook**, check out the link: [Village of Bolingbrook Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation | Will County Illinois](#)



For more information about the **Village of Shorewood**, check out the link: [Village of Shorewood Grant-Funded Road and Water Main Reconstruction | Will County Illinois](#)



To learn more about the **Village of Romeoville**, check out the link [Romeoville Residential Sanitary Sewer Improvements | Will County Illinois](#)

REVENUE REPLACEMENT

Will County has elected to take the standard baseline \$10,000,000 allocation available to recipients. The County is currently evaluating its Capital Improvement Plan against specific Department requests for SLFRF funds to make determinations about the Provision of Government Services under Revenue Replacement.

TABLE D – REVENUE REPLACEMENT - \$10 M	
Entity	Allocation
Revenue Replacement	\$ 10,000,000
Approved Total	\$10,000,000

OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS

The U.S. Treasury’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds designated to Will County have been contracted to the Illinois Housing and Development Authority for distribution and program administration on behalf of Will County. Will County is committed to working with the community to promote the Emergency Rental Assistance Program through print, virtual, and verbal communication methods with established partners within the County.

UNMET NEEDS – UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Will County is a complex network of different levels of government, each responsible for certain types of community services and programs. In addition to the designated Expenditure Categories above, Will County has allocated \$19,000,000 in total aid to units of local government (ULG) that did not receive direct allocations of ARPA funding from the Federal or State government. These levels of government may use their allocation for services or projects which fall into any of the Expenditure Categories, except Revenue Replacement.

The allocations will impact and tangentially reach every resident as each dollar is dedicated to a taxing district or special population to support in their community-level recovery efforts. Each ULG received notification of their designation and requirement to complete an allocation request form.

There is flexibility in what each ULG may request to ensure the unique need of each community or District is met. The request form is evaluated to ensure that it is intended for an eligible expenditure and meets the minimum terms and conditions set forth in the Final Rule.

TABLE E – UNMET NEEDS - \$18.5 M	
Entity	Allocation
Government - Formula Allocations	\$11,321,621
Forest Preserve District	\$3,500,000
Public Safety - Laraway Radios	\$2,750,000
Heritage Corridor	\$155,325
Supplemental Support	\$190,000
Reallocate	\$333,054
Approved Total	18,250,000

Township: Illinois has a unique layer of government, Townships, which provide services across municipal boundaries and meets needs not necessarily covered on the Municipal or County-level. By law, Illinois Townships are charged with three basic functions: 1) general assistance for the indigent; 2) the assessment of real property for the basis of local taxation; and 3) maintenance of all roads and bridges outside federal, state, and other local jurisdiction. Beyond the three mandated services, Township Government provides other vital services to its residents. This may include senior citizens programs, youth programs, assistance to the disabled, parks and recreational facilities, health services, and cemetery maintenance. [Source: Township Officials of Illinois, [TOI Website](#)]. Will County recognized the need to support a stop gap where recovery funds may not have reached this level of Illinois government.

Methodology - Resiliency Factors: The allocation is split amongst each Township based on the total population and weighted against the percentage of the population which experiences 3 or more Resiliency Factor^[1] (RFs). This methodology was to address equity knowing that Townships cover wide swaths of the population, and some may have residents experiencing a greater burden than others. The data provides context for the topics of social vulnerability and equity by providing data about different communities and how they compare to the national average. [Source: United States Census - Risk Factor Data aggregated from Census [My Community Explorer Tool](#).]

The Resiliency Factors, listed below, were leveraged against the population to promote equity in the allocation formula for each Township.

- Income-to-Poverty Ratio (IPR) < 130 percent
- No one in the household has received a high school diploma
- No access to a vehicle
- Disability, at least one serious constraint to significant life activity
- No one in the household is employed full-time, year-round
- No one in the household speaks English “very well”
- Households without broadband internet access
- Single or zero caregiver household - only one or no individuals living in the household who are 18-64
- Unit-level crowding with ≥ 0.75 persons per room
- Aged 65 years or older
- No health insurance coverage

Fire Protection District: Will County recognized the role Fire Protection Districts played in the response to and mitigation of COVID-19. Many FPDs were on the frontline responding to emergency calls, administering vaccines, and transporting residents in crisis. The allocation is split amongst each FPD based on the total population and weighted against the number of stations located within Will County. There is an understanding that FPDs serve residents across boundaries and often support one another in large-scale events. The physical location served as a fixed metric for each District. The per capita allocation will be used on an ARPA-eligible purchase, program, or project.

Library Districts: Library Districts were an integral community partner supporting residents through the pandemic as a hub for meal distribution, access to Wi-Fi, a learning environment, and more. Each District was issued a base per capita, rounded to the nearest \$5,000, resulting in a

median per capita totaling \$3.69. Each District's population was determined using the 2021 total daytime population. The estimates are generated using a mix of inputs from Esri's U.S. Updated Demographics, the decennial census, the American Community Survey (ACS), and business data from Data Axle. The daytime population is disaggregated into two primary groups: workers and residents. The result is an estimate of the total daytime population which is when libraries are frequented to reflect their hours of operation. Each District's allocation will be used on an ARPA-eligible purchase, program, or project.

Parks: Park Districts were an integral community partner supporting residents through the Pandemic as a hub for recreation, meal distribution, and outdoor community event space. In addition to their role within the community, Will County recognized Districts experienced a reduction in revenue because of low enrollment, facility closures, and class cancellations which was a consideration when allocating funds. Each District was issued a base \$ 6.00 per capita allocation to be used on an ARPA-eligible purchase, program, or project.

Special Recreation Associations are an ongoing community partner supporting residents with disabilities with a wide range of programs and services for individuals of all ages and abilities. Associations were impacted by COVID-19 through event cancellation, low-enrollment, and increased costs associated with safety protocols to protect medically fragile or immunocompromised participants. The Associations may use funds for an ARPA-eligible purchase, program, or project.

Municipalities as Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) received direct allocations of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which aided the entire City or Village, including the Parks and/or Recreation Department. The intention of issuing allocations from the County to municipal departments is to support projects which may not otherwise be completed without additional funding.

Forest Preserve: The Forest Preserve District of Will County (Forest Preserve) protects and enhances Will County's natural and cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations. The COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted several aspects of everyday life for most citizens of Will County. These impacts have had a ripple effect on the Forest Preserve. While the District has tailored educational, recreational, and environmental programming for the public, staff have recognized that certain aspects must be expanded to meet the increased demand and to prepare for future public health crisis. As use and visitation increased and some revenues decreased, the safety and accessibility of visitors, employees and preserves remained the primary concern. In response to these impacts, the Forest Preserve is using funding to expand, improve, and supplement infrastructure. The following projects, as of July 2022, are being evaluated for eligibility in impacted low-income areas and disproportionately impacted QCTs. The approved allocation totals \$3,500,000 and will be applied equitably to eligible projects. Treasury recognizes the connection between neighborhood-built environment and physical health outcomes, including risk factors that may have contributed to disproportionate COVID-19 health impacts in low-income communities. The final rule also recognizes that the public health impacts of the pandemic are broader than just the COVID-19 disease itself and include substantial impacts on mental health and public safety challenges like rates of violent crime, which are correlated with a neighborhood's-built environment and features. As such, neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes respond to the preexisting disparities that contributed to COVID-19's disproportionate impacts on low-income communities.

The final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities for developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY		
Project	Eligibility Determination	Expenditure Category
01: Hidden Oaks Nature Center – Campus Improvements	This project includes the creation of an accessible outdoor classroom in response to restrictions on indoor facility use during the pandemic; improvement of onsite stormwater flow, permeable pavement installation and other green infrastructure to address periodic flooding/ponding; improvements to the walkways and exterior spaces to address accessibility discrepancies. The nature center and its campus are one of three adjacent park properties that together serve an impacted area. These three properties are accessed by a common entrance drive within the impacted area.	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
02: Four Rivers Environmental Education Center	This project includes the construction of two exterior classroom spaces to serve youth and adult programs in response to restrictions on indoor facility use during the pandemic. The education center currently contains two indoor classrooms and a large rental hall which were closed for most of 2020 and restricted in capacities in 2021. Revenue from the facility rental is normally reinvested in improvements and upgrades to the facility to better serve the public. Between March 2020 and April 2021, the Forest Preserve lost \$199,627 in revenue from facility rentals, fees and permits. Improvements to the exterior gathering spaces will expand current use and allow continued availability if access to interior spaces is restricted in the future.	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
06: Joliet Junction Trail Reconstruction	This project consists of pavement milling, patching and overlay of the Joliet Junction Trail system, including ADA compliant slope, tactile, and visual improvements at cross-streets.	3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other
10: Whalon Lake Parking Lot Expansion	This project includes the repair and replacement of asphalt throughout the access area with the addition of parking spots along the entrance drive with drainage and storm sewer conveyance.	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
11: Hidden Oaks Nature Center – Sewer Improvements	This project includes the installation of sanitary sewer connections for both the new Bait Shop at the Hidden Lakes Concession Facility, as well as the Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Additionally, this work includes the removal of the existing septic system at the Hidden Oaks Nature Center to connect to the municipal sewer system.	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure

9-1-1 DISPATCH – RADIO EQUIPMENT MIGRATION	
Entity	55 law enforcement agencies throughout Will County
Investment	\$ 2,750,000
Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved Response to Will County Residents - Increased Resiliency to Unforeseen Circumstances - Resource Readiness and Preparedness
Eligible Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technology (i.e., radios, improved software systems, etc.)

Public Safety. The purpose of this project is to provide funding for the purchase of communication equipment that meets current standards to ensure the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and EMA. A major benefit of the radio program is to provide a communication equipment to all police officers and firefighters responding to emergency incidents. This project will “standardize” the County’s communication equipment and the radios will standardize emergency scene interoperability and increase the level of efficiency resulting in a safer environment for all personnel.

Laraway Communications Center is making significant progress on its ARPA-funded project, with \$734,694.98 of the \$2.5 million award spent to date. Key milestones have been achieved, and challenges addressed, keeping the project on track. The following agencies have received their emergency response radio equipment:

Fire Departments	Police Departments
Beecher Fire Department	Beecher Police Department
Braidwood Fire Department	Braidwood Police Department
Crete Fire Department	Channahon Police Department
Custer Fire Department	Crest Hill Police Department
East Joliet Fire Protection District	Frankfort Police Department
Elwood Fire Protection District	Joliet Police Department
Frankfort Fire District	Lockport Police Department
Homer Township Fire Protection District	Manhattan Police Department
Joliet Fire Protection District	Mokena Police Department
Lockport Township Fire Department	New Lenox Police Department
Manhattan Fire Protection District	Shorewood Police Department
Minooka Fire Protection District	University Park Police Department
Mokena Fire Protection District	WC Sheriff Department
Plainfield Fire Department	
Wilmington Fire Department	

3. PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES



The County Board and Executive Committee reaffirm the intent to include equitable outcomes in the SLFRF program **design** for target populations, industries, sectors, and specific businesses or agencies affected by the public health emergency in its decision-making process by prioritizing equity through each stage. With the issuance of the Final Rule going into effect April 1, 2022, Will County is developing a final plan for equitable outcomes. Programs and projects are considered for equity-related components and outcomes on a case-by-case basis.

Setting Goals: Will County has 13 Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Those areas will be prioritized for investment as they have a greater concentration of disproportionately impacted citizens. Additionally, Will County is disbursing allocations to Units of Local Government to reach underserved neighborhoods and low-income households within affluent areas which may otherwise be unserved. Finally, some programs may improve access to underserved and marginalized populations by bringing broadband connectivity, bridging gaps in service, and investing in efforts to permanent community-based solutions. As the program implementation continues, disproportionately impacted residents will remain the priority.

PROGRAM DESIGN:

Raising Awareness: Will County publicized funding opportunities through a vast system of non-profits, small businesses, community groups, and established networks to ensure organizations from across the County had the ability to provide input, access information, and apply. Information sessions were hosted in person, on-line, and available with accommodations and/or interpretation upon request. The County’s technical consultant hosted technical assistance workshops, phone calls, emails, and one-on-one in person meetings to meet the vast needs of the community. Funding allocations have been made public on a dedicated SLFRF website: <https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa/>

Ongoing efforts will be made to ensure that community members are aware of the funded projects and how they may benefit from programs, services, and events as they’re rolled out over the second half of 2023.

Access and Distribution: Will County will provide funds to nonprofit agencies for distribution, who are poised to provide equitable access and services to disproportionately impacted groups which will be prioritized, as well as prioritization of those that have administrative capacity to address disparities in residents' abilities to complete applications and meet eligibility requirements.

Measuring Outcomes: The intention is to group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures to manage key performance indicators. A dashboard has been developed to present project locations including a brief description of beneficiaries associated with each project. All subrecipients will be providing information on the residents both directly and indirectly benefitting from or impacted by a project. For example, allocations to Units of Local Government tangentially impact each resident as they benefit from improvements made to public facilities, restoring staff, and investing in effective service delivery. Subrecipients will be responsible for identifying both the output measure and outcome measure as they are the experts of the program delivery. County Board and Executive Committee also intend to ensure equitable outcomes in the SLFRF program **implementation** for target populations, industries, sectors, and specific businesses or agencies affected by the public health emergency in its decision-making process by prioritizing equity through each stage. With the issuance of the Final Rule going into effect April 1, 2022, Will County is incorporating strategies for equitable implementation as programs and projects are implemented.

Goals and Targets: The Sub-Pillars were designed to prioritize programs that address disproportionately impacted communities through the preference given in application evaluation. Evidence has shown that those disproportionately impacted may include higher levels of diversity, and therefor are more affected. While the application design is still in process, an exact level of preference has not been determined, the County has established by action from the Executive Committee that this process must include that intention.

Project Implementation: Will County is in the pre-implementation phase. The allocations to-date include wide geographic response to impacted and underfunded Units of Local Government. This approach ensures that key community services and stakeholders received funds to support recovery efforts. Further allocations and grant application awards will incorporate prioritization and evaluation criteria focused on disproportionately impacted residents.

Remaining Allocations: In addition to the comprehensive initiatives outlined in our recovery plan, Will County has a remaining allocation of under \$500,000 that is planned to be reallocated in August 2024. This unallocated fund provides an opportunity to address emerging needs and gaps identified during the ongoing implementation of our programs. The County Board will carefully evaluate current projects to ensure these funds are directed towards initiatives that further enhance our efforts in unmet needs, infrastructure, economic development, and health. By strategically allocating this remaining amount, Will County aims to maximize the impact of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and ensure a holistic and inclusive recovery for all residents of Will County.

Future Outlook: Looking ahead, Will County remains committed to ensuring the continued success and sustainability of its recovery efforts. As the county progresses through the various phases of project implementation, the focus will remain on achieving measurable outcomes and making data-driven adjustments to optimize impact. Strategic investments in infrastructure, economic development, health, and unmet needs

are anticipated to not only address the immediate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic but also build a more resilient and thriving community. Collaboration with local organizations, stakeholders, and residents will be paramount as initiatives are refined and innovative solutions explored. The unallocated \$500,000, set to be allocated in August 2024, will further bolster the county's capacity to address emerging needs and ensure that no community is left behind. Together, these efforts will create a brighter, more equitable future for Will County, fostering growth and wellbeing for all its residents.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Will County is planning outreach activities to continue in the following reporting periods. The Will County Board will plan and coordinate ongoing, inclusive stakeholder engagement activities to obtain a variety of promising ideas that are eligible under SLFRF regulations and meet the emerging needs of Will County residents. As the Allocation Plan is developed and solidified, Will County has initiated the following efforts to engage the community.

The County maintains a website which is regularly updated with upcoming funding opportunities for the approved allocation groups and open grant applications. Will County is also working closely with their GIS department to implement a public-facing data dashboard. Additionally, the website publicizes information about public meetings, financial information, and direct contact information.

Will County Executive Office makes recommendations to the Will County Board Executive Committee regarding SLFRF. Members then hold a public meeting, consider, and incorporate public opinion, and hold votes to formalize actions including approved Pillars, community engagement efforts, prioritization criteria, and project evaluation. There are various Committees, Boards, and local authorities which hold public meetings that allow constituents, community-based organizations, and the community to comment on planned or current use of funds via written, oral, and other forms of input.

When projects are approved, Will County is prioritizing those serving disproportionately impacted. Subrecipients will further executive community engagement by promoting targeted messaging and communication to community organizations serving people with significant barriers to services, including residents of color, households with low incomes, residents with limited English proficiency, and other generally underserved groups. Community groups are in a unique position as both a subrecipient and a trusted local partner serving their mission to reach those populations. Will County recognizes the importance of local groups to fulfill the goals to administer funds reaching those most severely impacted by COVID-19.

Engagement was also completed for the following Sub-Pillar groups which were allocated funds or expected to receive a future grant application.

Information Sessions:

- *Townships/Fire Districts:* Staff were invited to a session to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. They were emailed individually and, if a unit was not represented at the meeting, were

contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Townships and Fire Districts were initiated first and are in the final request review phase and are expected to begin receiving their allocations in August 2022

- *Parks/Libraries*: Staff were invited to a session to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. They were emailed individually and, if a District was not represented at the meeting, was contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Parks and Libraries were initiated second and are in the request completion phase and are expected to begin receiving their allocations in September 2022
- *Health*: Applicants were invited to a session to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. This was available for all potential Applicants of the Health Pillar in October 2022. They were emailed individually and, if a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Once applications were reviewed and projects were approved by County Board in April 2023. Another session was held in June 2023 for approved applicants of the Health Pillar to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. If a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Health Pillar applicants are in the request completion phase and are expected to begin receiving their allocations on a project completion basis through the end of 2026.
- *Economic Development*: Small business owners and non-profit staff were invited to a session to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. This was available for all potential applicants of the Economic Development Pillar in December 2022. They were emailed individually and, if a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Once applications were reviewed and projects were approved by County Board in June 2023. Beneficiaries were notified individually of their approval for non-profit/small business economic impact and housing project programs. If a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Approved Economic Development applicants are in the request completion phase and are expected to begin receiving their allocations on a project completion basis through the end of 2026.

Letter of Intent:

- Will County conducted targeted email outreach for infrastructure projects. An LOI was issued to over 250 municipal leaders, water and sewer district staff, Township Supervisors, and Highway Commissioners. Submissions were due July 22, 2022. Initial counts indicate over 50 projects were submitted totaling over \$100 million. There will be ongoing evaluation of the submissions for a future application round for eligible entities.

Infrastructure: Municipal staff and engineering professionals were invited to a session to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. This was available to all potential applicants for the Infrastructure Pillar in February 2023. They were emailed individually and, if a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Once applications were reviewed and projects were approved by County Board in June 2023. A virtual session was held for approved applicants of the Infrastructure Pillar to review the requirements to expend their allocation including eligible expenses, timeline, minimum conditions, and timeline. If a unit was not represented at the meeting, were contacted post-session to ensure they received the applicable information. Approved Economic Development applicants are in the request completion phase and are expected to begin receiving their allocations on a project completion basis through the end of 2026.

All subrecipients awarded SLFRF will enter into grant agreements which will ensure compliance with all Federal, State, and Local requirements including, but not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. All subrecipients will agree to provide evidence, data, and statistics documenting their efforts in engaging with and reaching disproportionately impacted residents. As the County continues to obligate SLFRF funds, it will continue to consider the geographic and demographic distribution of funding. The County will execute ongoing community planning, public outreach to marginalized communities, and rely on information provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

ARPA Communications Engagement Summary

July 2023 – May 2024

Overview:

The communications goals for The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Program was to inform organizations and businesses of the funding opportunity, provide a user-interface for grant application and resources, inform of grant funding distribution, and showcase progress and success of grant impact within the Will County Community. Over the course of July 2023 – May 2024, these efforts have been most successful. The following information indicates the positive response to the ARPA Grant Program communication efforts.

- Organic Social Drove the Most Engaged Audience with an average on site time 2:51
- 3,742 views from users had an average session of 1.98 per user.
- 65% of users were using a Desktop
- **Top Areas for Traffic:** Joliet, Bolingbrook, Plainfield, Romeoville, New Lenox, Naperville
- **Top Pages:** ARPA Home Page, ARPA Economic Development, ARPA Resources
- 600+ Form Applications – 16% Conversion Rate

Website Engagement:

The ARPA dedicated webpages received traffic from 5 different channels (Organic Social, Organic Search, Direct, Email, and Referral) with Organic Social being the lead contributor for webpage engagement. An average session from a user visiting ARPA webpages as a result of Organic Social Posts was two minutes and fifty-one seconds.

With over thirty dedicated webpages with valued information regarding the ARPA Grant Program, users from Joliet (highest tracked users), Bolingbrook, Plainfield, Romeoville, New Lenox, and Naperville served as the highest trafficked locations. It is important to note that all traffic is assignable by Google, therefore this information is regarding identifiable traffic. Other higher trafficked locations include Romeoville, Wilmington, and University Park (lowest tracked users).

The ARPA Grant Program makes up about 30% of all traffic on the WillCountyIllinois.org website, which is shared with other government programs applicable for Will County Residents. The top webpages for ARPA related content include:

- [Willcountyillinois.org/arpa/](https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa/) (Home Page)
- [Willcountyillinois.org/arpa-economic-development/](https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa-economic-development/) (Dedicated Application Page for Economic Development)
- [Willcountyillinois.org/arpa-resources/](https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa-resources/) (Application Resource Page supplied to Applicants from ARPA point person)
- [Willcountyillinois.org/arpa-food-programs/](https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa-food-programs/) (ARPA Spotlight Recipient webpage dedicated to Recipients using their funds for food outreach in the Will County Area)
- [Willcountyillinois.org/arpa-spotlight-form/](https://willcountyillinois.org/arpa-spotlight-form/) (Fillable form for ARPA recipients to report on the progress of the usage of their funds and share the impact had on the Will County Community)

Email Engagement:

The Will County Executive releases a monthly newsletter to a database upwards of 50,000 engaged residents. In every opportunity to include an ARPA feature in the newsletter, there was great response shown through Open Rates and Click-Thru-Rates relating to the ARPA content.

In the time of July 2023 – May 2024, the ARPA Grant Program was spotlighted on three separate occasions: September 2023, January 2024, and April 2024. Open Rates for each newsletter averaged about 48% and Click-Thru-Rates for the ARPA stories averaged 13% (Industry Benchmark: 4.5%).

Organic Social Media Engagement:

ARPA Recipients have submitted information regarding the progress and impact of their ARPA funding within the Will County community. Submissions are acquired through strategic outreach regarding the timeline of their project. Outreach began in March 2024, and to date, there have been twenty submissions curated for social media content on the Will County Executive Social Pages including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Two months into sharing the stories of ARPA Recipients through organic distribution, we have received a total of 213 “Likes,” nineteen (19) “Shares,” and three (3) “Comments.” Each post features photos provided from the ARPA recipient, as well as a quote from the project manager or director of the organization.

With the momentum from the posted recipient’s spotlights, we are on track to continue two to three (2-3) spotlights per week until the end of the year to best feature the funding awarded from ARPA.

5. LABOR PRACTICES

While the investment in infrastructure has been approved, community outreach is being conducted at this time. Will County has issued a request for Letter of Intent (LOI) to garner interest, gauge the breadth of potential projects within the community to ensure equity, prioritization, and evaluation criteria is developed accordingly. Once applications are solicited, reviewed, scored, and selected, the County will adhere to applicable laws and outline requirements within subrecipient agreements for all infrastructure projects.

Efforts will be made to ensure there are strong project labor agreements, applicable prevailing wage requirements, and local hiring initiatives subject to trade and expertise. These efforts, depending on the project and investment sources, may align with and include, but are not limited to, Section 3 - Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Prevailing Wage Act, Wages and the Fair Labor Standards Act, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200), and any applicable standards within the Final Rule or any additional guidance and notices issued in conjunction.

The Prevailing Wage Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics employed on public works construction projects no less than the general prevailing rate of wages (consisting of hourly cash wages plus fringe benefits) for work of a similar character in the County where the work is performed. The County will comply with this Act.

In addition, the County will also comply with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, which took effect on July 1, 2021. Due to the high unemployment rate caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this Act requires employees on all public works projects to be comprise of a minimum of 90% Illinois residents. The Illinois Department of Labor (“IDOL”) administers the Act, which was passed to alleviate unemployment in Illinois by ensuring that most workers on public works projects live in the State. The requirement to employ 90% of Illinois workers applies to all labor on public works projects or improvements. The County will comply with this Act.

When funding is appropriated to infrastructure-related projects, strict labor standards and practices will be outlined in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws. There will be ongoing efforts to ensure information will be provided documenting compliance with U.S. Treasury guidance.

6. USE OF EVIDENCE

Will County has begun to outline some preliminary considerations and will be incorporating the Use of Evidence into its Recovery Plan as Health and Economic Development projects are implemented. Currently, Will County have only approved projects that may be evidence-based interventions for Will County Health Department. However, all projects funded by ARPA funds will be researched to assure compliance is met. Through the implementation of the programs, staff will work with the County Board and Executive Committee to outline a desired general strategy for using evidence and evaluation.

Evidence based practices will be specifically applied across programming interventions addressing mental health, substance use recovery, victim services, healthcare equity, and infrastructure. Program models which employ licensed or certified professionals will be vetted for compliance and efficacy to ensure federal funds are invested in evidence-based community practices.

Will County expects to incorporate evidence standards within the existing dashboard framework including, evaluation policies with the public facing tools that are used to track and communicate the use of evidence and evaluation for the County's Fiscal Recovery Funds. Accountability and transparency in the implementation of program objectives remains a priority.

7. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Will County has made limited programmatic expenditures. The intention is to group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures to manage key performance indicators. There is a dashboard to present project locations including a brief description of beneficiaries associated with each project. All subrecipients will be providing information on the residents both directly and indirectly benefitting from or impacted by the project. For example, allocations to Units of Local Government tangentially impact each resident as they benefit from improvements made to public facilities, restoring staff, and investing in effective service delivery. Subrecipients will be responsible for identifying both the output measure and outcome measure as they are the experts of the program delivery.

Unmet Needs

Will County has prioritized addressing unmet needs that emerged or intensified due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Will County's strategy focuses on mitigating food insecurity, providing housing assistance, supporting mental health, and delivering essential services to vulnerable populations and local governments.

Key Performance Indicators for Unmet Needs include:

1. **Food Insecurity:** The goal is to distribute a significant number of meals to households in need by targeting thousands of households, ensuring that the percentage of the population experiencing food insecurity is significantly reduced.

2. **Housing Assistance:** By providing housing units and rental/mortgage assistance, a substantial reduction in homelessness rates is anticipated. The also includes the number of housing units improved and the individuals/families assisted.
3. **Mental Health Support:** Enhancing mental health services is done by focusing on the number of individuals receiving support and the number of mental health programs implemented.
4. **Essential Services:** The provision of essential services to those in need, measuring the number of individuals receiving these services and the support provided to local governments. Satisfaction levels are gauged through community feedback.

Infrastructure

Investing in infrastructure projects is critical to enhancing community resilience and supporting future growth. Will County's focus includes water and sewer projects, transportation and roads, and community facilities.

Key Performance Indicators for Infrastructure include:

1. **Water and Sewer Projects:** The number of projects completed and improvements in water quality metrics. The number of households benefiting from these improvements is also considered.
2. **Transportation and Roads:** Improve or construct miles of roads and bridges, reducing average travel times and traffic congestion. Public transportation improvements are also monitored.
3. **Community Facilities:** The number of community facilities constructed or renovated, increases in facility usage rates, and community satisfaction with these improvements.

Economic Development

Economic development efforts focus on job creation, business support, housing programs, and education and workforce development. Will County's goal is to foster a robust recovery and stabilize the local economy.

Key Performance Indicators for Economic Development include:

1. **Job Creation:** The number of jobs created or retained, and the number of individuals trained for new job opportunities. Success is reflected in a reduction in the unemployment rate.
2. **Business Support:** The number of small businesses receiving financial assistance, the establishment of new businesses, and increases in small business revenue or profitability are key indicators.

3. **Housing Programs:** Develop or support affordable housing units and assist households through various programs. Increased homeownership rates are a measure of success.
4. **Education and Workforce Development:** Track the number of individuals participating in job training programs, certifications or degrees earned, and the employment rate of program graduates.

Health

Strengthening healthcare infrastructure and resources to handle the surge in COVID-19 cases and improve overall public health capabilities is a top priority. Will County also emphasize behavioral health services and crime prevention.

Key Performance Indicators for Health include:

1. **Healthcare Access:** This includes the number of individuals receiving healthcare services and the improvement or construction of healthcare facilities. Reductions in healthcare access disparities are also considered.
2. **Public Health Initiatives:** The success of public health campaigns or initiatives is measured by improvements in key public health metrics, such as vaccination rates and disease incidence rates, as well as community participation.
3. **Behavioral Health Services:** The number of individuals receiving behavioral health services and aim to reduce behavioral health-related emergency room visits. Improvement in behavioral health outcomes is assessed through surveys.
4. **Crime Prevention and Safety:** The goal is to implement effective crime prevention programs, reduce crime rates, and improve community perception of safety.

Will County's comprehensive approach to utilizing State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds focuses on addressing the most pressing needs of our community. By implementing these KPIs, Will County ensures that efforts are targeted, measurable, and impactful, fostering a resilient and sustainable recovery for all residents. Regular updates and community engagement will continue to guide progress, ensuring transparency and accountability in achieving goals.

8. PROJECT INVENTORY

Will County has approved nearly all sub-recipient projects. Additionally, they have approved formula allocations to Townships, Fire Protection Districts, Park Districts, Municipal Recreation Departments, Special Recreation Associations, Will County Health Department, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Economic Impact - Small Businesses and Non-Profits Program, HEROES Scholarship Program, and Laraway Communications. Through the approval process, the County has incorporated requirements to report program data that allows for rigorous program evaluations to build a framework for all evidence-based interventions. The following is a summary of the projects and, subsequently, each project has a profile page.

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Beecher	\$76,127	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Braidwood	\$76,245	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Channahon	\$97,673	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Crete Township	\$105,498	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Custer	\$66,232	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	East Joliet	\$86,065	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Elwood	\$70,477	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Frankfort	\$186,161	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Homer Township	\$121,073	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Lemont	\$64,813	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Lockport Township	\$23,509	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Lockport Township	\$244,927	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Manhattan	\$86,251	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Minooka	\$66,431	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Mokena	\$122,925	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Monee	\$93,182	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Naperville	\$30,427	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	New Lenox	\$177,010	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Northwest Homer	\$104,999	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Oswego	\$25,878	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Peotone	\$75,463	3.1 Public Sector Workforce

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Plainfield	\$199,924	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Rockdale	\$67,560	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Steger Estates	\$65,960	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Troy	\$115,388	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Fire Protection District	Wilmington	\$80,229	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Forest Preserve District of Will County	Forest Preserve District of Will County	FPDWC – Facility Improvement	\$500,001	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Forest Preserve District of Will County	Forest Preserve District of Will County	FPDWC – Infrastructure	\$2,407,697	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Forest Preserve District of Will County	FPDWC – QCT	\$592,303	3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other
Unmet Needs (UN)	Tourism	Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)	Heritage Corridor	\$155,325	2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
Unmet Needs (UN)	Public Safety (PS)	Laraway Communications Center	Will County	\$2,750,000	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Aurora	\$25,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Beecher	\$20,000	5.21 Broadband: Other projects
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Fossil Ridge	\$20,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Frankfort	\$31,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Frankfort	\$29,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Joliet	\$260,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Manhattan-Elwood	\$7,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Manhattan-Elwood	\$23,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Peotone	\$35,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

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Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Steger S. Chicago Heights	\$20,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	University Park	\$20,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Crete	\$35,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Fountaindale	\$30,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Fountaindale	\$90,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Mokena Community	\$40,000	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Naperville	\$95,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	New Lenox	\$70,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Oswego	\$20,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Plainfield	\$145,000	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Shorewood-Troy	\$40,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Three Rivers	\$11,400	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Three Rivers	\$8,600	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Village of Park Forest	\$20,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	White Oak	\$145,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Library District	Wilmington	\$20,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	Harvey Brooks Foundation	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	FOCUS	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	Victory Charities NFP	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	Kicking it Back	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Brickhouse Investments LLC	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Express Electric Supply LLC	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Hawkins Broadcasting Company	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Imperial Roofing	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Non-Profit	Including You, Inc.	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Meade Accounting	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Puerto Escondido Inc.	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Salon Airys LLC	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Silvercup Investment	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Carter Realty	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Supplemental Support	Small Business	Wayne McNair Photography LLC	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Homer Glen	\$146,832	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Monee	\$30,366	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Steger	\$31,548	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Symerton	\$25,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Beecher	\$26,562	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Elwood	\$25,000	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Minooka	\$25,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Romeoville	\$238,476	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of Shorewood	\$105,054	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park Department	Village of University Park	\$41,322	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Bolingbrook	\$209,875	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Braidwood	\$38,388	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Frankfort	\$99,456	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Godley	\$25,000	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Joliet	\$665,766	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Lockport Township	\$434,160	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Mokena Community	\$157,854	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Peotone	\$25,794	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Plainfield Township	\$608,148	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Wilmington Island	\$34,152	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Bolingbrook	\$19,306	4.1 Public Sector Employees
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Bolingbrook	\$212,071	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Channahon	\$73,572	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Crete	\$28,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Crete	\$17,606	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Fox Valley	\$71,640	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Lemont	\$25,000	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Manhattan	\$67,398	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Naperville	\$303,930	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	New Lenox Community	\$237,180	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Park District	Oswegoland	\$25,000	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Special Recreation Association	Northern Will County	\$120,605	2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Special Recreation Association	Fox Valley	\$10,000	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Special Recreation Association	Joliet & Channahon	\$51,782	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Special Recreation Association	Western DuPage	\$21,286	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	DuPage	\$90,000	2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	DuPage	\$300,972	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Green Garden	\$18,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Pillar	Sub-Pillar	Entity	Subrecipient	Approved Allocation	Expenditure Category
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Green Garden	\$40,312	5.3 Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Homer Township	\$131,071	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Joliet	\$130,984	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Joliet	\$192,000	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Joliet	\$290,784	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Lockport	\$326,994	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Peotone	\$57,395	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Plainfield	\$269,868	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Washington	\$11,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Washington	\$56,169	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wesley	\$59,399	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Will	\$19,789	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Will	\$33,985	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wilmington	\$56,477	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wilton	\$18,161	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wilton	\$28,306	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Crete	\$152,976	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Florence	\$53,164	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Frankfort	\$180,264	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

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Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Manhattan	\$46,934	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Manhattan	\$21,446	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Monee	\$11,150	2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Monee	\$116,608	2.27 Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Monee	\$12,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	New Lenox	\$45,000	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	New Lenox	\$29,266	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	New Lenox	\$57,489	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Troy	\$198,585	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wheatland	\$65,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wheatland	\$8,827	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wheatland	\$111,112	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wheatland	\$2,290	3.1 Public Sector Workforce
Unmet Needs (UN)	Government - Formula Allocations	Township	Wilton	\$6,697	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Health (HLTH)	Testing and Diagnostics	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$1,378,108	1.12-Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Trauma Crisis Response	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$514,572	1.11-Community Violence Interventions
Health (HLTH)	Substance Use Mitigation	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$699,468	1.13-Substance Use Services
Health (HLTH)	COVID-19 Outreach	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$447,500	1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
Health (HLTH)	YESS Program	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$1,333,211	2.26-Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services

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Health (HLTH)	Staff Capacity	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$2,669,854	3.1-Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits
Health (HLTH)	Service Delivery	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$829,392	3.4-Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Health (HLTH)	MAPP Initiative	Will County Health Department	Will County Health Department	\$779,805	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	4 Kids' Sake	\$228,000	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	515 Fitness	\$878,080	1.13-Substance Use Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness	\$59,240	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Bethlehem Apostolic Church	\$356,175	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Blessing Bench Food Pantry	\$50,000	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Bolingbrook Christian Health Center	\$265,860	2.21: Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Bridges to a New Day	\$256,918	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	CASA of River Valley	\$50,000	1.11: Community Violence Intervention
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Community Lifeline Ministries	\$359,098	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Cornerstone	\$1,500,000	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Easterseals Joliet Region	\$552,564	2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Fighting Chance	\$54,262	1.11: Community Violence Intervention
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Gateway Foundation	\$164,223	1.13: Substance Use Services

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Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Guardian Angel Community Services	\$273,981	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Hands of Hope	\$41,500	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Heart Haven Outreach	\$354,344	1.12 Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Holsten Human Capital Development	\$783,125	2.22: Strong Health Communities: Neighborhood Features to Promote Health and Safety
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Illinois Partners in Hope	\$434,750	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Joliet Fire Department	\$779,521	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Joliet Pride Network	\$100,500	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Land of Promise (Men of Valor)	\$50,000	1.12 Mental Health Service
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	NAMI Will Grundy	\$112,080	1.12: Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	National Hookup for Black Women	\$219,493	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	New Day Employment Network	\$120,560	1.11: Community Violence Intervention
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Northern Illinois Food Bank	\$1,500,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Pajama Praise	\$50,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Plainfield Congregational Church	\$50,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Romeoville Community Pantry	\$50,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

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Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Sharefest	\$827,872	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Silver Cross Hospital and Medical Centers	\$737,500	1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Ovation Center - Senior Services	\$737,500	1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Spanish Community Center	\$349,150	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project	\$660,000	2.19 Social Determinants of Health Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators
Health (HLTH)	Subrecipient Health Programs	Non-Profit	The Wellness Institute	\$202,444	1.12 Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Trinity Services	\$557,510	2.22 Strong Health Communities: Neighborhood Features to Promote Health and Safety
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	United Way of Will County	\$1,842,625	1.12 Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Will Grundy Medical Clinic	\$202,700	2.21: Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Youth Outlook	\$222,800	1.12 Mental Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Indian Prairie Educational Foundation	\$6,875	1.14: Other Public Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Lightways Hospice	\$177,750	2.21: Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	New Hope Community Church	\$92,200	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Ready Set Ride	\$50,000	1.12 Mental Health Services

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Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry	\$50,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Stepping Stones	\$686,728	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Joliet Jewish Congregation	\$15,900	1.9: Covid-19 Assistance to Non-Profits
Health (HLTH)	Open Applications	Non-Profit	Lockport Rotary Foundation	\$5,000	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
Health (HLTH)	Morgue Equipment	Will County	Will County Coroner's Office	\$1,603,495	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
Health (HLTH)	Building Renovations	Will County	Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)	\$1,000,000	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Health (HLTH)	Healthcare Worker Stipend	Will County	Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County	\$39,800	3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health
Infrastructure (INFR)	Other	Fire Protection District	Channahon	\$351,526	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Sanitary District	Bonnie Brae Forest Manor	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	City of Crest Hill	\$500,000	5.13 Drinking water: Source
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	City of Joliet	\$500,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	City of Wilmington	\$500,000	5.13 Drinking water: Source
Infrastructure (INFR)	Other	Township	DuPage Township	\$500,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Road District	Frankfort Township	\$500,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Water District	Godley Public	\$500,000	5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
Infrastructure (INFR)	Other	Township	Green Garden	\$500,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (INFR)	Other	Township	Homer	\$500,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Non-Profit	Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66	\$126,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution

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Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Sanitary District	Lockport Heights	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Fire Protection District	Manhattan	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Township	Plainfield	\$131,250	5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Tinley Park	\$500,000	5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	School District	Valley View 365-U	\$500,000	5.3 Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Beecher	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Bolingbrook	\$500,000	5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Channahon	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Crete	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Other	Municipality	Village of Diamond	\$71,400	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Homer Glen	\$500,000	5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Manhattan	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Minooka	\$500,000	5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Mokena	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Monee	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Peotone	\$500,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

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Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Rockdale	\$485,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Romeoville	\$500,000	5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Shorewood	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Steger	\$400,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of University Park	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Road District	Will Township	\$175,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Township	Wilton	\$58,409	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	City of Joliet - Fairmont Extension	\$2,055,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Crest Hill - Sunnyland Water Association	\$2,980,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	City of Joliet - Grand Prairie Water Commission	\$3,500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Other - Sewer	Municipality	City of Wilmington	\$2,000,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (IN)	Clean Water	Municipality	Village of Peotone	\$419,824	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Manhattan	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Crete	\$163,150	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	School District	Valley View 365-U (Brooks Middle)	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (INFR)	Clean Water	Township	Troy	\$201,415	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Frankfort	\$500,000	5.13 Drinking water: Source

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Infrastructure (INFR)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Plainfield	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Drinking Water	Municipality	Village of Plainfield	\$500,000	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	Non-Profit	Rialto Square Theatre Foundation	\$3,500,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	Non-Profit	Spanish Community Center	\$350,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	Non-Profit	Will County Fair Association	\$130,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	Non-Profit	Provision Labs	\$250,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Infrastructure (IN)	Other - Sewer	Non-Profit	Habitat for Humanity	\$190,000	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
Infrastructure (IN)	Other - Sewer	Sanitary District	Southeast Joliet	\$300,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (IN)	Other - Sewer	Sanitary District	Lockport Heights	\$4,615,000	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Infrastructure (IN)	Technology Improvements	School District	Valley View 365-U	\$68,904	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Infrastructure (IN)	Technology Improvements	School District	Crete-Monee 201-U	\$107,736	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	School District	Wilmington High School	\$500,000	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings
Infrastructure (IN)	Drainage/Conveyance	Township	Lockport - South Fairmont	\$5,047,710	5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Infrastructure (IN)	Facility Improvements	Township	Crete Township	\$822,676	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
Infrastructure (IN)	Disaster Mitigation	Will County	Land Use - Flood Buyout	\$3,000,000	5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
Economic Development (ED)	College Initiative	Higher Ed	University of St. Francis	\$2,500,000	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Economic Development (ED)	College Initiative	Higher Ed	Lewis University	\$2,500,000	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

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Economic Development (ED)	College Initiative	Higher Ed	Governors State University	\$2,500,000	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Economic Development (ED)	College Initiative	Higher Ed	Joliet Junior College	\$2,500,000	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Municipality	Village of University Park	\$55,000	2.23 Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Non-Profit	Housing Authority of Joliet	\$2,343,114	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Non-Profit	Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500,000	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Non-Profit	Will Grundy Medical Clinic	\$550,000	2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Non-Profit	Joliet Junior College	\$286,905	2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons
Economic Development (ED)	Healthy Households	Non-Profit	Guardian Angel Community Services	\$1,479,174	2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons
Economic Development (ED)	Resiliency & Recovery	Non-Profit	Will County Center for Economic Development	\$250,000	2.31 Rehabilitation of Commercial Properties or Other Improvements
Economic Development (ED)	Small Business Development	Non-Profit	Will County Center for Economic Development	\$900,000	2.30 Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
Economic Development (ED)	Employment Assistance	Non-Profit	Will County Center for Economic Development	\$2,600,000	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Warren Sharpe Community Center	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Community Service Council of Northern Will County	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Joliet Area Historical Museum	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

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Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Family & Friends Homeless Veteran Programs	\$45,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Boys & Girls Club of Joliet	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	St. Vincent DePaul	\$215,460	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Will Grundy Medical Center	\$119,092	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Easterseals Joliet	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Senior Services of Will County	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Habitat for Humanity	\$226,500	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Joliet Catholic Academy	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Transforming Lives Academy	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Spanish Community Center	\$25,254	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Greater Joliet Area YMCA	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	United Cerebral Palsy - Center for Disability Services	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Rialto Square Theatre Foundation	\$149,381	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	IL Rock and Roll Museum	\$15,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project	\$226,752	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Illinois Partners in Hope NFP	\$250,000	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

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Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	Heart Haven Outreach	\$36,401	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Non-Profit	NAMI Will Grundy	\$49,612	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Food Service	Tacanijo	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Food Service	China China Restaurant	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Food Service	Blue Taco	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Media	SJM Joliet, Inc	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Media	Joliet Times Weekly	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business - Healthcare	CC Vision Gallery	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business - Transportation	Norris Logistics	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business-Healthcare	Best Image Dental	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Transportation	In Gods Hands Transportation	\$10,000	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Economic Development (ED)	Negative Economic Impact	Small Business – Food Service	Smoked By Da Pound	\$2,355	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Revenue Replacement	Provision of Government Services	Will County	Will County	\$10,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Administrative	Program Management	Will County	Anser Advisory	\$4,979,690	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Administrative	Marketing/Community Outreach	Will County	Fource Group	\$44,540	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Administrative	Grant Management	Will County	AmpliFund	\$139,500	7.1 Administrative Expenses



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Forest Preserve District of Will County

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is actively enhancing its facilities and infrastructure to better serve the community and promote environmental sustainability. At the Hidden Oaks Nature Center, a new accessible outdoor classroom is being created to encourage learning and engagement in nature while adhering to pandemic-related restrictions on indoor gatherings. Additionally, improvements to stormwater flow and permeable pavement installation aim to address flooding issues and enhance the site's ecological function.

The Four Rivers Environmental Education Center is also undergoing improvements, with the construction of two exterior classroom spaces. These additions will expand the center's capacity to provide educational programming outdoors, allowing for continued learning opportunities even during periods of restricted indoor access.

Recognizing the importance of outdoor recreation, the Forest Preserve District is investing in the Joliet Junction Trail, a vital link through impacted and disproportionately impacted areas. Reconstruction of the trail will enhance accessibility and promote improved health outcomes for residents in these communities.

Finally, significant infrastructure upgrades are underway at Whalon Lake and the Hidden Oaks Nature Center, with parking lot expansions and sewer improvements aimed at improving the visitor experience and protecting the local environment.

These investments demonstrate the Forest Preserve District's unwavering commitment to creating a more accessible, enjoyable, and sustainable outdoor environment for all residents of Will County.

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Current Status:

The Four Rivers Environmental Education Center Outdoor Classroom Improvements project is complete. The Hidden Oaks Nature Center and Campus Improvements project is under construction, with completion anticipated in August 2024.

Next Steps:

Continue construction on the Hidden Oaks project, with a focus on mitigating weather-related delays. The Forest Preserve's ARPA project is anticipated to be complete by October 2024.

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Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau

Will County's Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau will use their ARPA award on improving branding and identity. This comprehensive initiative will engage a skilled agency to conduct in-depth research, uncovering valuable insights into visitor and stakeholder perceptions of Will County. By identifying the region's unique strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges, the agency will craft a robust brand foundation.

The project encompasses the development of a compelling brand narrative, including a clear position statement, brand promise, and targeted messaging tailored to diverse audience segments. To complement this verbal identity, the agency will create a visually stunning brand experience through a distinctive logo, color palette, typography, and imagery. The culmination of this process will be a comprehensive Brand Standards Manual, ensuring consistent brand application across all touchpoints.

This strategic investment aims to reinvigorate Will County's tourism and hospitality industries, which have faced recent challenges. By creating a modern and resonant brand, the county will attract new visitors, stimulate economic growth, and enhance the overall visitor experience.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project is anticipated to begin Q3 of 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Laraway Communications Center

Laraway Communications Center is seeking funding to upgrade its communication equipment to enhance the safety and efficiency of emergency responders in Will County. The current radios are outdated and do not meet national standards, leading to communication failures and potential safety risks. The proposed upgrades include P25 compliant dual-band portable and mobile radios, single band 800mhz mobile radios, dual-band 800mhz pagers, station alerting (USDD), mobile data computers, or handheld iPads. These upgrades will improve interoperability with other agencies, increase firefighter safety, and assist in meeting the state-mandated Public Safety Answering Point Consolidation. The new radios will provide a consistent platform for all police officers, firefighters, and EMA personnel, replacing older, non-compliant radios that are failing and beyond repair.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Laraway Communications Center has successfully procured upgraded radio equipment for Will County emergency responders and expects full reimbursement through the grant program by Fall 2025.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Fire Districts

Will County’s fire districts are the backbone of community safety, providing essential emergency services to residents. To bolster these critical services and enhance community resilience, Will County allocated ARPA funds to address unmet needs within our fire districts.:

Through strategic investments, these funds have empowered fire districts to:

- Upgrade equipment and technology
- Enhance emergency response capabilities
- Improve firefighter health and safety
- Strengthen community preparedness

By supporting our fire districts, Will County has made significant strides in enhancing public safety, protecting lives, and building a stronger, more resilient community for all residents. The following fire districts received ARPA funding.

Beecher	Monee
Braidwood	Naperville
Channahon	New Lenox
Crete Township	Northwest Homer
Custer	Oswego
East Joliet	Peotone
Elwood	Plainfield
Frankfort	Rockdale
Homer Township FPD	Monee
Lemont	Naperville
Lockport Township	Steger Estates
Manhattan	Troy
Minooka	Wilmington
Mokena	

Current Status and Next Steps:

All fire districts have been fully reimbursed.



Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

DuPage Township

DuPage Township is tackling food insecurity by investing in a refrigerated truck to ensure the safe delivery of fresh produce to its food pantry. Additionally, an EasyPantry online marketplace subscription will provide low-income residents convenient access to essential items. An electric van and charging station will support community programs, including summer meals and youth activities. Recognizing the importance of youth development, the township is also revitalizing its low-cost summer youth program. These investments demonstrate the township's commitment to a healthier and stronger community.

Current Status:

DuPage Township's ARPA-funded project is progressing as planned, with several key initiatives already operational. The E-Transit van, EasyPantry subscription, and other miscellaneous supplies have been purchased.

Future Steps:

The project is on track to complete all remaining objectives, including further expanding the reach and impact of these initiatives, by Spring 2025.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Homer Township

Homer Township is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its senior residents, especially those with limited financial resources. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, necessary maintenance upgrades for the township's senior housing facilities were delayed prioritizing resident safety.

With the aid of grant funding, Homer Township will invest in the design, engineering, and construction management of these much-needed upgrades. This project will focus on creating a safe and healthy living environment for low-income seniors residing in Founders Senior Housing, an independent living community that allows residents to remain within their cherished community.

The renovations will address various aspects of the housing facilities, ensuring they meet modern safety standards and provide a comfortable living experience for the senior residents. The improvements will not only enhance the quality of life for current residents but also make the housing more appealing to future tenants, strengthening the community's ability to support its aging population. Homer Township recognizes the importance of providing affordable housing options for its seniors, and this investment demonstrates the township's dedication to fulfilling that commitment.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Homer Township's Founders Senior Housing renovation project is underway and expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2025.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Joliet Township

Joliet Township is leveraging ARPA grant funding to make significant enhancements to its community services. A partnership with a local health clinic will bolster healthcare access for low-income residents, while upgrades to animal control vehicles will improve response times and capacity for animal care. The township is also directing resources to non-profits that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, focusing on support for seniors, minorities, and veterans. These strategic investments demonstrate Joliet Township's commitment to improving the well-being of all its residents.

Current Status:

Joliet Township has successfully implemented several ARPA-funded initiatives to improve safety and services. Four first-aid kits have been installed and regularly maintained across township facilities, while necessary plumbing repairs and an accessible shower have been added to the 180 S Chicago St. location. Additionally, the township has launched a new transportation program, completing 136 roundtrips since March 15, 2024, and partnering with six organizations to serve 56 clients monthly.

Future Steps:

Joliet Township is expected to fully expend their ARPA funding by Winter 2025.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Lockport Township

Lockport Township is expanding its infrastructure to better serve the community. The addition of a new storage garage facility at the Township Government Office will address the growing needs of both the senior transportation program and the Lockport FISH Food Pantry. The garage will house the two recently acquired senior buses, ensuring their proper maintenance and secure storage. Additionally, the extra space will provide much-needed relief for the expanding food pantry, allowing them to increase their capacity to serve the community. This investment demonstrates Lockport Township's commitment to providing essential services and resources for its residents, particularly seniors and those facing food insecurity.

Current Status:

Lockport Township has successfully completed the planning, design, and procurement phases for the new storage garage facility.

Future Steps:

Lockport Township is expected complete their ARPA project by the end of Winter 2024.



Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Peotone Township


Peotone Township is dedicated to enhancing communication and services for its residents through strategic investments in technology and infrastructure. The ARPA grant will enable the Township to upgrade its meeting room tables, improve broadband, and phone services, and acquire a discount cell router, facilitating better connectivity and communication for both staff and residents. In addition, a portion of their ARPA award has been allocated to enhance service delivery within the Assessor's office, including the purchase of a new software program to streamline processes and improve efficiency. These collective efforts underscore the township's commitment to modernizing operations and ensuring residents have access to reliable and effective services.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Peotone Township has initiated upgrades to its technology infrastructure and meeting spaces, with the entire ARPA-funded project slated for completion by the end of Winter 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Plainfield Township

Plainfield Township is investing in the well-being of its staff and community by upgrading the mechanical systems in its administrative area. This essential project will replace outdated equipment with a new, efficient unit, ensuring a healthier and more comfortable environment for employees and visitors alike. By prioritizing the maintenance of its facilities, Plainfield Township is demonstrating its commitment to providing a safe and productive workspace for its staff, ultimately leading to improved services for the community.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Plainfield Township's HVAC upgrades are nearing completion and are expected to fully utilize their ARPA grant by the end of Fall 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Washington Township

Washington Township is making significant improvements to its food pantry with the help of ARPA funding. By adding a new freezer to the pantry, the township aims to significantly expand its capacity to store and distribute a wider variety of perishable food items, ensuring that residents in need have access to nutritious meals. The installation of touchless faucets throughout the facility will create a more hygienic environment for both staff and patrons, reducing the spread of germs and promoting overall well-being. Moreover, a comprehensive update of the HVAC system will improve ventilation and air quality, creating a more comfortable and welcoming space for everyone who utilizes the food pantry's services. These investments not only enhance the pantry's functionality but also demonstrate the township's unwavering commitment to addressing food insecurity and promoting the health of its community.

Current Status:

Washington Township has successfully purchased and installed a new refrigerator for the Food Pantry, enhancing its capacity to store and distribute fresh food. In the first quarter of 2024, the township focused on installing touchless faucets throughout public facilities to further improve hygiene and accessibility.

Next Steps:

The final phase of the project, the HVAC update for the Community Building, is anticipated to be complete by the end of Fall 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Wesley Township

Wesley Township is taking proactive steps to improve its drainage infrastructure through a comprehensive ditch reclamation project. Recognizing the importance of well-maintained ditches for effective water management and flood prevention, the township is investing in the restoration and improvement of these vital channels. The project will focus on clearing debris, re-establishing proper flow patterns, and addressing any structural issues to ensure optimal functionality. By revitalizing the township's ditch network, Wesley Township is demonstrating its commitment to protecting its natural resources and safeguarding the community from potential flooding risks. This initiative is a vital step towards building a more resilient and sustainable infrastructure for the future.

Current Status:

Washington Township's ditch reclamation project is currently in progress.

Next Steps:

Washington Township's ditch reclamation project is expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2025.

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N/A

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Will Township

Will Township is taking a proactive approach to modernize its operations and enhance service delivery. Recognizing the limitations of outdated office technology, the township is investing in new equipment to improve efficiency and productivity. This upgrade will streamline processes, enhance communication, and enable staff to better serve the community.

Will Township also plans to address another pressing issue: culvert flooding. Throughout the township, inadequate culvert systems have resulted in recurring flooding problems, impacting residents and infrastructure. By allocating remaining funds to address these concerns, the township is demonstrating its commitment to maintaining safe and resilient infrastructure for the community. These investments reflect Will Township's dedication to responsible governance and improving the quality of life for its residents.

Current Status:

Will Township has begun purchasing new office equipment and has started the bidding process for the culvert project.

Next Steps:

Will Township's ARPA project is expected to be completed by the end of Spring 2025.

Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Wilmington Township

Wilmington Township is undertaking crucial upgrades to its municipal building to enhance service delivery, efficiency, and the overall well-being of both staff and residents. Currently, the building faces several challenges, including drainage issues in the parking lot that lead to water damage and pest infestations, outdated and unreliable computer systems, and an undersized Clerk's office with inadequate HVAC.

The township is addressing these issues head-on with a comprehensive renovation project. The parking lot grade will be adjusted to prevent water intrusion, safeguarding the building's structural integrity. The aging computer systems will be replaced with modern, reliable equipment, enabling staff to work more efficiently and effectively. The Clerk's office will be expanded, and its HVAC system upgraded to provide a comfortable and healthy work environment.

These improvements will not only enhance the day-to-day operations of the township but also ensure that the building remains a valuable community asset for years to come. By addressing critical maintenance needs and investing in modern technology, Wilmington Township is demonstrating its commitment to providing quality services and creating a welcoming environment for all residents.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Wilmington Township's ARPA project is on track to be completed by the end of Fall 2025.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Wilton Township

Wilton Township is making significant improvements to its community building to ensure the safety, comfort, and accessibility of residents and staff. The township is investing in upgrading the HVAC/furnace units to enhance air quality and maintain a comfortable temperature year-round. Additionally, electronic upgrades will be implemented to improve communication and streamline operations. These upgrades are especially crucial for the community building, which serves as a polling place, meeting space, emergency shelter, and venue for various community events.

The installation and repair of multiple entrances and exits will address safety concerns by allowing for easier evacuation in emergencies and promoting social distancing during gatherings. By prioritizing these essential improvements, Wilton Township demonstrates its commitment to providing a safe, functional, and welcoming community space for all residents. The updated community building will be better equipped to serve the needs of the township for years to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Wilton Township's ARPA project is on track to be completed by the end of Fall 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Complete Projects – Townships

CRETE TOWNSHIP

ARPA funds were used to improve the existing Township facility to address air quality, improve hygiene and sanitation, expand areas for social distancing, and purchased first aid equipment. The Township prioritized these efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents who receive services at the Township.

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

The funds were used for upgrading storm drainage and equipment to provide essential safe access during storms and efficient operation.

FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP

The Township implemented IT improvements to address the needs of the community and staff as an outcome of impacts presented by COVID-19. Combined with the normal cadence of IT service and support which has been in place and will continue, IT upgrades will also ensure the technology remains viable on its own after the Township and ARPA funding is fully expended.

MANHATTAN TOWNSHIP

Funds were used to replace roof, doors, lights and parking lot repairs because of COVID-19 and the need to social distance, Manhattan Township modified its food pantry and is now offering drive-thru service to reduce contact between residents and volunteers. To

safely accommodate families and volunteers participating in the drive-thru food pantry, they repaired and replaced several aspects of the Food Pantry Building.

MONEE TOWNSHIP

Funds are being allocated for COVID-19 expenses, new programs, and household assistance. These expenses encompass reimbursing senior luncheon costs, supporting a youth committee, providing CPR classes, funding gift card programs for seniors and residents, senior emergency repair, and a homeless program with housing gift cards and transportation to Joliet.

NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP

The transportation vehicle was utilized to transport disabled persons, homebound seniors, and those without vehicles to various destinations like work and medical appointments, aiming to reintegrate them into the community post-COVID lockdowns. The flooring and painting at the Senior Housing Center required updates, including replacing 20-year-old carpeting to reduce allergens for respiratory health and installing a new ADA door and washing machines for senior residents. Salaries were allocated for rehiring staff for special needs cleaning at the Senior Housing and Food Pantry, as well as for a full-time employee to transport seniors and residents for medical appointments and around town.

TROY TOWNSHIP

The Ron Lee Estates subdivision in Troy Township suffers from inadequate stormwater drainage due to a deteriorating, undersized, and improperly installed main pipe. This issue is exacerbated by the high water table in the area, leading to frequent basement flooding and potential contamination of septic systems and wells.

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP

Wheatland Township used funds for a variety of activities. The Road District made ditching improvements to address flooding. The Township used funds to replace their aged HVAC and purchase AED equipment. They also hired staff to pre-pandemic levels and made improvements to the website for accessibility.

Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Aurora Public Library District

In Aurora Public Library District, a smart locker will become a beacon of change. Installed to meet the needs of residents without a local branch, the locker will quickly become a bustling hub, located at the Lakewood Valley Clubhouse. Parents and children, students, and adults alike, will eagerly flock to this new access point for books, DVDs, and other library materials.

The smart locker's popularity will soar, and data collected on usage patterns and material demand will paint a vivid picture of the community's desire for a permanent library branch in Will County. This data-driven insight will spark a renewed commitment from the Aurora Public Library to explore expansion possibilities.

During challenging times, the smart locker's value will be undeniable. It will provide a safe, contactless way for residents to access library materials, mitigating the spread of illness and ensuring that the community remains connected to the world of knowledge and imagination. The smart locker will stand as a symbol of innovation, resilience, and the Aurora Public Library's unwavering dedication to serving its community.

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AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - PROJECT STATUS AND TIMELINE

Current Status:

The smart locker has been installed at the Lakewood Valley Clubhouse and actively serving Will County residents. Data collection and analysis are ongoing to inform future library service enhancements and potential expansion plans.

Future Steps:

- Monitor and analyze smart locker usage.
- Engage with community members for feedback and suggestions.



Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Beecher Public Library District

The Beecher Public Library is abuzz with excitement as it embarks on a new ARPA-funded initiative. The project aims to purchase ten Wi-Fi hotspots for patrons to check out, just like books. Each hotspot will come with a sturdy carrying case complete with labels and tags for easy identification.

But the library's commitment goes beyond simply providing devices. The ARPA funds also cover internet service fees for a generous four-year period, ensuring that patrons can enjoy uninterrupted connectivity through the end of 2026.

Library staff envision patrons carrying these hotspots home, using them to access educational resources, job opportunities, or simply to stay connected. The project is a testament to the library's commitment to serving its community in the digital age, bridging the gap for those who may not have reliable internet access at home.

Current Status:

The Wi-Fi hotspot lending program is actively running. Patrons are checking out hotspots and using them to access the internet at home or on the go. The library is continuously monitoring usage and gathering feedback to ensure the program's effectiveness and address any issues that arise.

Future Steps:

- Continue to monitor and evaluate the program's impact.
- Explore opportunities for expanding the program by adding more hotspots or extending the service period.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Fossil Ridge Public Library District

The Fossil Ridge Public Library is utilizing ARPA funds to launch a smart locker system to provide library materials in an underserved area lacking a library branch. This innovative project aims to enhance access to library resources for residents, measure demand, and plan for future expansion.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The lockers were installed in January 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Frankfort Public Library District

The library is investing in a Meeting OWL 3 device to facilitate virtual programs and meetings, expanding its eBook collection to meet growing demand, and upgrading study room furniture and outdoor seating for improved remote workspaces. Additionally, funds are being allocated to update the library's website for ADA compliance and enhance accessibility to digital resources. These initiatives aim to provide a more inclusive, modern, and convenient library experience for the entire community.

Current Status:

The library has successfully procured all necessary materials and is in the process of installing the Meeting OWL device and obtaining new furniture. The website redesign and eBook integration are also underway, with an anticipated completion by the end of 2024.

Next Steps:

- Complete installation and setup of all new equipment and furniture.
- Finalize website redesign and ensure ADA compliance.
- Integrate all new eBooks into the library's collection and catalog.
- Launch and promote the new resources and website to the community.
- Gather feedback and assess the impact of the improvements.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Joliet Public Library District

The library plans to use funds to purchase a customized vehicle, designed as a bookmobile and outreach tool, to serve areas in East Joliet. This vehicle is equipped to provide free Wi-Fi, allowing for library card issuance, as well as checking out and returning of materials. It is designed to cater to the needs of various target markets, including senior living and assisted living facilities, in order to improve their access to library services and enhance their quality of life.

Current Status:

The project is in the vehicle procurement and customization phase. The design specifications for the mobile library have been finalized, and the vehicle is currently being built and equipped with the necessary technology to provide Wi-Fi, library card issuance, and material checkout/return services.

Next Steps:

- Oversee completion of vehicle customization.
- Launch the mobile library and promote the service to the broader East Joliet community.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District

The Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District is purchasing a building in Elwood to install a smart locker system and provide public computer workstations, addressing the lack of a local library and the need for internet and computer access in the community. This initiative, a response to decreased library visits and restricted hours due to the pandemic, aims to offer 24/7 contactless access to library materials and essential digital services for residents without home internet or computers.


Current Status:

The project is in the Procurement and Construction phase. The building construction has begun, but the electrical wiring is not yet complete. The materials and equipment are being ordered.

Next Steps:

- Complete building construction and electrical wiring.
- Receive and install all ordered materials and equipment.
- Hire and train staff for the new branch.
- Officially launch the Elwood branch with full services and regular hours.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Peotone Public Library District

The Peotone Public Library District is embarking on a mission to bridge the digital divide and empower its community in the wake of the pandemic. Recognizing the challenges faced by families, parents, caregivers, and teachers, the library is investing in a wealth of new online resources. The Youth Services Department is expanding its databases to help children recover valuable skills lost during the pandemic, while the Adult Department is bolstering its online offerings, including newspapers and purchasing information, to meet the demands of a changing economy. This initiative aims to provide a lifeline for those who may have fallen behind during the pandemic, offering a safe and accessible way to reconnect with learning, information, and essential services. By embracing technology and expanding its digital reach, the Peotone Public Library is ensuring that no one is left behind in the digital age.

Current Status:

The project is in the process of implementing the new databases and resources into the library's systems. The Library is working to ensure that these resources are easily accessible and user-friendly for their respective target audiences.

Future Steps:

- Continue to inform the community about the new resources.
- Gather feedback from users and assess the impact of the project.
- Make any necessary adjustments to ensure the resources are meeting the needs of the community.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Steger S. Chicago Heights Public Library District

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District repurposed a storage room into a multi-functional space. This semi-private conference room now serves as a secure meeting area for patrons discussing sensitive matters, both in-person and virtually. It also houses the library's local history collection, safeguarding items dating back to the 19th century. The room is equipped with locking cabinets, countertops, wall shelving, and a conference table. Additionally, a contactless water bottle filling station was installed for the convenience of both patrons and staff.

Current Status:

The project is complete. The new multi-purpose room is fully operational and available for patron use.

Next Steps:

- Monitor usage and gather feedback from patrons and staff.
- Make any necessary adjustments to the room's layout or equipment based on feedback.
- Promote the room's availability for meetings, programs, and research related to local history.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

University Park Public Library District

University Park Public Library is expanding its services to better serve homebound individuals and those with accessibility issues. Recognizing that not everyone can easily visit the library in person, the library will now offer computer and technology equipment for patrons to borrow. This initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that everyone has access to essential technology resources. By providing laptops, tablets, and other devices, the library is empowering patrons to participate fully in virtual appointments, meetings, and study sessions, regardless of their circumstances. This expanded service reflects the library's commitment to inclusivity and its dedication to meeting the evolving needs of the community.

Current Status:

The library is currently training staff on device operation and lending procedures. The program is expected to launch soon, with devices available for patron checkout.

Next Steps:

- Complete staff training and finalize lending procedures.
- Launch the technology lending program and promote it to the community.
- Monitor device usage and gather feedback from patrons.
- Assess the program's impact and make any necessary adjustments.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Fountaindale Public Library District

The library district seeks to enhance services by installing book lockers for convenient 24/7 access to library materials. These lockers will be placed both outside the library and at a remote location, yet to be determined. The aim is to promote social distancing and expand access to library resources. Additionally, the district seeks to enhance their digital collections of eBooks and eAudiobooks, further supporting 24/7 access and offering a convenient alternative for patrons. Multiple sites are under consideration for the remote locker location, each with the potential to bring the library's services to a new corner of the district.


Current Status:

The project is in the digital collection enhancement phase. Book lockers and drop boxes have been successfully installed at the designated locations.

Next Steps:

- Launch the book lockers and enhanced digital collection officially.
- Monitor and evaluate the usage of both book lockers and digital materials.
- Gather feedback from patrons to identify areas for improvement and refinement.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Complete Projects - Library Districts

CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Grant funds were utilized for two HVAC projects, including the repair and replacement of three air dampers in the existing unit for optimal air circulation, and the recent installation of four bi-polar ionization air purifiers in the HVAC ductwork.

MOKENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mokena installed a Wi-Fi antenna to expand Wi-Fi coverage to the library's parking lot, enabling curbside and contactless services. The library subsequently restarted youth services and hired an assistant to better serve the community, including one-quarter of students qualifying for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in nearby schools.

NAPERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Naperville Public Library used the grant funds to enhance its OverDrive eBook and eAudiobook collections, including new titles and extra copies of in-demand books. This expansion, driven by increased demand for digital content due to COVID-19, aimed to deepen the library's offerings and reduce wait times.

NEW LENOX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library staff intensified their efforts to mitigate COVID-19 spread. Additional funds were allocated in recent renovations for touchless doors and a water bottle filling station. These measures complemented existing precautions like social distancing, hand sanitizing stations, and free masks.

OSWEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

In 2020, the library underwent an indoor air quality assessment. The report led to a goal of implementing centralized control and operation for the new addition, with a focus on COVID-19 risk mitigation. This included strategies like night purge and reverse economizing.

PLAINFIELD AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

A set of smart lockers was installed in the southern quadrant of the district, measuring 41 square miles, to provide 24/7 access, especially benefiting those with non-traditional work hours and vulnerable populations seeking contactless service. The library planned to purchase an SUV or van for delivering items and supporting outdoor community events, and proposed funding for staff training in Mental Health First Aid, with re-certification after two years. Additionally, the library aimed to address mental health needs through required mental health days, a staff coaching and mentor program, and onsite leadership training. To enhance community services, the library sought to expand its hotspot lending program, create an outdoor educational space, evaluate internal and external practices for diversity and wellness, provide a social worker for community assistance, and purchase portable maker equipment for STEAM education.

SHOREWOOD-TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library addressed concerns by recognizing traffic patterns and clustering issues, particularly at the reference and circulation desks, and invested in e-books and e-audio for remote access. Additionally, they implemented offsite remote book drops to facilitate safe and convenient material returns, aiding in social distancing and quarantine measures.

PARK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library decided to add a drive-up window. This new feature enabled patrons to check out and return materials without entering the library, thus reducing the influx of people inside and mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the drive-up window allowed the library to remain operational during periods of significantly reduced staffing due to quarantining staff members.

THREE RIVERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library district allocated funds to retain current public sector staff, hoping to encourage their continued employment. This allocation included "hazard pay" based on each staff member's weekly work hours and their tenure, considering whether they were employed throughout the pandemic or hired more recently. Additionally, part of the funds was earmarked for purchasing electronic materials, responding to the increased demand since the pandemic's onset and accommodating patrons who prefer online library services.

WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT

The organization planned to use grant funds to purchase and install new computers, replacing 150 public computers across three library facilities in Crest Hill, Lockport, and Romeoville. In recent years, all excess funds in the district's budget were allocated to cover state-mandated minimum wage increases. Consequently, the District faced and continued to face significant shortfalls in other budget areas, including technology spending.

WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

The organization used grant funds for various improvements to minimize in-person contact and enhance safety during the pandemic. They constructed a 24-7 service building with UVC-sanitized Smart Lockers, installed touchless door openers, developed an outdoor patio, upgraded to hands-free water bottle fillers, and installed HEPA-filtered hand dryers. Additionally, they initiated a home delivery service for library items in partnership with Meals on Wheels, integrating COVID mitigation strategies into all library services and infrastructure.



Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Homer Glen

The Village of Homer Glen is enhancing Heritage Park by replacing the outdated latrine-style restrooms with a modern, centralized public facility. This much-needed improvement will provide a more sanitary and accessible restroom experience for all park visitors. The project encompasses the design and construction of a multi-person restroom equipped with running water and sewer connections, ensuring a clean and hygienic environment for the community to enjoy.

Current Status:


The Village of Homer Glen is currently in the planning process of their renovation project.

Future Steps:

The Village's renovation project is expected to be completed by Summer 2026.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Monee

The Village of Monee is making a strategic investment in its future by utilizing a portion of its ARPA grant funding to address staffing needs. Recognizing the ongoing impact of the pandemic, the Village is bolstering its workforce with the addition of two new full-time employees. This proactive step will enhance the Village's capacity to serve the community, ensure the seamless delivery of essential services, and cultivate a more thriving and resilient Monee for all residents.

Current Status:

The Village of Monee has hired two full-time supervisors, contributing to the expansion and enhanced capacity of the department.

Future Steps:

The Village of Monee is expected to expend their ARPA grant by the end of Summer 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Steger

The Village of Steger is committed to enhancing public health and safety within its facilities. As part of this ongoing effort, the village has invested in several upgrades aimed at reducing the spread of germs and improving overall hygiene. These upgrades include the installation of hands-free water fountains and bottle fillers, electric hand dryers, air purifiers, new hand sanitizer dispensers, and UV lights.

These modern amenities promote a touchless and more sanitary environment for residents and visitors alike. The hands-free water dispensers minimize the risk of cross-contamination, while the air purifiers and UV lights help to eliminate airborne pathogens. The new hand sanitizer dispensers provide convenient access to hand hygiene solutions, and the electric hand dryers offer a more hygienic alternative to traditional paper towels.

By implementing these proactive measures, the Village of Steger is demonstrating its dedication to creating a healthier and safer community for everyone.

Current Status and Future Steps:

The Village of Steger has completed the planning and design process. The Village of Steger is expected to complete the renovation process by end of Fall 2024.

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DECATUR 125 MILES SYMERTON CHICAGO 47 MILES

Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Symerton

The Village of Symerton is taking a proactive step in safeguarding its residents against future health crises by constructing a centralized storage shed dedicated to pandemic supplies. This shed will serve as a safe and easily accessible hub for all citizens to obtain essential items during times of heightened health concerns. By providing individual access to these supplies, the village aims to minimize crowds and reduce the risk of disease transmission.

The shed will also be equipped with a UV light, a proven method for mitigating viruses and bacteria. This additional layer of protection ensures that all stored supplies remain clean and safe for community use. By investing in this vital infrastructure, the Village of Symerton is demonstrating its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents, now and in the future.

Current Status and Future Steps:

The Village of Symerton has completed the planning and design process. The Village of Symerton is expected to complete all upgrades by Fall 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Braidwood Park District

The Braidwood Park District is embarking on a project to modernize its facilities and improve energy efficiency. With the help of grant funds, the district is upgrading and replacing outdated heating and air conditioning units in public buildings and offices. This initiative not only aims to create a more comfortable environment for staff and visitors but also to reduce energy consumption and lower operating costs. By investing in these essential upgrades, Braidwood Park District is demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and ensuring that its facilities remain welcoming and efficient for years to come.

Current Status:

Braidwood Park District has completed HVAC updates and installation.

Future Steps:

Braidwood Park District will monitor the performance and energy efficiency of the new HVAC units regularly.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Frankfort Park District

The Frankfort Park District replaced the non-functioning HVAC unit at the Founders Center Gym with a new one that includes an economizer to introduce fresh air, addressing the issue of recycled air and contaminants. This initiative not only aims to create a more comfortable environment for staff and visitors but also to reduce energy consumption and lower operating costs. By investing in these essential upgrades, Frankfort Park District is demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and ensuring that its facilities remain welcoming and efficient for years to come.

Current Status:

Frankfort Park District has completed HVAC updates and installation.

Future Steps:

Frankfort Park District will monitor the performance and energy efficiency of the new HVAC unit regularly.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Godley Park District

Godley Park District will revitalize its recreation hall, made possible by generous grant funding. This community hub, where countless memories have been made through gatherings, programs, and events, will soon be equipped with modern heating and air conditioning units, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all. In addition to these essential upgrades, the park district will be updating its facility computers and camera systems to enhance security and streamline operations. The park district looks forward to unveiling a refreshed and revitalized recreation hall that continues to serve as the heart of its community.

Current Status:

Godley Park District has completed HVAC installation and technology updates are underway.

Future Steps:

Godley Park District will continue working on technology upgrades with an expected completion date of Winter 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Joliet Park District

The Joliet Park District is taking significant strides to improve its facilities and amenities for the community. Currently, the Park District is in the process of replacing and upgrading HVAC systems across multiple facilities to ensure optimal comfort and air quality for all patrons.

In addition to these infrastructure enhancements, the Park District is also prioritizing the replacement of playground equipment that has experienced increased wear and tear due to heightened usage during the pandemic. By investing in new, durable play structures, the district is reaffirming its dedication to promoting active, healthy lifestyles for children and families throughout the community.

With these ongoing projects, the Joliet Park District is proactively addressing the evolving needs of its patrons and ensuring that its facilities remain safe, engaging, and enjoyable for years to come.

Current Status:

Joliet Park District has completed HVAC installation and still working on upgrading the community playground equipment.

Future Steps:

Joliet Park District will continue working upgrading community playground equipment with an expected completion date of Winter 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Lockport Township Park District

The Lockport Township Park District is enhancing its facilities to better serve the community year-round. Recognizing the popularity of its driving range, the district is investing in HVAC upgrades to create a comfortable indoor space during colder months. This will not only extend the facility's usability but also solidify its position as a premier golfing destination, attracting visitors and boosting local tourism.

Equally important is the health and safety of patrons. The indoor pool, a hub for various aquatic activities, requires a reliable HVAC system for optimal air quality. By replacing the outdated system, the district ensures proper air circulation and humidity control, creating a healthier environment for all swimmers.

These strategic investments demonstrate the Lockport Township Park District's dedication to providing top-notch facilities that cater to the diverse needs and interests of the community. By prioritizing both recreation and health, the district is creating a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Lockport Township Park District has ordered the HVAC unit and installation is expected to be completed August 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Mokena Community Park District

The Mokena Community Park District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all patrons of the Yunker Barn Facility. To enhance indoor air quality and reduce the risk of airborne disease transmission, the district is investing in a state-of-the-art air-handling and HVAC system.

This innovative system utilizes advanced filtering technology to capture and remove harmful particles from the air, including those associated with the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, its sophisticated airflow design promotes optimal circulation and ventilation, further minimizing the risk of respiratory illness.

By increasing the rate of fresh air exchange with the outside, the new system ensures a continuous supply of clean, healthy air within the Yunker Barn Facility. This proactive measure not only safeguards the well-being of visitors but also demonstrates the park district's unwavering dedication to maintaining a safe and enjoyable community space for everyone.

Current Status:

Mokena Community Park District is currently in the process of bidding and is on track to begin HVAC installation in October 2024.

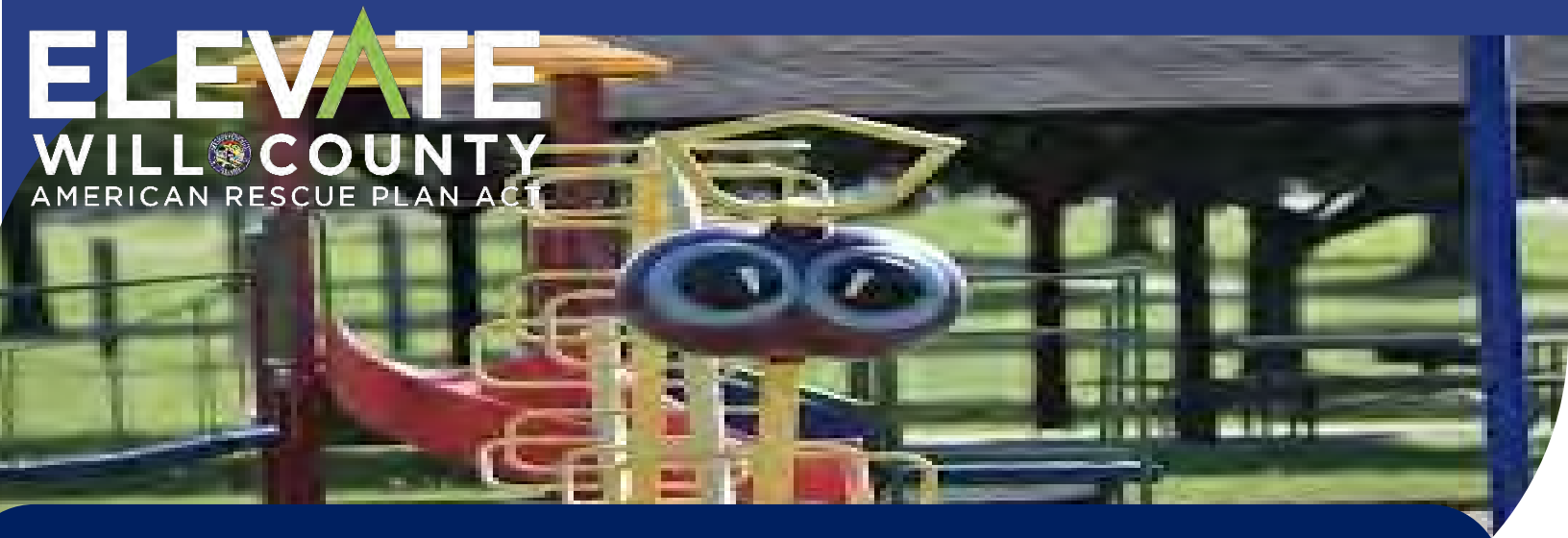
Future Steps:

Mokena Community Park District is on track to complete their HVAC installation project by the end of Winter 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Peotone Park District

The Peotone Park District is pleased to announce a revitalization project for the Peotone Community Park's restroom facilities, made possible by a generous grant. This initiative will see two existing bathroom structures undergo a complete renovation, with outdated fixtures and systems replaced by modern and efficient alternatives. The goal is to enhance accessibility and hygiene for all park visitors, contributing to a healthier and more enjoyable park experience. By prioritizing accessibility and hygiene, the Peotone Park District is demonstrating its commitment to the well-being of the community. The upgraded restrooms will not only provide a more pleasant experience for park-goers but also contribute to a decrease in the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses through improved sanitation and ventilation. This exciting project is a testament to the district's dedication to maintaining and improving the park for the benefit of all who enjoy it.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Peotone Park District's bathroom renovation project is completed. The Park District should be fully reimbursed for expenses by the end of Summer 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Plainfield Township Park District

The Plainfield Township Park District is undertaking a crucial renovation of its Administration Building to adapt to the changing needs of staff and programs. With the opening of the Prairie Activity & Recreation Center (PARC), the lower level of the building became underutilized, presenting an opportunity for transformation. The renovation aims to create safe, separate office spaces with proper ventilation to promote a healthy work environment and mitigate the spread of illnesses.

Additionally, the Park District is committed to improving air quality throughout its facilities. UV filters have already been installed in several buildings, and the project will extend this protection to the Shop at Four Seasons. This investment in cleaner air for staff and patrons reinforces the district's dedication to the well-being of the community.

By modernizing its infrastructure and prioritizing health and safety, the Plainfield Township Park District is ensuring that it can continue to provide essential services and recreational opportunities to the community for years to come.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Plainfield Township Park District's administration building renovations and PARC upgrades are 90% complete. The Park District is expected to be fully reimbursed for expenses by the end of Summer 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Wilmington Island Park District

The Wilmington Island Park District is proud to unveil a new outdoor recreational and educational experience for the community. This innovative collaboration has transformed an underutilized park into a vibrant, accessible destination for residents of all ages and abilities.

The project features a 1,000-foot ADA-compliant walking path winding through the park, punctuated by story walk boards maintained by the library. These boards showcase pages from children's books, offering a unique blend of literacy and physical activity. Families, seniors, and everyone in between can now enjoy a leisurely stroll while engaging with captivating stories.

This multigenerational improvement has not only enhanced the park's aesthetic appeal but also fostered a sense of community. The once-quiet space now buzzes with activity as residents gather to exercise, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors together. The park has become a safe haven for connection and recreation, particularly important in the wake of the pandemic. Wilmington Island Park District is proud to offer this innovative and inclusive outdoor experience for all residents to enjoy.

Current Status and Future Steps:

The project is in the final stages of post-construction, with a ribbon-cutting and unveiling ceremony scheduled for October 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Channahon Park District

The Channahon District is embarking on a project to modernize its facilities and improve energy efficiency. With the help of grant funds, the district is upgrading and replacing outdated heating and air conditioning units in public buildings and offices. This initiative not only aims to create a more comfortable environment for staff and visitors but also to reduce energy consumption and lower operating costs. By investing in these essential upgrades, Channahon District is demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and ensuring that its facilities remain welcoming and efficient for years to come.

Current Status:

Channahon Park District has completed HVAC updates and installation.

Future Steps:

Channahon Park District will monitor the performance and energy efficiency of the new HVAC units regularly.



Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

New Lenox Community Park District

The New Lenox Community Park District is excited to begin Phase II improvements to Hibernia Park. A new multi-purpose building with concessions, restrooms, and a pavilion will be constructed, enhancing the park's amenities, and addressing the increased need for hygiene facilities in light of the pandemic. This building will also provide more space for visitors to relax and enjoy the park, particularly those using the nearby splash pad.

The New Lenox Community Park District remains steadfast in its commitment to providing exceptional recreational opportunities for the community. This Phase II project represents a significant investment in Hibernia Park, enhancing its functionality, accessibility, and overall appeal. By addressing the evolving needs of park-goers and prioritizing their safety and well-being, the district is ensuring that Hibernia Park remains a cherished destination for generations to come.

Current Status:

Construction on the new multi-purpose building and preparations for the expanded splash pad, bocce ball courts, and putting green are progressing steadily.

Future Steps:

New Lenox Community Park District is on track to be completed by the end of Summer 2024.



NWCSRA

Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Northern Will County Special Recreation Association


The Northern Will County Special Recreation Association (NWCSRA) is thrilled to utilize ARPA funding on an expanded summer camp program designed to meet the diverse needs of the community. Thanks to generous funding, NWCSRA will offer a range of options, including a full-day camp, two half-day camps, post-camp care, and even an exciting extended week-long camp. This funding will ensure the camps are fully staffed with experienced professionals, dedicated to providing a fun and inclusive environment for all participants. NWCSRA is committed to creating memorable summer experiences and fostering personal growth through recreational opportunities for individuals of all abilities.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Northern Will County SRA's summer camp has commenced and should be fully reimbursed for expenses by the end of Summer 2024.

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Unmet Needs | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Complete Projects - Park Districts & Depts.

BOLINGBROOK PARK DISTRICT

Bolingbrook Park District used funds to make capital improvements, bolstering staff retention, replacing HVAC systems to improve air quality, and preparing to build a new park and splash pad in a low-income neighborhood. This effort involved prioritizing future projects that the community had requested and that the board and administration considered essential.

CRETE PARK DISTRICT

Crete Park District prioritized HVAC efficiency and ventilation improvements in public facilities. They also renovated entrances and washrooms to ensure ADA accessibility. Additionally, the district purchased PPE to protect staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19 due to increased public use. These efforts included allocating funds for payroll and benefits to support dedicated staff and ensure safe social distancing measures.

FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT

Fox Valley Park District, like many in the local community, struggled with attracting and retaining staff due to the pandemic's social and economic impact. To remain competitive, they monitored neighboring employers and decided to implement the 2025 minimum wage requirement of \$15/hour early, while adjusting current employees' rates.

LEMONT PARK DISTRICT

The loss of revenue from the fitness memberships brought on by the pandemic has made it difficult to increase wages as required by law and keep dependable employees. Therefore, it was necessary to put in place a premium swift pay rate and the grant money will be used to help offset the increased premium wage until the LPD can rebuild the fitness membership to pre-pandemic numbers.

MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT

Funds were used for improvements to the Hanson Community Center for improved social distancing, cleaner air quality and preparing for safety.

NAPERVILLE PARK DISTRICT

Funds in this category supported the Park District as an essential government agency, enabling a 3% mid-year cost of living increase for full-time staff as an incentive during inflationary times.

OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT

The district proposed small retention payments to full-time employees for the end of the year, following a period of wage freezes due to COVID-19 revenue impacts. Staff wages, which were frozen during the pandemic, resumed in 2021 but did not compensate for the previous loss. This one-time payment aimed to acknowledge staff commitment to maintaining clean parks and healthy recreation throughout the pandemic.

FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The grant funds were used to partially cover staffing costs for essential workers providing therapeutic recreation programming to individuals with disabilities.

WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

For nearly two years, COVID procedures consumed substantial staffing time and diverted resources from service delivery to health protocol compliance. Staffing was further impacted by the furlough of part-time staff and high attrition from stress and burnout. To support households affected by the pandemic, they increased scholarships and addressed the financial hardships of special needs families.

VILLAGE OF BEECHER - PARK DEPT

Grant funds were used to replace the HVAC system in the kitchen facility in Fermen's Park to improve air quality and food sanitation.

VILLAGE OF ELWOOD - PARK DEPT

The Village of Elwood used funding, in part, to construct a multi-use learning center in Lloyd Erickson Park. This facility is intended to host a variety of programs and events for people of all ages.

VILLAGE OF MINOOKA - PARK DEPT

Grant funds enabled the Village to design the Aux Stable Springs restroom facility. The funds also supported the construction of the restroom, improving park conditions, access to hygiene and sanitation for residents.

VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE - PARK DEPT

Village of Romeoville utilized grant funds to bolster its staff. Additionally, the Village renovated park facilities to accommodate social distancing requirements. These improvements enhanced the overall park experience for visitors.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD - PARK DEPT

Funds were used to cover payroll expenses for Parks and Recreation department employees from April 2021 to March 2022. During this period, employees adapted to the pandemic, offering community programs and events that complied with the Governor's COVID-19 mitigation criteria.

VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK - PARK DEPT

Pine Lake Park, once a hub for safe, outdoor recreation, has fallen into disrepair due to the loss of the Village's Parks and Recreation Department and the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Village input an ADA compliant dock and has made operational improvements to ensure regular maintenance of the facility moving forward.

Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

HEROES Program

In the heart of Will County, a new initiative is taking flight – the Heroes Program. Recognizing the critical need for teachers and nurses within the community, the county has allocated \$10 million of its ARPA funding to pave a pathway for aspiring professionals. This innovative approach, akin to the Monetary Award Program (MAP), will provide a financial lifeline to students who commit to serving Will County's education and healthcare sectors upon graduation.

The Heroes Program isn't just about financial aid; it's about fostering a legacy of service. By partnering with four esteemed higher education institutions – Governor State University, University of St. Francis, Lewis University, and Joliet Junior College – the program ensures a seamless journey from enrollment to employment.

This collaborative effort extends beyond academia, forging alliances with the Regional Office of Education, leading healthcare providers like Ascension St. Joseph and Silver Cross, and economic development organizations. Together, they form a network of support, guiding high school graduates, career changers, and aspiring healthcare professionals towards fulfilling careers that directly benefit their community.

The Heroes Program is not merely an investment in education; it's an investment in the future of Will County. It addresses the pressing issue of workforce shortages in vital sectors, ensuring that classrooms are led by passionate educators and that patients receive care from skilled nurses. Moreover, it empowers individuals from low- to moderate-income households, those facing unemployment, and Medicaid recipients, providing them with opportunities to achieve their dreams and contribute to their community's well-being.

The Heroes Program is more than just a scholarship initiative; it's a beacon of hope, illuminating a path towards a brighter future for Will County. It embodies the spirit of collaboration, empowerment, and dedication to community well-being. As the program unfolds, it promises to shape a new generation of heroes – teachers and nurses who will uplift the lives of countless individuals and leave an enduring legacy of service.

Current Status and Next Steps:

All participating colleges have expended their ARPA funding.

Website:

<https://willcountyillinois.org/heroes/>



Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of University Park

The Village of University Park is requested ARPA funds to assist with demolishing a vacant, blighted property in a high-traffic area along University Parkway. This initiative aims to enhance public safety and support equitable recovery in the community.

By demolishing the blighted property, the Village plans to rebuild faster and stronger, improving the local housing market and placing the property back on the tax roll. University Park has seen little housing market growth since its initial development over 30 years ago. This assistance helps in revitalizing the area and further stimulating economic conditions.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The Village of University Park has expended 70% of their ARPA funds. This project has an anticipated completion date of Q4 2024.

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Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF JOLIET

The Housing Authority of Joliet (HAJ) is utilizing ARPA funds to support affordable housing initiatives by constructing homes in the Squire’s Mill on Brockway Pond Subdivision for low-income households disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These newly constructed homes will offer a successful “lease-to-own” homeownership opportunity, similar to the program at Liberty Meadows Estates.

Approval of the ARPA Grant by Will County aligns with the 2022-2024 Consolidated Plan, increasing homeownership opportunities for low-income individuals and households. This long-term investment will enhance the community by providing quality affordable housing.

In addition to the housing initiative at Squire’s Mill, HAJ administers the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, funded by an annual HUD grant. The FSS program helps HUD-assisted families increase their earned income, establish an escrow account, and reduce their dependency on federal assistance and rental subsidies.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project has an anticipated completion date of Q3 2024.



Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is requesting ARPA funds for the construction of new housing units in Will County, primarily in the Joliet area. They currently have over 15 vacant properties and anticipate acquiring more. The specific locations include:

- 108 Wood St., Elwood
- 1325 Antram Street, Joliet
- 1315 Chippewa, Joliet
- 419 High Street, Joliet
- 608, 610, 612, and 1302 Pontiac, Copperfield
- 1414 Sering (2 lots), Joliet
- 214 Dellwood Ave, Lockport
- Vacant Fairmont Ave, Lockport (2 lots)
- 125 W Oak Ave, Lockport
- Vacant Riley Ave, Lockport

Habitat for Humanity will use ARPA funds to develop these lots into homes using modular construction to reduce the time required. This project will permanently increase the affordable housing stock through deed restrictions, enhance surrounding property values, boost the tax base, and generate significant economic impact in the area.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Habitat for Humanity has expended almost half of their ARPA allocation.

Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Will Grundy Medical Clinic

Will Grundy Medical Clinic is utilizing ARPA funds to support and expand its Free Clinic. The goal is to improve access to healthcare and advance health equity by expanding services and increasing engagement and outreach. This funding is crucial for the Center to transition to a sustainable funding model after the high demand and limited resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Clinic plans to serve over 35,000 uninsured residents in Will County, including 5,000 who are Medicaid eligible, and provide quality healthcare for nearly 125,000 low-income individuals not served by local Federally Qualified Health Centers. Currently serving 500-1,000 patients annually, the Center aims to increase capacity to serve over 3,000 patients each year and provide more than 8,000 visits annually.

The funding will support the Center's transition to a hybrid clinic model, accepting Medicaid while continuing to offer free care. This approach will enhance healthcare access for the most vulnerable and ensure a sustainable funding model.

These improvements will maximize the use of the current building and address community needs for better physical and behavioral health services.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Will Grundy Medical Clinic has started expending ARPA funds. This project has an anticipated completion date of Q3 2026.

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Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Joliet Junior College

The rising tide of student homelessness presents a formidable challenge to higher education institutions nationwide. Joliet Junior College (JJC) is at the forefront of addressing this crisis through the expansion of its Student Mental Health & Wellness Program and the creation of the Housing & Opportunities that are Useful for Student Excellence (HOUSE) Program.

JJC will implement a comprehensive strategy to support students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. The HOUSE Program will provide vital case management services, offering students individualized support to navigate complex challenges such as securing housing, accessing food assistance, and overcoming legal hurdles. Additionally, emergency aid will be available to address immediate needs, including rental and utility assistance, transportation, and food insecurity.

This holistic approach will not only stabilize students' lives but also empower them to achieve academic success. Through skill-building workshops and financial literacy programs, students will develop the tools necessary to build a foundation for long-term stability and independence. By collaborating with other campus departments, JJC will create a supportive environment where students can thrive.

Current Status and Future Steps:

Joliet Junior College has started expending ARPA funds. This project has an anticipated completion date of Q3 2026.

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Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Guardian Angel Community Services

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated an already dire situation for victims of domestic violence, leaving many without the resources to escape abusive relationships and rebuild their lives. Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS) is committed to breaking this cycle by providing essential support to vulnerable individuals and families in Will County.

Through the ARPA-funded initiative, GACS aims to assist 14 low- to moderate-income households annually by offering rental and utility assistance. This crucial support will enable survivors of domestic violence to establish stable housing, a fundamental step toward recovery and independence.

The economic fallout from the pandemic, characterized by job losses, income declines, and rising housing costs, has compounded the challenges faced by these individuals. By leveraging affordable housing initiatives and collaborating with the Federal Crime Victim Compensation Program, GACS is addressing the urgent need for comprehensive support services.

This project is not only about providing immediate relief but also about investing in the long-term well-being of survivors. By empowering individuals to escape domestic violence and achieve economic stability, GACS is contributing to a safer and more resilient community.

Current Status and Future Steps:

GACS has started expending ARPA funds. This project has an anticipated completion date of Q3 2025.

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Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Economic Development (CED) in Will County is using ARPA funds to support economic recovery and growth initiatives. The proposed allocation aims to address the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and promote long-term county-wide resiliency. The project encompasses the following key areas:

- Job Training and Workforce Development
- Supporting Small Businesses and Non-Profits
- Affordable Housing and Financial Services
- Childcare and Education
- Collaborative Efforts and Public/Private Partnerships

This comprehensive approach aims to enhance economic resilience, improve living standards, and create a robust support system for disproportionately impacted communities in Will County.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The Center for Economic Development has expended over 90% of their ARPA funding. The project has an estimated completion date of Q1 2025.

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Economic Development | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT SUPPORT

In order to strengthen economic recovery and resilience following the COVID-19 pandemic, Will County has allocated ARPA funds to its Economic Development Pillar. A key aspect of this effort is providing support to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely affected by the crisis.

Warren Sharpe Community Center	Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project
Community Service Council of Northern Will County	Illinois Partners in Hope NFP
Joliet Area Historical Museum	Heart Haven Outreach
Family & Friends Homeless Veteran Programs	NAMI Will Grundy
Boys & Girls Club of Joliet	Tacanijo
St. Vincent DePaul	China China Resturant
Will Grundy Medical Center	Blue Taco
Easterseals Joliet	SJM Joliet, Inc
Senior Services of Will County	Joliet Times Weekly
Habitat for Humanity	CC Vision Gallery
Joliet Catholic Academy	Norris Logistics
Transforming Lives Academy	Best Image Dental
Spanish Community Center	In Gods Hands Transportation
Greater Joliet Area YMCA	Smoked By Da Pound
United Cerebral Palsy - Center for Disability Services	
Rialto Square Theatre Foundation	
IL Rock and Roll Museum	

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By providing grants, the County has empowered these vital community pillars to stabilize operations, retain employees, and adapt to evolving market conditions. This financial lifeline has been particularly crucial for businesses and organizations serving as linchpins of the local supply chain, including technology, energy, transportation, agriculture, food production, and healthcare sectors.

Moreover, the County has prioritized support for non-profits delivering essential services to vulnerable residents, especially those in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Increased funding has enabled these organizations to expand their reach, addressing critical needs such as food security, housing assistance, mental health support, and educational programs.

Recognizing the importance of workforce development, Will County has invested in job training programs to equip small businesses with the talent necessary to thrive. By fostering a skilled workforce, the County is positioning local enterprises for long-term success and growth.

To maximize the impact of ARPA funds, Will County has cultivated robust public-private partnerships. These collaborations have leveraged additional resources and expertise, creating a synergistic environment for economic development.

Through these strategic investments, Will County is not only mitigating the immediate economic challenges but also building a more equitable and prosperous future. By empowering small businesses and non-profits, the County is strengthening the community fabric and driving sustainable economic growth.

Current Status and Next Steps:

All awarded businesses have been fully reimbursed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Will County allocated ARPA funds to provide supplemental support to small businesses and non-profits that were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative is part of the County's commitment to addressing the most pressing needs of its residents and ensuring a robust and equitable recovery. The following highlights the key aspects of this support:

- Targeted Financial Assistance
- Operational Stability and Continuity
- Addressing Increased Demand for Services
- Workforce Retention and Development
- Enhanced Community Outreach
- Public Health and Safety Measures
- Partnerships and Collaborations

This supplemental support under the Unmet Needs Pillar has been instrumental in helping small businesses and non-profits recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic. By addressing their most urgent needs, Will County has ensured these entities can continue to serve their communities and contribute to the overall economic recovery and resilience of the region. The following businesses received ARPA funding under this category:

Harvey Brooks Foundation	Imperial Roofing
FOCOUS	Including You, Inc.
Victory Charities NFP	Meade Accounting
Kicking it Back	Puerto Escondido Inc.
Brickhouse Investments LLC	Salon Airys LLC
Express Electric Supply LLC	Silvercup Investment
Hawkins Broadcasting Company	Carter Realty
Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue	Wayne McNair Photography LLC

Current Status and Next Steps:

Twelve out of the sixteen businesses have been fully reimbursed. Expected completion date for the incomplete projects is Q3 2025.

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Will County Health Department

In 2020, Will County Health Department in conjunction with other social service agencies including United Way of Will County released the results of a community health needs assessment through the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Collaborative. The objective was to assess the health needs of the community and develop, implement and evaluate initiatives to promote the highest quality of life for all residents. . The program aims to improve access to nutritious food through a Fresh Market model, funneling produce through expansion of We WILL Grow, Sharefest, Will County Farm Bureau, local Will Farmers interested in sustainable produce for community use, Illinois Partners in Hope, Health System partners and Will County Higher Learning Universities efforts. The program will survey Will County Framers interested in local food economy to establish a local food system to aggregate crops form small to mid-size Will County growers to meet demand. A database of farmers that would like to work within the co-op for future coordination efforts for larger reach and sustainable yield.

Education and curriculum will be offered vocationally for agriculture, horticulture, and culinary opportunities within the Fresh Market model with a commercial kitchen for use by residents of the food desert communities. We will provide education and improve advocacy for literacy in food desert communities, and establish an electronic model for farmers to sell direct to consumers, including SNAP/WIC beneficiaries, expanding reach and revenue. Food for All will also address educational disparities exacerbated by COVID-19, including learning services, increasing resources in the community, educational services like tutoring or afterschool programs, and supports for social, emotional, and mental health needs.

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4 Kids Sake

4 KIDS Sake Food Pantry and Enrichment Center opened in October of 2019 with the goal of supporting 60-80 families per week. Because of the impact that the COVID 19 emergency caused on numerous other resources that people relied on having to close their doors; the need increased exponentially to a point where 4 KIDS Sake was serving over 1,400 families per week through most of 2020. Through 4 Kids Sake food pantry, 100,000 people over 1.4 Million pounds of food in addition to household supplies (toilet paper, sanitizing equipment, PPE, cleaning supplies, etc.) for the families in need through the food pantry alone, serving families throughout the entire reach of Will County. This is in addition to working with Will County Health Department for COVID Vaccines and PPE supplies. Outreach has increased through annual support programs such as School Supply Support and Holiday programs that increased normal allotted registered families. Doubling students in Back to School Supply Support event and supplying over 600 families with gifts for the holidays which has grown this past year in registered numbers.

Grant Funding is to be utilized for the operation of the 4 KIDS Sake Food Pantry & Enrichment Center. This would include the Rent & Utilities for the premises, additional supplies & equipment for the increased need of local communities and expanding the resources available to those communities at large. The goal is to continue to expand outreach through additional items to meet nutritional and religious needs, mobile delivery to people who do not have access to transportation and ease of access to services available to these communities.

Current Status:

4 Kid's Sake is currently receiving payroll for 6 different 4 Kid's Sake employees who work in their food pantry. Rent and Utilities is being reimbursed for 4 Kid's Sakes location on Remington Blvd where their food pantry is located.

Future Steps:

4 Kids Sake will continue to receive reimbursements monthly for payroll and rent & utilities. By the end of 2024, 4 Kids Sake wants to purchase Equipment and Supplies for its food pantry.

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515 Fitness

The primary objective of this project is to fund an increase in behavioral health access offered by 515 through staffing, outreach, and expansion of services in a renovated space located in Braidwood. Projects to already receive funding include payroll and fringe benefit reimbursement for 9 employees of 515 Fitness, equipment and supply reimbursement for items such as exercise equipment, printers, furniture and other office supplies, and construction to the new Braidwood location which includes painting, patch work and repairs on walls, and doorway updates, and Rental assistance is being provided to 515 Fitness on a monthly basis for its new Braidwood location.

Current Status:


515 Fitness is submitting reimbursement requests monthly for personnel, supplies, and rent & utilities.

Future Steps:

The majority of the ARPA allocation for 515 Fitness has been expended. 515 Fitness is in the final stages of the reimbursement process with expenses for personnel, supplies, and rent coming in every 2 weeks. The full allocation should be expended fully by the end of 2024.

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Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness

The funding has allowed for Aunt Martha's to implement the Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) model at our Joliet clinic location, in which the medical provider is the center of patient care, with the addition of a licensed clinician. This model employs a warm hand-off from provider to therapist, consultation on difficult patients, and compliance with established patient/provider care planning. BHCs work collaboratively with providers when/if a patient may need to be stepped up or down from our medical providers. The hired BHC will maintain a case load of 35 patients and will provide services until the patient is stabilized.

Current Status:

The allocation for Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness has been cut in half due to a submission for payroll being submitted in May 2024.

Future Steps:

Aunt Martha's remaining allocation will go toward personnel expenses that will be paid out by the end of 2024.

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Bethlehem Apostolic Church

Bethlehem Apostolic Church has designed its violence prevention program to help and assist in various areas inside its community. The program is designed to provide free healthcare for physical, testing, and information for the community. Back to school programs, temporary housing, and rental assistance are other services Bethlehem Apostolic Church provides to its community.

The housing program that is provided includes rehabbing older homes and getting homes up to code. Assistance is provided to community members for rent so individuals can keep their homes/apartments to avoid being homeless. During the summer months, free lunch is provided to community members.

Current Status:


Bethlehem Apostolic Church has submitted for various expenditures already such as payroll and supply reimbursements.

Future Steps:

Bethlehem Apostolic Church is waiting for funding to be available to them to receive reimbursement for projects such as construction costs for repairing its churches roof where the food pantry is held and rehabbing houses for individuals in the community.

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Blessing Bench Food Pantry

Blessing Bench Food Pantry has focused on updates to their equipment within their food pantry such as updating their refrigerator and freezer. Going forward, Blessing Bench has the most need for roof repairing over the food distribution area. The outcome of these repairs would be drier floors for the safety of staff and clients. Currently the food pantry uses buckets when it rains to collect dripping water from collecting on the floor and there are apparent water stains on the floor and wall of the food pantry. The hope is to achieve a direct payment up front to a contract that has gone the Blessing Bench Food Pantry's procurement process to initiate the project that can not be otherwise afforded by the food pantry.

Current Status:

Collect pictures and other information of damages done to the food pantry and the roof to provide necessary information for an advanced payment.

Future Steps:

Receive a 50% payment upfront to initiate roof repair project once project is confirmed eligible for advanced payments.

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Bolingbrook Christian Health Center


Bolingbrook Christian Health Center (BCHC) is a volunteer-run medical clinic for individuals without health insurance. All care is provided by medical and administrative volunteers. The COVID-19 public health emergency led to numerous complications and obvious health disparities within communities, especially amongst those who are underserved, low income, and uninsured. The pandemic led to a higher incidence of unemployment, increased cost of living, social isolation, and loss of health insurance. These factors led to a rise in mental health issues, medical disparities, and need for healthcare access for the uninsured, especially in the vast immigrant population in Bolingbrook and surrounding communities in Will County. The request for capital expansion would try to meet these growing needs for health care by providing a full-time medical staff to see more patients in need and prevent a decline in community health.

Current Status:

The program of focus of Bolingbrook Christian Medical Center is a free diabetic screening for local patients. Submissions for expenses are pending.

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Bridges to a New Day

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Bridges to a New Day

The Darlene's program is an ongoing program in effect November 2023. Since it is up and running, there is no need for additional time to implement the program. The Executive Director has volunteered her services until funding can be obtained to hire a paid Executive Director. Her dedication to the agency will continue as long as needed. Bridges to a New Day providing services in this program for almost 20 years and have seen it grow and become established in the community. Currently they are in the process of moving offices. This will reduce the cost of rent and utilities. This move will require the agency to close for one week. The official move in date was August 16, 2023. Recently, Bridges to a New Day became fully staffed and prepared for the busy fall season. The goal will be to provide affordable counselling to at least 900 adults and children in the community.

Current Status:

Bridges to a New Day has submitted reimbursements and received payment for Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Supplies, Contractual Services, Occupancy & Utilities, and Telecommunications projects for its Darlene's Program.

Future Steps:

Bridges to New Day will continue monthly submissions for budgeted line items all relating to the Darlene's Program.

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CASA of River Valley

CASA of River Valley has implemented hiring full-time CASA/ Guardian al Litem (GAL) attorney which has been accompanying staff during all court dates from October 2023 until present. Courtroom advocacy is a very large part of the services provided to child victims, hiring an attorney is a non-negotiable change the program needed to make. CASA has partnered with Andrea Jordan, J.D. of the nonprofit JSA Legal Services to CASA children as CASA's full-time attorney.

Current Status:


CASA of River Valey has expended half of its allocation on the attorney it has hired for child victim courtroom advocacy.

Future Steps:

CASA of River Valley will continue monthly submissions for attorney expenses as they continue to work with CASA of River Valley.

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Community Lifeline Ministries

Community Lifeline Ministries is focusing on reimbursements for 5 food pantry staff members with excess funding going toward supplies for its food pantry such as canned goods, additional boxes, gasoline for pantry vehicles. Holiday food baskets are provided to the community which are purchased from Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) at a reduce cost to supplement the weekly food distribution. Thermal blankets are needed to cover transported food and cover food on the curb to maintain food temperatures. With programs such as the Blessing Table Program being in operation for over 32 years, the refrigerators and freezers that have been in use all that time have been replaced. Distribution material such as cardboard boxes, plastic bags, tape, box wrap, and carts are required for smooth operation. Other items are offered by Community Lifeline Ministries at their food pantry such as gloves, heat warmers, rain gear, and PPE. The clients of the pantry are from various walks of life, with healthy challenges, and some are homeless, thus the need for the AED defibrillator for emergency situations.

Current Status:


Community Lifeline Ministries follows biweekly submissions for personnel and food pantry supplies.

Future Steps:

Community Lifeline Ministries will continue submissions of expenditures for personnel and food pantry supplies until the end of 2024.

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Cornerstone

Cornerstone's objective is to expand its substance use treatment programs (opioids/other drugs), initially for 100 Medicaid-eligible individuals annually with co-occurring mental health issues. Cornerstone offers the only fully integrated co-occurring treatment program in Will County for those with Medicaid and provides for in house access to services such as psychiatric medication management, mental health therapy and intensive case management. Through this grant, Cornerstone would expand these services to not only serve more people in our existing treatment program, but also expand to persons with private insurance, to target the county-wide Opioid crisis. This includes medication-assisted recovery, in combination with counselling, and behavioural therapies. A secondary goal is to grow overall outpatient community services and group mental health treatment programs. Currently there are limited resources in the community with long waiting lists to serve individuals under age 18 in Will County. This program would address that need and provide services to a minimum of 70 children annually in a children's outpatient therapy program.

Current Status: Cornerstone has been selecting a new location to perform its substance use treatment program. They are planning on renting a new building and they are sending a cost benefit analysis on this selection.

Future Steps: Cornerstone selects its new facility, submissions for reimbursement related to expenses of new facility and substance use treatment program will be received. Budgeting information has been received for all future projects Cornerstone wishes to complete until the September 2026.

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Easterseals Joliet Region

Easter Seals Joliet Region is providing access to underserved individuals of Will County and is utilizing funds to assist with access to health-related services for a population negatively affected and marginalized. This is being accomplished through the funding of a Navigator position at the Agency's Regional Pediatric Center. The Pediatric Navigator will interface with at least 50 individuals per month through the term of the grant. Adult services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities is expanding with the opening of a community day facility located at 2504 Fairway Drive, Joliet. The Community Day Services Manager will develop a day services program with capacity of 20 adults with disabilities with a total of 24 adults served on an annual basis.


Current Status:

Easterseals Joliet will continue bimonthly submissions for expenses including Personnel, Rent & Utilities, Equipment, and Supplies.

Future Steps:

Easterseals Joliet plans on hiring and funding of Pediatric Navigator and Community Day Services Manager to expand services to individuals with disabilities. Materials and supplies to open community day services facility.

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Fighting Chance

Fighting Chance is funding its Brother-to-Brother-Man-to-Man group mentoring for males ages 12-17 and its Drop-In Family Fitness classes which is a program that offers a series of health and fitness classes and support groups of men, women, and families. These programs offer a platform to increase social networks and promote a sense of agency by providing a supportive setting for young people to develop under the guidance of adults as well as cultivate meaningful peer relationships.

Current Status


Fighting Chance has received payments for personnel, equipment, and supply expenses all related to its Brother-to-Brother-Man-to-Man and Drop-In programs.

Future Steps:

Fighting Chance is using its remaining allocation through the end of 2024 and increase its focus on staffing reimbursements.

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Gateway Foundation

Gateway Foundation is currently engaged in an after active treatment long-term support program in Will County for individuals living in recovery. The program is based out of our centrally located Will County facility in Joliet with significant portions of the work being performed in the community at large. The program is being delivered by a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) who holds the title of Peer Recovery Support Specialist and is supported by Gateway's existing team of recovery coaches and experienced program director. The program directly satisfies criteria from the services category (harm reduction & long-term recovery support) and the access category (expansion of evidence-based services for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery). Gateway Foundation has identified the need for increased access to recovery support and the engagement of individuals in recovery to support continued sobriety. The services focus on supporting individuals who have completed or are in the process of completing a substance use disorder treatment program to increase the chances of long-term recovery as well as to act as a component of harm reduction to decrease the risks of relapse and associated poor health outcomes such as overdose and/or death.

The deliverables are the following:

1. Host at least one recovery focused, free community event per quarter
2. Increase outreach to Gateway Foundation clients from Will County that left treatment without completion and against staff advice to provide support and motivation to return to treatment.
3. Sign up 100% of clients receiving substance use disorder treatment for gateway connect, a virtual recovery application/program.
4. Identify and perform outreach (phone calls, emails, text messages) to all past and present Gateway Foundation clients with last current known addresses in Will County to engage and link them with wrap-around supports as needed and provide access to gateway connect app.
5. 80% of clients transitioning out of active treatment receive long term case management in after-care.

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Guardian Angel Community Services

Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS) requests funding for its Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP) to support the costs for staff to facilitated to program. PAIP is a diversion program that serves victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) by educating people who have committed acts of IPV and giving them the tools necessary to have healthy nonviolent relationships. The program’s purpose is to prevent or reduce the harm done to families due to domestic violence. Additionally, Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS) requests support to broaden the child abuse and neglect prevention services offered through its Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (ECC) by supporting the staffing of the program. The staffing will support ECC with continuing to provide services to families who have been indicated by the Department of Child and Family Services for committing acts of Child Abuse and/or Neglect, and are working toward reforming their parenting practices in order to be reunified with their children and prevent future abuse or neglect.

Current Status:

Guardian Angel Community Services submits payroll reimbursements for employees of GACS have been submitted and are being reimbursed on a biweekly basis.

Future Steps:

The project for Guardian Angel Community Services was initiated in 2023. Expenditures are now occurring on a regular/monthly basis. All funds will be utilized by the end of the grant period.

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Hands of Hope

Hands of Hope to retrieve and deliver product uses a significant investment in trucking firms. Many product retrievals aren't planned - it's a spontaneous call from a food producer or distributor that states when the organization is overstocked or has product that has a shorter expiration date than what is held on our shelves do you want it? Hands of Hope then pivots by contacting a trucking firm to retrieve that product before it goes to some other source. Hands of Hope uses 5 different trucking related vendors based on availability, location of pickup (often out of state) and rates. HOH does not have a formal agreement with any of the firms, Hands of Hope is invoiced for their services to us. As part of our operation, Hands of Hope spent on trucking related expenses in 2023. Woodies Logistics was used about 50% of the time. Bimonthly giveaways is what Hands of Hope ARPA grant is focused, Hands of Hope uses Woodies Logistics to pick up product from distributors and bring product to giveaway location. Additionally, Woodies may need to pick up product from other Hands of Hope warehouses in Joliet or Wilmington before Hands of Hope workers assemble product in boxes to give away. Woodies Logistics is local and most versatile and why they are used.

Current Status: Hands of Hope Illinois submitted for over half of its allocation for payroll and benefits reimbursements for expenses that took place between January 2023-February 2024.

Future Steps: Hands of Hope will submit for the remaining allocation at the end of 2024 so they can finalize its allocation and receiving reimbursement for remaining payroll expenses this year.

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Heart Haven Outreach

To remedy employee retention issues, salary structures has been revisited which revealed salaries being below industry averages. Addressing this is for Heart Haven Outreach is crucial for sustaining qualified staff and providing teens with support from consistent and reliable mentors. HHO currently has a very strong core of outreach staff, led by an exceptional program director with nearly a decade of experience. Under her guidance, programs have experienced a revitalization, attracting an increasing number of teens seeking support. Implementing these minor compensation adjustments will retain and sustain the momentum that has reinvigorated student participation.

Developing and maintaining relationships with teens is a crucial step to successfully mentoring disadvantaged teens. Fostering these relationships is an important aspect of every program Heart Haven Outreach hosts. To help enable teens to build these impactful relationships with peers, staff and adult volunteers, Heart Haven Outreach utilizes tools such as table games, video games, board games and sports equipment. The facility is designed with recreational activities that will support healthy involvement and relationship building. Included in this grant is a request for funds that will allow for modest updates for the facility to encourage engagement, relationship building and mentorship opportunities.

Current Status:

Heart Haven is working with local school District, Valley View, to partner in the development of their program. Payment request submissions for Heart Haven Outreach are received monthly.

Future Steps:

Heart Haven Outreach is current waiting to receiving information on if it will receive confirmation R3 grant funding. This will cause adjustments to be made to its ARPA grant due to duplication of benefits with both these grants funding similar projects.



Holsten Human Capital Development

1. Food Stabilization Programming:

- **H.E.A.L. Pantry and Organic Garden:** HHCD aims to address food insecurity by expanding their on-site Healthy Eating and Lifestyle (H.E.A.L.) Pantry and Organic Garden. They provide direct services targeting health comorbidities and childhood obesity, emphasizing food as medicine.
- **Expanded Services:** The plan includes extended pantry hours, a designated health food section, converting part-time positions to full-time (e.g., Pantry Coordinator), and adding a Health/Kitchen Coordinator. The residential demonstration kitchen will offer cooking classes, food demos, and healthy food samples.
- **Deliverables/Outcomes:** Expanded services to include programming to serve special populations such as single parent households and people with mobility/ health concerns with personal shoppers to guide them towards healthy food options addressing specific needs. Goal to expand on-line early shopping program (Order Ahead) to more areas of Will County and expand delivery services to make food more accessible to vulnerable populations. Programming to provide cooking classes and information quarterly to teach practical ways to incorporate skills for a healthy lifestyle. Quarterly seminars with dieticians will be offered on utilizing food as medicine. Expand food access to healthy and fresh foods utilizing the organic garden on-site and building partnerships with local farmers to provide more options for fresh produce. Complete build out of kitchen on-site and expand programming for cooking classes, food demonstrations and new opportunities using the finished kitchen space and adjoining community room.

2. General Health Programming:

- **Holistic Health and Health Equity Programs:** HHCD seeks to expand these programs, addressing heart health, diabetes, and immuno-compromising disorders. These conditions are severe risk factors for various deadly diseases, including COVID-19.
- **Equitable Services:** The focus is on Black and Brown communities and marginalized populations. Funding will enable on-site services, risk reduction strategies, COVID-related support (PPE, vaccines), and partnerships with medical providers for physical and mental health services on-site.
- **Health Equity:** HHCD aims to combat health inequities and hesitancy by providing solid health information to empower healthier choices in residents' lives, provide more access to services by inviting providers to be on-site.

Deliverables/Outcomes: The focus on equitable health services being addressed with funding include the expansion of mental health and substance use services provided on-site in the Community Center. Goals include the provision of on-site support groups meeting weekly such as Narcotics Anonymous, AA, smoking cessation, and other similar support groups. Provision of on-site personal counseling. Provision of resources such as Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and other similar resources to address safety, and provide support through health fairs and educational programming

Current Status & Future Steps:

Holsten Capital Human Development plans to submit its first payment request for utilization of four full-time employees and 1 part-time employee start July 2024 through the remainder of the ARPA Grant.

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PARTNERS IN HOPE

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Illinois Partners In Hope

Illinois Partners in Hope has experienced an increased demand on food assistance by COVID-19 which has increased the number of clients that Illinois Partners in Hope serve since the beginning of the pandemic. This has led to expenses such as full-time truck driver, purchase of box truck, refrigerated trailer, payroll expenses, and logistics expenses. The allocation Illinois Partners In Hope has received through the Will County ARPA Health Program has met the increased costs and served people impacted by the pandemic and its economic impact.

Current Status:

Illinois Partners In Hope has been reimbursed for expenses such as a new box truck and refrigerated trailer for its food pantry and payroll expenses for employees.

Future Steps:

Illinois Partners In Hope will continue to submit payroll expenditures as well as any additional food pantry equipment necessary for operation



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Joliet Fire Department

Funding for Joliet Fire Department has been used to expand its mental health program and launch the Joliet Fire Department Community Paramedicine Program with the existing JFP Emergency Medical Services Division. This program is designed to bridge the gap between the community and mental and general health care services by educating the public regarding healthy behaviors, providing resources, establishing prevention programs, providing effective crisis care, improving outreach, and establishing relationships with professionals providing needed levels of care. The JFD will partner with Silver Cross Hospital to develop the program and policies for implementation. Services to the community must be provided in a culturally competent manner to be effective. Firefighters are well suited to provide this skill due to their regular exposure to all communities within the population. Under the CPP banner, three programs will be created or further developed, the Community Paramedicine Program itself; Crisis First Aid for Paramedics, Nurses, Hospital Security, and citizens (CFA-P, CFA-N, CFA-S, CFA-B); and Peer Support groups for high schools located in Joliet.

Current Status: Joliet Fire Department is planning on purchasing a program called HealthCall that will be used by its paramedics in its Community Paramedic Program. This program has pre built forms and is customizable so Joliet Fire Department can have all relevant information in one location.

Future Steps: Once the submission for the Healthcall program is approved, Joliet Fire Department wants to go out and procure a vehicle for its paramedics to use while on call. This vehicle will be strictly used by paramedics for its Community Paramedic Program.

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Joliet Pride Network

Joliet Pride Network is using its full allocation on several different programs it offers through out the year. The focus is on its peer support program that has events such as Annual Youth Referral Network Event, Annual Community Referral Network Event, Annual Education/ Outreach Summit, and Outreach & Drop-Ins Meeting. Additionally, funding will be received staffing costs, hiring a grant writing and Administrative/Indirect Costs.

Current Status:

Working to gather documentation that is required through ARPA so its program expenses are eligible and can be approved for payment.

Future Steps:

Continue to work through getting reimbursements submitted for approved programs for personnel, equipment, and supply costs.

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Men of Valor (Land of Promise)

Men of Valor (Land of Promise) is focused on its violence prevention and behavioral health programs. The focus of these programs is to give those in the community the tools to solve conflicts without violence and to give those individuals in the community that feel they have pressure that will cause them to despair to come forward and seek help from the programs that Men of Valor offer.

Current Status:

Funding has been approved for Community Toy Giveaway program, consultant services, office repairs & office supplies, rent of office space, and the Super Soul Bowl for community families.

Future Steps:

Continued funding for various community programs that Men of Valor offers that will receive funding on a bimonthly basis.

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NAMI Will Grundy

NAMI Will Grundy implements educational and support programs for school age children, mental health education and support programs for faith based organizations, transition programming for individuals leaving hospital behavioral health units, support and mental health education programming for veterans and veteran groups in addition to the growth that strive to accommodate in consumer and family peer support programs and Family to Family education class. Speakers for parent groups, youth groups, boy/girl scouts, community mental health programs, government agencies, churches, the judicial system and many others are also requested on a regular basis . In order to continue to provide expansion of needed services and add new, pertinent services particularly school age youngsters NAMI Will Grundy requires assistance in two areas; 3 paid staff positions and an office / support / " living room space" in the community. NAMI Will Grundy had a small office space located in the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters building for several years.

Current Status:


NAMI Will Grundy benefits from a collaboration with a local community mental health agency which provides NAMI Will Grundy with office space and additional support for staff salaries. NAMI has been submitting payment requests every month.

Future Steps:

Continued payroll reimbursement request submissions every month

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National Hookup for Black Women

The goal for National Hookup for Black Women is increasing access to food and nutrition, hire staff volunteers for food pick-up and deliveries, inventory for food pantry, and hiring of a CPA through Meade Accounting.

Current Status:

Have received payments on a monthly basis for expenses such as payroll, food pantry supplies, contractual services

Future Steps:

Continued submissions monthly for payroll, food pantry supplies, and consultant expenses.

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NDEN

New Day Employment Network

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New Day Employment Network

New Day Employment Network provides services to justice-involved and at-risk youths with challenging backgrounds. The goal of our Youth Resiliency Program is to intervene before youths fall into destructive cycles of negative behaviors that lead to long-term justice involvement. This will be done through a focus on positive social, personal, and emotional development. In our program, we will address the root causes of crime by proactively working to see youths reach a place of success and fulfillment. By ensuring they have equal access to opportunities and are able to reach for their dreams, we encourage them to become the best versions of themselves. Funding has been used to pay for space, staff, and materials for the program.

Current Status:

Submissions have been paid out for payroll expenses related to the Youth Resiliency Program.

Future Steps:

Continued Submissions of payroll expenses and future reimbursement request submission for supplies and other related costs to the Youth Resiliency Program.

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Northern Illinois Food Bank

The Food Bank is using funds to purchase food from established vendors. Food Items will be made available to Will County member agencies on Northern Illinois Food Banks on line shopping list with no shared maintenance fees. Each Food item will be given an item number tying it to the ARPA grant and allowing Northern Illinois Food Bank and allowing Northern Illinois Food Bank to track which agencies received the food. They began purchasing food in July 2023.

Current Status:

Submitting for monthly food supply reimbursements

Future Steps:

Northern Illinois Food Bank will purchase nutritious food items that will be made available to member food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to be distributed to Will County residents facing food insecurity with no fees. With the grant awards we expect to distribute at least 1.35 million meals over the three-year grant period.

Website

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Pajama Praise

Pajama Praise Inc continues to combat hunger in Will County and surrounding communities to eliminate food insecurity. The implementation activities include but are not limited to:

- Development of the organization's plan to market, Implement and evaluate the project. · Research areas of operation · Street outreach and recruitment
- Collaborate with other non-profit organizations via, mail, telephone and in person visits
- Network in the community
- Provide community service hours for teen volunteers
- Establish drop-off sites for posters/flyers about the project
- Training of personnel and volunteers
- Provide referrals to social service programs
- Evaluate data for follow-up and project enhancement

Current Status:

Half of Pajama Praise allocation has been reimbursed for food pantry expenses such as personnel, fringe benefits, supplies, and equipment.

Future Steps:

Continue to spend down allocation on food pantry related expenses over the next 2 years.

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Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ hosts multiple food pantry services per month. On the first Saturday of each month they provide a hot meal for guests in the community who can also pick up items from the food pantry at this time. On the third Saturday of each month, Plainfield Congregational Church hosts a drive up packaged meal for the needy. With the focus of the funding going toward support of its food pantry, they are also funding behavioral health services and hiring a social worker or licensed counselor for consultation concerning challenges people are experiencing in the community.

Current Status:

Receiving Monthly expenses for food pantry supplies and equipment.

Future Steps:

Continue to receive monthly expenses through the end of 2024 and into 2025. Expecting funding to be fully expended by 2025.

Website

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Romeoville Community Pantry

The grant funds will be used to continue to supplement families struggling financially and need to visit the pantry. The pandemic has impacted a lot of people in Will county and need a place to help them through these hard times. Now not only do they struggle with the after effects of Covid-19 but inflation is now taking over their pocketbooks and they continue to struggle with food insecurity. Funding has continued to help all those struggling to get enough food to nourish their families and still face the day feeling able to get through it with some dignity. Funding has been used to supply food at the pantry, where as donations have dwindled since the pandemic and now inflation has hit us hard with sky rocking costs of food. \$5,500 will be used to replace a commercial refrigerator that is 10 years old and does not have many months left. The loss of this will cut the produce, dairy and deli in half of what we give now.

Current Status:

Receiving Monthly expenses for food needed in Romeoville Community Pantry's food pantry. Half of allocation has been expended.

Future Steps:

Continue to receive monthly expenses through the end of 2024.

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ShareFest Will County

ShareFest Will County is receiving reimbursements to cover the costs of payroll, rent and needed equipment purchases to operate. In addition, a 11,200 square foot space is being leased to expand distribution, storage, packaging, and retail is demanding payment to save the space. The move to a larger space has also required the purchase of additional cooling and freezing equipment; Walk in Cooler/Freezer, merchandisers and additional storage cooling equipment. ShareFest has purchased this equipment to be ready for delivery and install to coincide with move in logistics and timeline and continue to operate for residents during this process, as they can.

Current Status:

ShareFest Will County is receiving reimbursements for payroll, rent and needed equipment purchases to operate. A 11,200 square foot space is being leased to expand services and was just recently opened in June 2024.

Future Steps:

Out of ShareFests new facility that is being leased, they plan to implement a “Free Retail Market: and Storage/Distribution Warehouse to increase access to food and other household necessities.

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Spanish Community Center

Spanish Community Center is using its ARPA Health Program allocation to upgrade its food pantry condition which will help Spanish Community Center serve more people. Northern Illinois Food Bank has requested that there is a change made from the food pantry's current drive up model to a "grocery store" model. ARPA funding will also be used to complete the task of transfer over to this "grocery store" model. Salaries for Spanish Community Center employees that work in the food pantry will also be reimbursed through the ARPA funding. There has been equipment such as refrigerators and freezers purchased and supplies for the food pantry such as safety equipment, office supplies, and other supplies needed to facilitate operations.

Current Status: Spanish Community Center is submitting for reimbursement of equipment, food pantry personnel, and food pantry supplies monthly. They have already updated multiple refrigerators and freezers, expanded food pantry space, and updated ventilation systems in the food pantry.

Future Steps:

Spanish Community Center wishes to purchase a box truck for food pantry operations. It will need to secure bids for the box truck before purchasing. Enhancements will continue being made to food pantry equipment in supplies as it transitions over to the "grocery style" model of service.

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Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project

SSIP focus is to enhance its Health Justice Initiative program which offers a Health Justice Center for the community to attend and get access to resources, apply for benefits, seek relief on Medical debt, and offer a safe space with language access, partner with FHQC's to offer screenings, workshops on site. Implementation has begun by hiring additional staff member such as a Health Justice Organizer who is helping execute the program, a Director of Organizing who is overseeing the program, and Executive Director who is in charge of reporting and compliance of the Health Justice Initiative program. There are other outreach staff members that are hired to help individuals most impacted to be able to apply to state benefits or get connected to a FQHC. This program works with other healthcare providers in the Will County area for families to find the proper care they require.

Current Status:

SSIP has submitted its first payment requests for employee payroll reimbursement and supply reimbursement for outreach events.

Future Steps:

SSIP will continue to submit for reimbursement of payroll and supplies on a monthly basis until September 2026.

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National Center for Economics (The Wellness Institute)

The Wellness Institute aims to enhance the mental health support for teens through crisis intervention, counseling, and community outreach. Its goals include reducing teen suicides, improving mental outcomes, and increasing access to supportive services. Objectives involve expanding counseling services, implementing crisis hotlines, conducting educational workshops, and fostering peer support groups. Key deliverables include increased crisis intervention capacity, improved mental health literacy, and strengthened community partnerships. Specific outcomes expected include decrease in suicide rates among teens, enhanced coping skills, and a more resilient community equipped to address mental health challenges effectively.

Current Status:

Reimbursement requests have been received for staffing costs.

Future Steps:

Reimbursement requests will be received monthly going through 2026.

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Trinity Services

Trinity Services requested funding for behavioral health services, food distribution, and victim support. Expanding behavioral health services in Will County to better meet the needs of the community. Currently, we are renting space for both our Counseling Center and Mobile Crisis Response Team and have outgrown the space. In order to be able to add additional Therapists, Recovery Support Specialists and Mental Health Professionals, we are purchasing a larger space near St. Joseph's Hospital. In addition, this will allow us to move and expand our Homeless Support Team and provide additional services under one roof. requesting funds to host Victim Recovery Groups (Grief, Domestic Violence, Trauma, Financial & etc.) and one-on-one services. These groups will be overseen by one of the MA level mental health therapists on the Homeless Support Team. The groups would be offered to our current members of households we serve and past households that we served. Most of the households that come through our programs have experienced trauma or been victimized in some way.

Current Status:

Trinity Services has received reimbursement for HVAC and Roofing projects that were required for the facility in which its behavioral health services are held.

Future Steps:

The remaining allocation for Trinity Services will be focused on supplies for Food Distribution and Victim Recovery Support

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United Way

United Way has 4 initiatives in its ARPA Health program requests. The programs expected to receive funding include 211, SingleCare, Resilient Youth, and Diaper Depot. These programs are all existing programs in operations and all projects are underway. The funding awarded was planned to be used once current funding sources ceased. A new position, Operations Administrator, has been added that allows our existing Engagement Team to take on more responsibility within our four awarded areas. The Resilient Youth program requires supplies teacher and student manuals, storage racks for manuals, wagons, and hand trucks to move and distribute manuals, boxes and packing tape to pack the manuals for delivery of manuals to the schools, and diapers and diaper bundling supplies – bags and labels; and SingleCare partner packet supplies – envelopes and labels. United way has a works with the only certified trainer in the state of Illinois and Midwest region, who lives in Naperville so there is no travel required for the services offered by this individual.

The 211-call center is contracted for operations and operated app development for client data tracking for diaper depot. The pricing structure is developed by the 211-call center, which takes into account the population of the service area being covered.

Current Status & Future Steps:

Payments are expected to be requested in July 2024. Due to other committed funding sources prior to receiving the ARPA award, other funding sources have been used for these projects and United Way was waiting for those sources to cease before spending ARPA.

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Will Grundy Medical Clinic

The funding for Will Grundy Medical Clinic is to support operations during an expansion of services and credentialing for billing for services. These activities support the stabilizations of income for the Housing, Healthcare, and Hope (HHH) program which provides healthcare and housing services to individuals experiencing houselessness and aims to understand and eliminate the underlying factors which lead to houselessness. The funding through the ARPA Health program supports the programs for 18 months.

Current Status:

Will Grundy Medical Clinic has received reimbursement for payroll and benefits for employees that work directly with the HHH program.

Future Steps:

Will Grundy Medical Clinic aims to close out its allocation by the end of 2024 by continuing payment request submissions of employee payroll for work completed in the HHH program.

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Youth Outlook

Youth Outlook’s Will County ARPA Project provides services to meet the gaps in mental health care access for LGBTQ+ youth and families in Will County by providing a Health and Wellness Navigator and a LGBTQ+ youth drop-in center program. The goal of the project is to both provide in person psychoeducational and recreational services for LGBTQ+ youth to reduce isolation and connect to community and also navigate youth and families to affirming physical and mental health resources through navigation services. The ARPA funds cover the salary and fringe benefits of the Health and Wellness Navigator (.8 FTE), the part-time salary and fringe of the program leader of the Will County LGBTQ youth drop-in center(s), the program supplies and software for both initiatives and grant administration costs. The expected outcomes are that youth will have an increased self-concept, access to community and increased access to care providers.

Current Status & Future Steps:

Youth Outlook plans to continue to request reimbursement for its Health and Wellness Navigator salary and purchase supplies for its drop-in center monthly.

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Will County Coroner's Office

Will County is seeking support for its Coroner's Office, explicitly requesting autopsy room equipment to aid the response to COVID-19 and its impacts on long-term public health and disaster preparedness. Throughout the pandemic, the Will County Coroner's Office underwent several changes to assist the County in the unprecedented number of COVID-19-related deaths. The morgue was dilapidated and had been in a temporary location for many years. When COVID-19 hit, the temporary facility's capacity was exceeded and could not accommodate the nearly 1700 deaths. As a result, the County had to utilize refrigeration trucks to store and maintain bodies while awaiting examination. The community will benefit from the new facility as the Coroner's Office continues to respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The new facility will also ensure preparedness for a future mass casualty event, public health crisis, or disaster. It may also serve as a space for medical supplies and equipment storage, emergency response and administration, and future surge medical facility capacity. Additionally, the Coroner's Office is still experiencing an influx of autopsies for drug overdoses/suicide that may be related to mental health issues resulting from COVID-19. The community will benefit from the new facility as the Coroner's Office continues to respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The new facility will also ensure preparedness for a future mass casualty event, public health crisis, or disaster. It may also serve as a space for medical supplies and equipment storage, emergency response and administration, and future surge medical facility capacity. Additionally, the Coroner's Office is still experiencing an influx of autopsies for drug overdoses/suicide that may be related to mental health issues resulting from COVID-19.

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Children's Advocacy Center

The Will County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) requires a child-focused setting designed to provide a safe, comfortable & neutral place where trauma-informed intake, forensic interview, victim/family advocacy & evidence-based trauma therapy services can be provided for 1,000 children per year (3-17 years old) & non-offending family members who have endured severe physical abuse, sexual abuse & exploitation, neglect & exposure to violence. It is in critical need of additional offices for CAC staff and MDT members that provides privacy, accessibility, security and accreditation-driven requirements for service delivery. Employee & client wellness must be considered for the high level of stressful & traumatic issues being dealt with, requires modern, efficient & child-friendly facilities & infrastructure that provides better air quality, natural light, spaces to decompress & fight vicarious trauma, private offices & family waiting rooms, safe play areas, multiple investigative interview rooms, separate treatment staff offices, updated bathroom & kitchen facilities, a private entrance for investigative team, & adequate parking.

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Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County

The primary activity under this project is to provide a stipend as compensation for the overtime hours worked by the public health care workers at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. The stipend will be designed to acknowledge the additional workload and risk undertaken by these workers during the COVID-19 response efforts. Recipients may use SLFRF funding to restore and bolster public sector capacity, which supports government's ability to deliver critical COVID-19 services. By implementing this project, Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County aims to recognize and support the dedicated public health care workers who have gone above and beyond their regular duties to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The provision of the stipend for COVID-19 response overtime will serve as a tangible acknowledgement of their invaluable contributions and provide financial relief for their additional efforts.

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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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INDIAN PRAIRIE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Indian Prairie Educational Foundation (IPEF) and IPSD District 204 aimed to prevent sudden cardiac death in students by offering free cardiac screenings. These screenings identify students at risk of sudden cardiac death, a tragedy that claims over 2,000 lives annually among those under 25. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program has been on hold for three years. This year, graduating classes of 2023 and 2024 will have a single opportunity for free screenings. Two screening sessions will take place in Will County at Neuqua Valley High School and the Birkett Freshman Center, with approximately 3,000

screenings expected at a cost of \$25,750. IPEF requests \$6,875 from this grant to help cover these expenses, ensuring that this life-saving program can continue to serve high school students in Will County every other year.

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The grant request aimed to enhance safety and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by updating critical equipment in our facility. This included installing a modern building alarm system, acquiring and training on a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and updating restroom devices and the water cooler to touchless systems. These updates are necessary as the existing equipment is over 20 years old and will help reduce disease transmission risks.

LIGHTWAYS HOSPICE (JOLIET AREA COMMUNITY HOSPICE)

Lightways, formerly known as Joliet Area Community Hospice, has provided hospice care and grief support for over 40 years in Will County. While known for hospice care, their services extend beyond end-of-life care, offering vital grief support to families and loved ones. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased the demand for grief support, with a 40% rise in requests for assistance in 2021 and 2022. Lightways used ARPA funding to sustain and their grief support services to meet this growing demand.

LOCKPORT ROTARY FOUNDATION

The grant-funded renovation project at Stepping Stones, located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) in Joliet, IL, has brought about significant improvements to our facility. With \$686,728 in grant funds, they have constructed three fully handicapped accessible bedrooms and bathrooms, enhancing our residential treatment capacity by five beds. This expansion allows us to provide an additional 1,825 days of service annually and serve 34 more individuals each year. These improvements aim to better accommodate individuals with disabilities and improve access to our services. The entire renovation project is expected to be completed by the first week of October 2023.

PLAINFIELD AREA INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry (PAIFP) sought funding to acquire a box truck, secure associated insurance, and purchase emergency meal boxes. The COVID-19 pandemic led to the closure of many smaller pantries in our area, and as a result, PAIFP assumed additional responsibilities for food pickups from local groceries through the Northern Illinois Food Bank Direct Connect program. Simultaneously, their volunteer base diminished, making it increasingly challenging to find volunteers with suitable vehicles for these pickups. Acquiring a box truck and insurance would enhance our ability to conduct these critical food pickups for distribution to our clients. Additionally, they aim to reinstate emergency food boxes for individuals in need who approach our pantry for assistance but do not meet our registration criteria.

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

New Hope's project aimed to address food insecurity in our designated food desert community, with a focus on aiding residents recovering from the effects of COVID-19. Through food stabilization, they aim to enhance nutrition, improve behavioral health outcomes, prevent violence, and promote overall well-being. This initiative will include efforts to address child nutrition, provide meal delivery services, and offer outreach programs related to behavioral health, violence prevention, and victim recovery.

READY SET RIDE

Ready Set Ride Therapeutic Recreation Facility is dedicated to providing children and adults with disabilities and terminal illnesses the opportunity to receive therapy on horseback. Their program not only offers physical benefits but also mental stimulation and social interaction with peer riders. Their highly trained therapy horses offer a calming and safe environment for our riders, including those with conditions such as autism spectrum disorder and cerebral palsy. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased our operational costs, while donations have declined, putting our ability to support their participants at risk.

STEPPING STONES

The grant-funded renovation project at Stepping Stones, located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) in Joliet, IL, has brought about significant improvements to our facility. With \$686,728 in grant funds, they have constructed three fully handicapped accessible bedrooms and bathrooms, enhancing our residential treatment capacity by five beds. This expansion allows us to provide an additional 1,825 days of service annually and serve 34 more individuals each year. These improvements aim to better accommodate individuals with disabilities and improve access to our services. The entire renovation project is expected to be completed by the first week of October 2023.



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CHANNAHON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

This is a significant construction project aimed at enhancing community safety and development. The current satellite Fire Station #2, located at 23441 W. McClintock Road, will be replaced. Originally built around 1972, the facility has been updated to accommodate up to three firefighters or paramedics. However, increasing call volumes and evolving hazard vulnerability profiles necessitate the relocation and modernization of this station to improve its functionality, ensure adequate coverage, and promote efficient response times.

As part of this development, the District and Village have identified the benefits of expanding water and sanitary facilities along S. Thomas Dillon Drive, Route 6, and Bradley Street. This scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the installation of water service, fire hydrants, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and directional boring with casing.

From a fire protection perspective, the project will significantly enhance the water supply in the area, improving fire safety. From a development standpoint, it extends two critical utilities, making properties in the area more attractive for economic development opportunities.

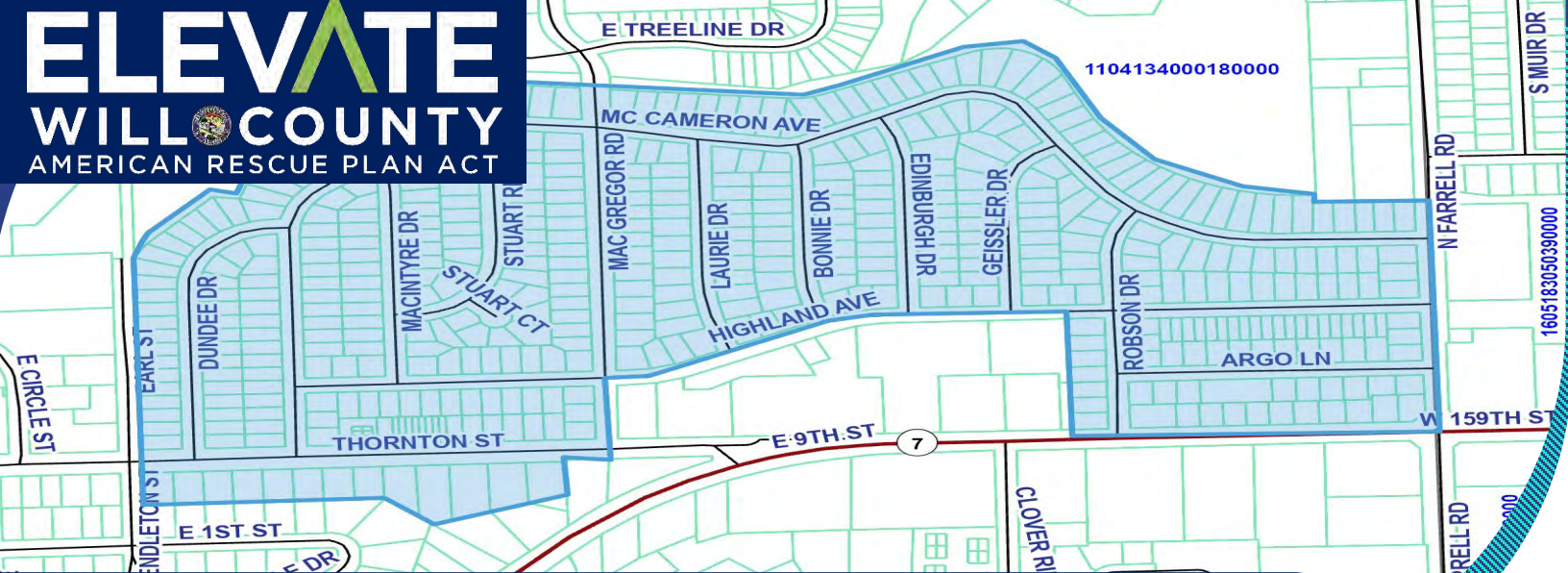
Current Status:

This project is complete.

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BONNIE BRAE FOREST MANOR SANITARY DISTRICT

This project will involve replacing the water main, valves, hydrants, and service connections, along with necessary site restoration. The specific areas affected by this project are detailed in Exhibit E and include segments with a history of recent water main breaks.

The Bonnie Brae neighborhood, a low-income community, will see significant benefits from this initiative. Residents will experience fewer water service outages, enhancing their quality of life. Additionally, this project will alleviate the City of Lockport from the burden of frequent and costly water main repairs, allowing for better allocation of city resources.

We look forward to the positive impact this project will have on the Bonnie Brae Forest Manor Sanitary District and the broader community.

Current Status:

Project was awarded at the end of June. We received the bid tab June 7th. They currently have 3 options for the project and are reviewing the alternatives to decide which option they are moving forward with.

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CITY OF CREST HILL

The City is moving forward with the addition of a new shallow well, Well No. 14, designed to pump at least 400 gallons per minute (gpm). This enhancement will increase the city's firm capacity to approximately 3.21 million gallons per day (MGD), adequately meeting the projected maximum day demands for 2030. The design phase for Well No. 14 is nearly complete, and construction is anticipated to finish by Fall 2023.

In conjunction with this, separate projects for a raw water main and treatment facility are progressing, which will enable Well No. 14 to be operational. These auxiliary projects are scheduled for completion by the end of 2024. The city is currently seeking funding for the construction, development, and test pumping of a 400-450 gpm well, which will be drilled to a depth of approximately 400 feet, tapping into a fractured limestone aquifer. Following successful test pumping, the city and their consulting engineer will initiate a separate project to design the well pump and associated treatment facility.

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City of Joliet

The City of Joliet's ARPA project will address the critical issue of the failing culvert on [road name]. This essential infrastructure, responsible for channeling water beneath the roadway, has reached a state of disrepair, leading to flooding concerns and potential threats to nearby properties.

To rectify this situation, the project will undertake a comprehensive replacement of the existing culvert with a new, structurally sound one. Additionally, the affected roadway will be reconstructed to ensure seamless integration with the new culvert system.

By restoring proper water flow and mitigating flood risks, the project will safeguard the roadway's integrity, enhance public safety, and protect the surrounding homes from potential water damage. The project's success will be rigorously evaluated through ongoing monitoring of the culvert's performance and proactive engagement with residents to address any concerns that may arise.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The Rosalin St. project is currently in the planning process. The selection process for the consultant to assist with everything took longer than expected. Currently, the anticipated completion date is Q4 2024.

City of Wilmington

The City of Wilmington is undertaking a water main relocation project on West River Road. This project is necessary due to planned roadway improvements by Will County Division of Highways (WCDH). The existing water main conflicts with the proposed roadway design, and the city is responsible for relocating it. This unanticipated expense poses a financial challenge for the city, potentially delaying other critical improvements. However, the relocation is essential to ensure continued water service and fire protection for the affected area.

Current Status and Next Steps:

ARPA funds will be used on the Phase I and II Engineering and Design work. They are full speed ahead with this project. This project's projected completion is Q3 2026.

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Frankfort Township: Well 18 with Water Treatment Plant

The Village of Frankfort's water supply, drawn from ten groundwater wells, reliably quenches the thirst of its community, providing over a billion gallons annually. However, the specter of aging infrastructure and potential future demand looms large. Some wells, dating back to the 1973, are showing their age, raising concerns about their continued functionality. Meanwhile, climate change forecasts predict increased droughts, and population projections point to a 50% increase in residents by 2050. Either scenario could strain the current water system beyond its limits.

To safeguard against these threats, the village is embarking on a forward-thinking project. A new groundwater supply well, capable of delivering a thousand gallons of fresh water per minute, is planned, along with a state-of-the-art treatment plant to remove iron. The project also encompasses new pipelines to connect the well to the treatment plant and then into the existing distribution network, a sewer line for treatment plant waste, and a backup generator to ensure uninterrupted service. Additionally, landscaping, erosion control measures, and a sophisticated SCADA communication system are included in the plans. This comprehensive project aims to fortify the village's water infrastructure, ensuring a reliable and plentiful supply for generations to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Frankfort township Road District have expending nearly all if not all of their funding on

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Godly Public Water District

In the heart of Godly Public Water District, a vital transformation is underway. The wells, the lifeblood of the community, are being revitalized with new pumps, motors, and stainless steel column pipes. A thorough inspection and treatment will ensure the water's pristine quality, while sine-wave filters protect the new motors.

The district is also modernizing its infrastructure. Twelve pneumatic valves are being replaced, along with their operators, and comprehensive training is being provided. The water tower will receive a new mixer to prevent stagnation and a thorough cleaning. An additional detention tank will be installed for added resilience.

This ambitious project represents a substantial investment in the district's future. By addressing maintenance and operational concerns, the district is ensuring a more reliable, efficient, and cost-effective water system for its residents for years to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

Godley has submitted multiple invoices and are nearly complete with their project.

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Green Garden Township

Green Garden Township's Town Hall is undergoing a remarkable transformation. The outdated building is being revitalized into a vibrant community hub, featuring a multipurpose space for events, a museum showcasing local history, and dedicated areas for seniors and children.

Accessibility is a top priority, with new ADA-compliant bathrooms and a kitchen providing essential amenities like drinking water. The surrounding grounds are being upgraded with permeable parking, better circulation, and green space, replacing the old shed.

Crucially, this project marks the very first community center in Green Garden Township. By upgrading utilities, managing stormwater, and enhancing landscaping, the Town Hall will become a welcoming space for all residents, fostering connections and enriching the lives of everyone in the community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The County has agreed to let Green Garden move forward with their project.

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Homer Township

Homer Township is embarking on an exciting project to create a vibrant new community hub. A state-of-the-art Community Center will offer a versatile space for a wide range of activities, from athletic events to indoor gatherings. Complementing this, a new Community Band Shell will provide a stunning outdoor venue for concerts, celebrations, and other public events.

The project also prioritizes accessibility for all residents. Renovations will ensure that parking, pathways, and play areas are fully accessible, while existing trails will be upgraded to meet accessibility standards. New restrooms will be strategically located to serve the band shell, play areas, and trails.

In addition to these visible improvements, essential infrastructure upgrades are planned to ensure the long-term success of the project. This includes enhancing utility services, stormwater management, and landscaping to support the new facilities and create a welcoming environment for everyone in the community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is currently on hold.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66

The Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66 is on the cusp of opening its doors to the public, but a critical hurdle remains: the lack of a 6-inch water line. This seemingly small detail is a major roadblock, preventing the museum from obtaining the necessary permits and generating revenue. With limited funds, the museum is seeking assistance to install the required water line, which will not only allow them to open but also contribute to the local economy and cultural scene.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The museum has expended all of their funding and they were able to utilize \$6500 of their remaining funds to upgrade life/fire safety in the building.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Lockport Heights Sanitary District

The Lockport Heights Sanitary District's ARPA project involves the safe deconstruction of an aging water tower and the installation of a new water main system. By addressing the deteriorating infrastructure, the district aims to ensure a reliable and efficient water supply for the community. The new water main installation will improve water pressure, enhance fire protection, and reduce maintenance costs associated with outdated systems. This project is vital for public health and safety, providing residents with a dependable water source and contributing to the overall resilience and sustainability of Lockport Heights. The initiative underscores the district's commitment to modernizing essential services and supporting the long-term economic development of the area.


Current Status and Next Steps:

The anticipated completion date is Q3 2026.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Manhattan Fire Protection District

Manhattan Fire Protection District (MFPD) is forging ahead with plans for a new fire services development, the cornerstone of a larger public services campus. This state-of-the-art facility will house fire, emergency response, and administrative services, enhancing MFPD's capabilities to serve the community.

In collaboration with the Village, the surrounding land will be developed to accommodate the future Manhattan Public Works and Emergency Management Agency, creating a centralized hub for essential services.

As this ambitious project progresses, MFPD seeks ARP funding for vital water and sewer infrastructure. This infrastructure is essential for the completion of the fire services development and the overall success of the public services campus, ensuring the continued safety and well-being of the community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The advertisement for bid is being sent out this summer and will be awarded in the fall of 2024. The completion is tentatively set for Q4 2024.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Plainfield Township: Sunnyland Water Association Improvement

The Sunnyland Water Association, serving a community of approximately one hundred homes, is embarking on a project to revitalize its water infrastructure. The project focuses on the backup well house and tank house, both essential components of the community's water supply.

The backup well house, currently inactive, will be rebuilt and insulated, with repairs made to its plumbing. The tank house, which suffered damage from a ruptured tank a few years ago, will receive significant upgrades. These include the installation of an onsite generator, plumbing and drainage improvements, a new tank shutoff valve, a master water meter, and a replacement garage door. The damaged insulation in the tank house will also be repaired.

To ensure the project's success, the Water Association will partner with a local construction company, working closely with them throughout the process. This initiative aims to enhance the reliability and resilience of the community's water system, ensuring that residents have access to clean and safe water for years to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Tinley Park

Tinley Park is taking a proactive approach to ensure reliable sanitary service for its residents. The Post 13 Lift Station, a critical component of the Village's sewer system, is receiving a major overhaul. This upgrade will not only reduce maintenance costs and emergency repairs but also enable better communication between the lift station and the entire sewer network. By addressing potential problems in real-time, the Village can avoid costly repairs and keep the system running smoothly. This project is part of Tinley Park's ongoing commitment to maintaining its infrastructure and providing residents with top-notch sanitary services.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project has been awarded and they are moving forward with submittals to the design team for approval.

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Valley View School District- Brooks Middle School


Brooks Middle School, built in 1974, is facing the consequences of its aging infrastructure. The school's galvanized water system, corroded over time, is now distributing debris, rust, and scale through the potable water, affecting the kitchen, sinks, and drinking fountains. In recent years, the school has experienced significant leaks due to the erosion of the pipes, requiring frequent repairs and posing a risk of a major failure that could disrupt school operations. To address this critical issue, the school district is undertaking a project to replace the existing galvanized water pipes with L copper pipes and install new insulation. This upgrade will ensure a safe and reliable water supply for students and staff, while also preventing future leaks and disruptions.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project is set to complete by Q3 2026.

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Village of Beecher: Dixie Highway Watermain Replacement

Watermains along the project route were installed in the 1940's and 1950's using sand cast bolted water pipe which is currently undersized and very unreliable. The pipes have eroded away to less than 1110th of their original thickness and watermain breaks are the result of this deterioration. Electrolysis has also eaten away at the bolts. The location of these pipes are precariously located near the lane of traffic on Dixie Highway since the road has been widened since the 1950's. As the Village grew new mains were installed on the east side of the highway to service new subdivisions.

Instead of replacing these mains in their current location, Village engineers devised a plan to cross under Dixie Highway in several locations to connect the old system to the new system and abandon the old mains. This reduces the linear feet of main replacement and the amount of restoration and disruption of service required for the project. The most significant portion of the project is along the Will County Highway 24 (Indiana Avenue) where direct replacement will occur of a steel welded main which was installed in 1910. The new main will be HDPE plastic pipe in a jacked steel casing. The project will be directionally drilled to limit restoration and interference with traffic on Dixie and on Indiana Avenue.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project has changed locations from Dixie Highway to Miller St. but is still a shovel ready project that is generally the same scope. The Dixie Highway water main project came in over budget.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Channahon: Well No. 7 Drilling

The Village of Channahon is embarking on a crucial project to bolster its water supply and ensure the availability of clean drinking water for its residents. Well seven, strategically located on existing Village property, will tap into a deep aquifer, providing a reliable and safe source of water. This well is not only an essential addition to the village's infrastructure, but it also offers an immediate solution to concerns about PFAS contamination in the shallower aquifer.

While the Village is working towards a long-term goal of obtaining drinking water from Lake Michigan by 2030, well seven serves as a crucial interim measure and will continue to be a valuable backup source even after the Lake Michigan project is completed.

Well seven represents a significant investment in the community's future, guaranteeing a continuous supply of clean drinking water and safeguarding public health. It's a testament to the Village of Channahon's commitment to providing essential services and ensuring the well-being of its residents for years to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is currently underway, with the initial design engineering phase being led by Strand Associates. The next phase will involve drilling and construction of the well, funded by a combination of local resources and ARPA funds. This phase is expected to begin in late 2023 or early 2024. The final phase will focus on constructing the pump house and connecting the well to the existing water treatment plant, potentially with support from the State Revolving Fund.



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Village of Crete

In Crete, Illinois, a small pocket of homes in the old Lincolnshire Estates subdivision has long relied on two community wells for their water supply. These 26 homes represent the last remaining community well system in the area, a vestige of a different era. Recognizing the vulnerability of this aging system, the Village of Crete is taking decisive action.

This project aims to provide a dependable and modern water source for these residents, eliminating the constant worry of a system failure. By connecting these homes to the village water system, the project will enhance the quality of life for residents and bolster property values.

The project will also offer a safety net for neighboring homes with private wells. In the event of a well failure, these residents will have the option to connect to the new system, ensuring access to clean, reliable water at all times. This far-sighted approach demonstrates the Village of Crete's commitment to the well-being of its residents and the long-term sustainability of the community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project is nearly complete. They have submitted multiple requests for reimbursement.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Diamond

The Village of Diamond is enhancing its wastewater treatment plant with a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. This upgrade will enable remote monitoring and control of plant operations, improving efficiency and responsiveness. The SCADA system will be particularly crucial as the plant begins receiving waste from Will County, allowing for better management and minimizing the need for on-site labor.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The bids for this project were opened 3/29. Substantial completion is set for October 15th of 2024.

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Village of Homer Glen: Site Improvements and Community Center at Trantina Park

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of open spaces like Trantina Park in Channahon. However, the lack of essential amenities like drinking water and restrooms, along with accessibility issues, limited the park's ability to serve all residents, especially seniors, children, and those with disabilities. To address these challenges and meet the growing demand for accessible outdoor spaces, the Village of Channahon is embarking on a transformative project.

This initiative will revitalize Trantina Park by constructing a new community center with multipurpose spaces for various activities and events. A new band shell will also be built to host community celebrations and concerts. The existing site will undergo renovations to ensure ADA-compliant parking, accessible pathways, and inclusive play areas. Trails will be upgraded for accessibility, and new restrooms will be added to cater to all park users.

By upgrading utilities, improving stormwater management, and enhancing landscaping, the project will create a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. This comprehensive revitalization of Trantina Park will not only address the immediate needs exposed by the pandemic but also create a vibrant community hub for generations to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The Village had originally wanted the funds to be used for a feasibility study but submitted the application for the Fiddymont Creek sewer extension. The Village engineer is working on submitting a scope change for these funds. The feasibility study would still meet the intended use of ARPA infrastructure funds

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Village Hall

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Village of Manhattan

Gougar Rd. Water Main Improvements

A critical water main supplying over 500 homes in the Village of Manhattan is deteriorating due to corrosive soil influenced by nearby natural gas pipelines. This has led to frequent water main breaks, causing significant water loss and pressure drops. To address this, the weakened ductile iron pipe will be replaced with resilient PVC or HDPE, ensuring a reliable water supply and preventing costly disruptions.

Front St. Water Main Improvements

The east side of the village relies on a single 12-inch water main that is rapidly deteriorating due to "hot soils" from nearby gas pipelines. This has caused an increase in water main breaks, leading to water loss and reduced system pressure. The project will replace the old pipe with corrosion-resistant PVC or HDPE, spanning approximately 1,020 feet, to ensure a reliable water supply. The project includes erosion control and infrastructure restoration to minimize community disruption.

Current Status and Next Steps

The project has been gone out for bid and the consultants are working on selecting a contractor to perform the work.





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Village of Minooka

The Village of Minooka is taking a vital step to safeguard its environment and enhance the quality of life for its residents. By upgrading the aging equipment and controls at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), the village is not only improving treatment capabilities but also reducing energy usage and addressing long-standing issues. These upgrades will eliminate the risk of equipment failures, mitigate noise pollution, and optimize the plant's efficiency. Ultimately, the project will result in cleaner water discharged into the DuPage River Watershed, benefiting the local ecosystem and providing an added layer of safety for Public Works staff. This comprehensive upgrade marks a significant achievement for the Village of Minooka, solidifying its commitment to environmental stewardship and community well-being.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project was awarded in April of 2024 and the anticipated completion is Q3 of 2025.

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Village of Mokena

The Village of Mokena is proactively enhancing its water infrastructure by installing 2,854 linear feet of new water main, valves, and hydrants. This project serves a dual purpose: first and foremost, it will establish a crucial secondary water source for Clarendale Senior Living, safeguarding the community in the event of disruptions to their primary supply. Secondly, it will create a loop in the water system, bolstering the reliability and flow for existing customers. This investment underscores Mokena's commitment to providing resilient and efficient water services to its residents and businesses.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is set to complete now. The team is currently working on putting together bid documents to advertise for bid

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Village of Monee

The Village of Monee is addressing a critical vulnerability in its water infrastructure. With only one water main currently serving the area west of I-57, a failure could leave thousands of residents and businesses without potable water or fire suppression. To mitigate this risk, the village is proposing a project to install a second water main under I-57, creating a looped network for redundancy and increased capacity. This project will not only enhance safety but also improve water quality and availability for the growing community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is currently in the design phase and has not had any changes to the scope.

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Village of Peotone

The Village of Peotone is grappling with increased flooding due to heavier and more frequent rain events. The existing storm sewer infrastructure, particularly in the Conrad Avenue area, is overwhelmed, leading to prolonged flooding that affects residents and a local school. To address this, the village is proposing a project to improve the storm sewer system at key intersections and upgrade the receiving relief storm sewer. This project is a crucial first step in a broader effort to enhance stormwater management throughout Peotone.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project has begun and is nearly complete. The village has submitted multiple requests for payment.

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Village of Rockdale

The Village of Rockdale is enhancing its water supply resilience by establishing a new connection with the City of Joliet's water system. This project is crucial because the village's existing wells cannot consistently meet peak demand, especially during emergencies like fires. The new connection will provide a reliable source of water, ensuring adequate pressure and flow even during high-demand situations. It will also create redundancy in the system, mitigating the risk of service interruptions due to well failures or maintenance.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The design and bidding process will take place from July 2024 to February of 2025. The construction is set to begin in March of 2025 and be complete in January of 2026.

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Village of Romeoville

The Village of Romeoville is tackling the issue of corroded storm sewers in the Hampton Park Subdivision. The aging corrugated metal pipes have caused sinkholes and road closures, posing safety hazards and inconveniences. The village plans to reline the pipes, extending their lifespan and preventing future failures. This project will improve road safety, reduce maintenance costs, and ensure efficient stormwater drainage.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project was complete as of April of 2024. The contractors are still in the process of submitting final quantities to the engineers for review. They will submit requests for reimbursement once final quantities are confirmed.

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Village of Shorewood

Earl Road, a cornerstone of Shorewood's industrial history, is showing its age. The water main, once a lifeline for the area's businesses, has become increasingly fragile with time. Water main breaks have become a recurring problem, disrupting services, incurring costly repairs, and posing potential health risks. The Village of Shorewood is committed to resolving this issue by replacing the aging water main, ensuring a reliable and safe water supply for years to come.

This critical infrastructure project aligns with the village's strategic goal of reducing water loss, a requirement set by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. As Shorewood transitions to Lake Michigan water by 2030, replacing these problematic mains becomes even more crucial. By proactively addressing this issue, the village demonstrates its commitment to responsible water management and the preservation of the invaluable Lake Michigan resource.

The Earl Road Water Main Replacement project will retire the existing 12-inch water main and replace it with a modern, durable 12-inch PVC water main. The project will span approximately 2,100 feet, from US Route 52 to Geneva Road, and will include the installation of new valve vaults, fire hydrants, and water service replacements. The village will also replace any lead service lines encountered during the project, ensuring the health and safety of residents. This comprehensive approach will not only resolve the immediate issue of water main breaks but also lay the groundwork for a resilient water infrastructure system that will serve Shorewood for decades to come.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project was awarded in May of 2024. Construction is set to begin very soon.

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Village of Steger

Steger Village is taking a proactive approach to tackle chronic flooding with a multi-phase plan. A key component involves dredging the Susan Lane detention facility to enhance its storage capacity and improve outlet control. This crucial step will not only alleviate localized flooding but also work in conjunction with other planned improvements to address the broader issue of village-wide flooding. While this component is the most cost-effective, it plays a vital role in the overall strategy to mitigate the impact of chronic flooding in Steger Village.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is in the process of bidding.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of University Park

The Village of University Park is taking significant strides to protect the health and well-being of its residents by implementing a lead service line replacement program. This critical initiative aims to identify and replace aging lead pipes that connect homes to the water main, ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water.

The project involves a comprehensive approach, starting with identifying homes with lead service lines. Village representatives will then engage with residents, seeking their permission and cooperation to carry out the necessary work on their properties. Once access is granted, the old lead pipes will be replaced with safer, modern materials.

The project's scope includes inspecting existing lines, obtaining access agreements, replacing lead service lines, restoring the affected sites, and providing comprehensive project support. It is estimated that approximately 70 residents will benefit from this program, receiving new, lead-free service lines to their homes.

Current Status and Next Steps:

University Park is in the process of developing a plan for community engagement to determine how to go about inspecting piping in homes for lead and working on a way to remediate that falls in line with ARPA funding.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Will Township


The Will Township Road District is undertaking a crucial stormwater management project designed to enhance local infrastructure and address key flooding concerns. This initiative aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of stormwater systems, ultimately reducing flood risks, enhancing water quality, and promoting long-term infrastructure resilience. The project's primary goals include flood prevention, water quality improvement, and infrastructure resilience. To achieve these objectives, the project will involve upgrading existing drainage systems with new pipes and catch basins to better manage stormwater runoff. Additionally, retention ponds will be constructed to capture and gradually release stormwater, helping to mitigate flooding risks. Green infrastructure solutions, such as rain gardens and permeable pavements, will be incorporated to support natural water filtration and reduce runoff.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project's estimated completion date is Q3 2026.

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Wilton Township Will County, Illinois

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Wilton Township

Wilton Township is utilizing ARPA funds to undertake a vital infrastructure project focused on culvert installation. This initiative aims to enhance the township's drainage system, improving water flow and reducing the risk of flooding in the area. By installing new culverts, Wilton Township will address long-standing issues with water management, ensuring that roadways and properties are better protected from water damage. This project is crucial for maintaining the safety and accessibility of transportation routes, as well as preserving the integrity of local infrastructure. The improved drainage system will also support the township's agricultural activities by preventing water accumulation in fields. Through this ARPA-funded project, Wilton Township is committed to enhancing its infrastructure, promoting community safety, and supporting the long-term resilience and development of the area.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The projects are going out for bid this summer and are set to be complete at the end of 2024.

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Valley View School District

Valley View School District is taking proactive measures to protect its sensitive data from cyber threats. Recognizing the increasing risks associated with technology, the district is seeking to implement Managed Detection and Response (MDR) services. This will provide round-the-clock monitoring and response to cyber threats, ensuring the security of student and staff data. By investing in MDR services, the district aims to create a safer digital environment for learning and operations.

Valley View School District is also addressing connectivity issues between its Administration and Transportation Center buildings. The current residential-grade Wi-Fi connection is unreliable and prone to weather-related disruptions, hindering productivity. To resolve this, the district plans to deploy leased fiber connections to both locations, ensuring high-speed, stable connectivity and improving overall operational efficiency.

The district is also focused on upgrading the network infrastructure at its Facility Operations Department office. The current connection, relying on residential-grade Wi-Fi, is unreliable and hampers productivity. By implementing a dedicated fiber connection, the district aims to eliminate downtime and slow connectivity, ensuring that the Facility Operations Department can effectively support the school district's needs.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project is set to complete this summer.



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Troy Township

Ron Lee Estates, a subdivision in unincorporated Troy Township, is facing a stormwater drainage crisis. Built in the 1970s with minimal oversight, the existing system is inadequate and deteriorating. The main pipe is too small and poorly designed, leading to basement flooding during heavy rains. This is a serious concern as the high-water table in the area could lead to septic system contamination and even affect individual wells. To address this, a project is proposed to replace the existing pipe with a larger one, reroute it to avoid private property, and connect it to sump pump drainage. This will significantly improve stormwater management, protect homes from flooding, and safeguard the health of residents.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project has been completed.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Frankfort

The Village of Frankfort is embarking on a major enhancement to its water infrastructure. A new groundwater supply well, capable of providing a substantial amount of fresh water, will be constructed. This well will feed into a state-of-the-art water treatment plant, designed to remove iron and ensure the water's purity. To seamlessly integrate these additions, new water mains and sanitary sewer lines will be installed. A backup generator, landscaping features, erosion control measures, and a sophisticated SCADA communication system will further enhance the project's overall efficiency and reliability. This forward-thinking investment will safeguard Frankfort's water supply and ensure the community's future needs are met.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The Village of Frankfort has expended all ARPA funding on this project.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Village of Plainfield

The Village of Plainfield is looking to the future with its 143rd St. West Extension Water Main Improvements project. This initiative aims to extend the village's water distribution system into a previously unserved area, paving the way for commercial and industrial growth. The new water mains will be designed to meet the high fire flow demands of these developments and create a framework for future westward expansion. This project is not just about growth; it's also about enhancing the resilience and reliability of the entire water system, ensuring a sustainable water supply for the community.

The Village of Plainfield is also taking a proactive approach to its water storage needs. With rapid growth on the horizon, the existing Mill Street Elevated Tank is no longer sufficient. To ensure adequate water storage for peak demand, fire protection, and emergencies, the village plans to replace the old tank with a larger one. This upgrade will not only increase capacity but also improve operational flexibility and eliminate the need for an altitude valve, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project has been completed.

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Infrastructure | PROJECT PROFILE – 2024

Rialto Square Theatre Foundation

The Rialto Square Theatre Foundation in Joliet, IL, is utilizing ARPA funds to undertake a critical HVAC replacement project. This initiative aims to modernize the theater's aging heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, ensuring a comfortable and safe environment for all patrons and staff. By replacing the outdated HVAC system, the foundation will significantly improve air quality, enhance energy efficiency, and reduce maintenance costs. This project is essential for maintaining the historic theater's operations, supporting its role as a cultural and economic cornerstone in the Joliet community. Upgrading the HVAC system will not only provide immediate health and comfort benefits but also contribute to the long-term sustainability of the theater, allowing it to continue hosting a wide range of performances and events. The Rialto Square Theatre Foundation's commitment to preserving this iconic venue ensures that it remains a vibrant and welcoming space for future generations.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project has begun. Their anticipated completion date is Q3 2025.

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Spanish Community Center

The Spanish Community Center in Joliet, IL, is leveraging ARPA funds to undertake a significant remodeling project for its first and third floors. This comprehensive renovation includes the demolition of existing flooring, finishes, casework, ceilings, light fixtures, doors, frames, and door hardware. In place of the outdated elements, the Center will install new flooring, finishes, ceilings, LED light fixtures, and upgraded heating, cooling, and ventilation systems. The project also includes the construction of new metal-framed walls, along with the installation of modern doors, frames, and door hardware. This remodeling effort is designed to create a more functional, comfortable, and energy-efficient environment for the community. By modernizing its facilities, the Spanish Community Center aims to better serve its clients, enhance the delivery of its programs, and support the overall well-being and development of the Joliet community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project has begun. Their anticipated completion date is Q4 2024.

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Will County Fair Association

The Will County Fair Association is utilizing ARPA funds for a series of critical infrastructure improvements aimed at enhancing the functionality and comfort of its facilities. This project includes the installation of two separate generator systems for the north and south halls of the Atrium, ensuring reliable power supply during events and emergencies. Additionally, the heating and cooling systems will be upgraded to provide a more efficient and comfortable environment for visitors year-round. The project also involves resurfacing the north and west atrium parking lots, improving accessibility and safety for all attendees. These upgrades will not only improve the overall experience for visitors but also support the long-term sustainability and resilience of the Fair Association's operations. By investing in these essential improvements, the Will County Fair Association is enhancing its ability to serve the community and host a wide range of events and activities.

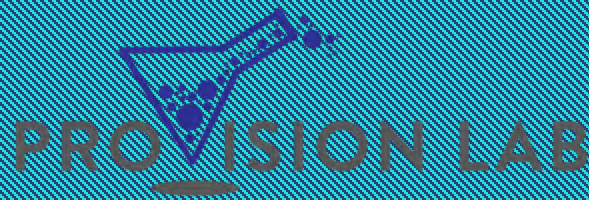
Current Status and Next Steps:

The project almost complete. Their anticipated completion date is Q4 2024.

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Provision Lab

Provision Lab is utilizing ARPA funds to undertake a critical infrastructure project involving the replacement of the HVAC system at Second Place Church in Monee. This project aims to enhance the comfort, safety, and energy efficiency of the facility, which serves as a vital community hub. By installing a modern and efficient HVAC system, Provision Lab ensures that the church can continue to provide a welcoming and safe environment for various community activities and services. The improved climate control will support the health and well-being of all visitors, reduce energy costs, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the facility. This initiative is a significant step towards enhancing the infrastructure of Second Place Church, enabling it to better serve the Monee community.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The project is 70% complete. Their anticipated completion date is early Q4 2024.

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is utilizing ARPA funds to improve the Joliet Sewer on Black Road in Will County. This essential infrastructure project aims to address longstanding issues with the sewer system, enhancing its capacity and reliability to better serve the local community. By upgrading the sewer system, Habitat for Humanity seeks to mitigate potential health hazards, reduce the risk of flooding, and improve the overall sanitation and quality of life for residents in the area. This initiative not only supports the immediate needs of the community but also contributes to the long-term economic development and resilience of Will County. By ensuring a robust and efficient sewer system, Habitat for Humanity is helping to create a healthier and more sustainable environment for all.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The anticipated completion date is Q4 2024.

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Southeast Joliet Sanitary District

The Southeast Joliet Sanitary District (SJSD) is committed to enhancing the infrastructure that supports the community's health and sustainability. With funding from the ARPA, SJSD is undertaking a crucial sewer project aimed at upgrading and expanding its sewer system. The sewer project addresses critical infrastructure needs by replacing outdated and undersized sewer lines, installing new trunk sewers, and enhancing the overall capacity and efficiency of the wastewater management system. This initiative is designed to improve service reliability, reduce the risk of overflows, and ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project's estimated completion date is Q3 2026.

Website:

<https://willcounty.gov/>



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Lockport Township

Lockport Township is committed to enhancing its infrastructure through the ARPA funding. One of the key initiatives under this effort is the South Fairmont Sewer Project. The South Fairmont Sewer Project aims to address critical infrastructure needs by upgrading and expanding the sewer system in the South Fairmont area. This project is essential for improving public health, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life for residents. The improvements will include replacing outdated sewer lines, increasing capacity to handle current and future demands, and implementing modern technologies to ensure efficient operation.

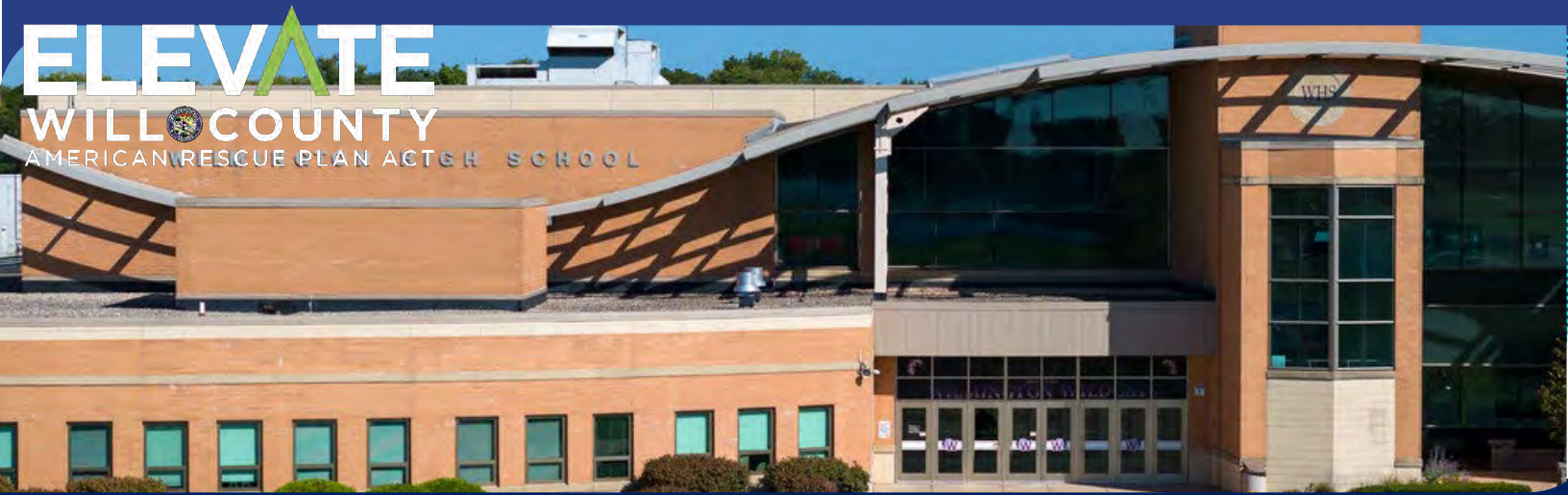
Current Status and Next Steps:

This project's estimated completion date is Q3 2026.

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Wilmington High School

Wilmington High School faced a critical situation when its air conditioning chiller failed in May 2021. With limited windows and ventilation, the school's aging HVAC system, nearing 30 years old, struggled to provide adequate cooling and airflow for students and staff. To address the immediate need during the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary chiller was rented, but it was clear that a full replacement was necessary. Recognizing the importance of proper ventilation in mitigating the spread of viruses, the school district embarked on a project to install a new HVAC system. After a thorough RFP process, a performance contractor was selected to carry out the project, ensuring a healthier and more comfortable learning environment for everyone at Wilmington High School.

Current Status and Next Steps:

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Crete-Monee School District 201-U

Crete-Monee School District 201-U is planning to upgrade its virtual server infrastructure. While details are not provided in the document, this project likely aims to improve the performance, reliability, and security of the district's virtual servers, which are essential for supporting various educational and administrative functions.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project's projected completion is Q3 2026.

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Crete Township

Crete Township is utilizing ARPA funds to construct a state-of-the-art community building that will serve as a central hub for residents. This modern facility is designed to host community gatherings and events, offering contemporary spaces for local organizations to operate and thrive. Additionally, it will house administrative offices, providing a centralized location for township operations. The creation of this vibrant community center aims to enhance the overall quality of life in Crete Township by fostering social interaction and engagement. It is also expected to stimulate economic growth and development, providing a dynamic environment that benefits all residents.

Current Status and Next Steps:

The new community building is expected to be open to the public by November 2024.

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Will County Land Use

The Will County Land Use Department is spearheading a crucial initiative under the ARPA to address and mitigate flood risks within the county. The Flood Buyout project is part of a broader stormwater management strategy designed to enhance community resilience, protect properties, and ensure sustainable land use.

Current Status and Next Steps:

This project's estimated completion date is Q3 2026.

Website:
<https://willcounty.gov/>
