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**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
2022 Report**

Will County, Illinois 2022 Recovery Plan

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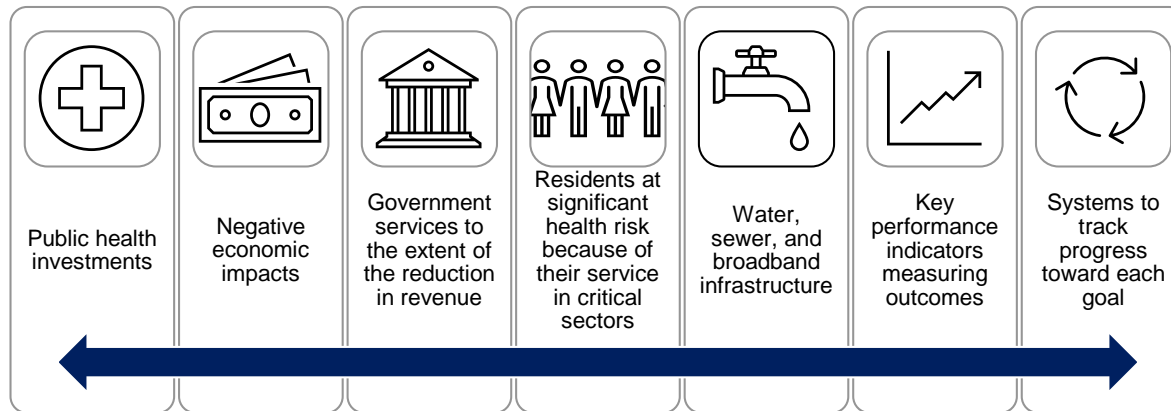
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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). The first half of the County's award has been received and totals \$67 million. The second tranche arrived July 11, 2022. 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.

WILL COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT			
Population	Square Miles	Median Household Income	Persons in Poverty (%)
696,355	836	\$90,800	7.2%

[Source: 2020 Census, [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Will County, Illinois](#)]

Will County is continuing to develop strategies to ensure equitable outcomes for target populations, industries, sectors, and specific businesses or agencies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes obtaining quantitative data, as well as qualitative data through engagement, to articulate goals. Overall, Will County is dedicated to supporting and addressing the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency.



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:

- 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
- Providing direct allocations to County departments and services
- Providing funding for flat-rate small business grants
- Providing flat-rate grants to key transformational County organizations

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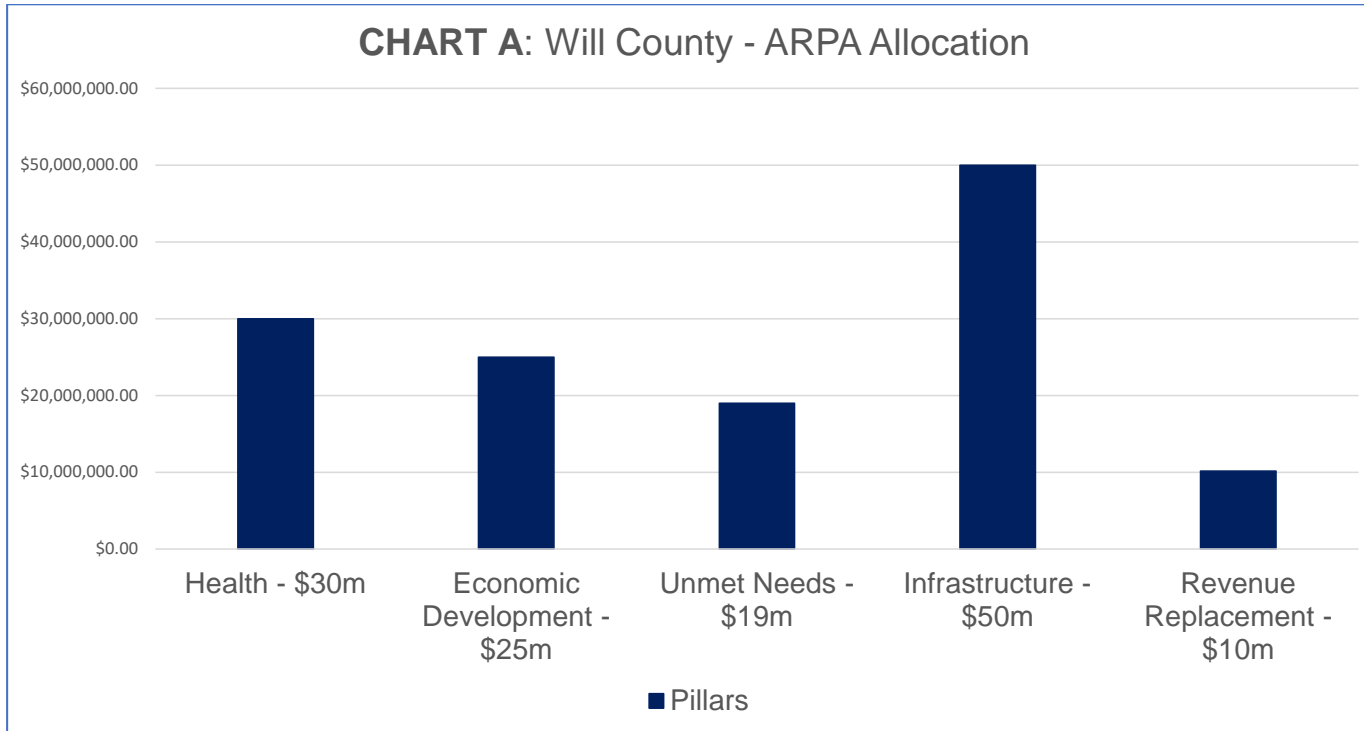
Will County has engaged the services of an SLFRF technical consultant to help supplement staff, assist the County in the program management and implementation of SLFRF program-funded activities, and help ensure regulatory compliance. The County is completing SLFRF Policies and Procedures through the next quarter. The policies and procedures provide standardized guidance for the overall management and administration of the SLFRF Program

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.

DATE	STATUS
Sept 2021	County Board engagement of constituents to express interest in allocations
Jan 2022	ARPA consultant advisors appointed
Feb 2022	County Board Resolutions set high-level allocation “Pillars” and delegate further ARPA allocation to the County Board Executive Committee
April 2022	Executive Committee Committee members voted to approve the SLFRF investment “Pillars” which include Health, Economic Development, Unmet Needs, Infrastructure, and Revenue. The approved totals are below in Chart A.
May 2022	Executive Committee Committee members voted to approve the SLFRF allocation “Sub-Pillars” within Unmet Needs which includes Townships, Fire Protection Districts, and Forest Preserve District of Will County. Each Township and Fire District received an allocation which will be applied toward an eligible use. The Forest Preserve received a flat allocation totaling \$3,500,000 and projects are currently being evaluated for eligibility. The approved totals are below in Table C.
June 2022	Executive Committee Committee members voted to approve the SLFRF investment “Sub-Pillars” within Infrastructure which included initiating a letter of intent for all water, sewer, and broadband projects, a broadband feasibility study, and administrative funds totaling \$50,000,000. The approved totals are below in Table B
July 2022	Executive Committee Committee members voted to approve the SLFRF investment “Sub-Pillars” within Unmet Needs which includes Library Districts, Special Recreation Associations, Municipal Recreation Departments, and Park Districts. Each District received an allocation which will be applied toward an eligible use. Additionally, a portion of funds will be dedicated to Public Safety as a grant application to be disbursed in the future. The approved totals are below in Table C. Committee members voted to approve the SLFRF investment “Sub-Pillars” within Health which includes Will County Health Department as a recipient and areas of investment including Food Stabilization, Behavioral Health, and Violence Prevention. The approved totals are below in Table A.

2. USES OF FUNDS

Will County approved the following allocation plan (Pillars) which is the high-level framework for ongoing efforts to review and approve ARPA-eligible projects within each Expenditure Category.



a) 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 seeks to provide funding to non-profit partners with projects that improve residents’ social determinants of health. The County Executive Committee approved \$30,000,000 targeting public health initiatives addressing the adverse impacts of COVID-19, prioritizing those improving quality of life. 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 - \$30m		
Entity	Allocation	Approval
Health Department	\$7,872,105	7/14/2022
Food Stabilization	\$4,500,000	7/14/2022
Behavioral Health	\$13,500,000	7/14/2022
Violence Prevention	\$3,000,000	7/14/2022
Undisbursed/Administrative (3.7%)	\$1,127,895	7/14/2022
Approved Total	\$30,000,000	

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 just over \$7.5 million. The complete list of projects expected to be funded through 2026 is outlined in the supplemental project list attached. While all the funds have been obligated, expenditures have not yet taken place.

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. This Sub-Pillar is set aside for funds to non-profit partners feeding hungry neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Additionally, there will be a focus on stabilizing the food ecosystem by improving access and implementing permanent solutions in food deserts. This is an approved Sub-Pillar which will be administered in the future based on the framework.

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. This is an approved Sub-Pillar which will be administered in the future based on the framework.

Violence 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. This is an approved Sub-Pillar which will be administered in the future based on the framework.

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.

b) Negative Economic Impacts

Will County has approved the Economic Development Pillar totaling \$25,000,000. This Pillar will be reviewed and approved with further Sub-Pillars as early as August 11, 2022. 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.

c) 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.

d) 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.

e) Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

County Executive Committee approved \$50,000,000 targeting infrastructure initiatives addressing the adverse impacts of COVID-19. Within that, the Sub-Pillars in Exhibit B were approved to bring focus to a targeted approach within the Infrastructure Pillar as a whole. To gauge the County's current backlog of eligible projects, a Letter of Intent was issued in June with a deadline of July 22, 2022, to collect responses and solicit feedback regarding the investment and stage of readiness for potential projects. Over 50 responses were received totaling over \$100 million in requests. Over the next few months, Will County will evaluate the requests, determine a prioritization, and collect detailed project applications to ensure projects meet all eligibility requirements. Additionally, allocations approved for Units of Local Government (ULG) may bolster Infrastructure initiatives.

TABLE B

INFRASTRUCTURE - \$50m		
Entity	Allocation	Approval
Water/Sewer/Broadband	\$ 47,000,000	6/9/2022
Broadband Feasibility Study	\$ 500,000	6/9/2022
Undisbursed/Administrative (5%)	\$ 2,500,000	6/9/2022
Approved Total	\$50,000,000	

f) Revenue Replacement

Will County is electing 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.

g) 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.

h) 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.

UNMET NEEDS - \$19m		
Entity	Allocation	Approval
Township (24)	\$3,500,000	5/12/2022
Fire Protection District (25)	\$2,530,427	5/12/2022
Forest Preserve District (County-Wide)	\$3,500,000	5/12/2022
Parks - Districts (21)	\$3,561,604	7/7/2022
Parks - Municipal (10)	\$695,160	7/7/2022
Special Recreation Districts (5)	\$254,775	7/7/2022
Library Districts (24)	\$1,375,000	7/7/2022
Public Safety - Open Grant Application	\$2,750,000	7/7/2022
Undisbursed/Administrative (4.4%)	\$833,034	7/7/2022
Approved Total	\$19,000,000	

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.

Public Safety: 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 municipal police and fire departments. If these agencies have expenses or initiatives which exceed previous allocations or awards, an agency may apply for the available public safety allocation. This would be a grant application process. It would focus primarily on supporting initiatives which address the below impacts and eligible uses.

GRANT APPLICATION	
Entity	Municipal Fire, Law Enforcement, 9-1-1 Dispatch, Emergency Management
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"> - Equipment (i.e., body cams, bullet-proof vests, etc.) - Technology (i.e., radios, improved software systems, etc.) - Training (i.e., crisis management, continuing education, etc.)

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 design continues, disproportionately impacted residents will remain the priority.

Program Design:

a) Raising Awareness:

Ongoing efforts will be made to ensure that community members and eligible applicants are aware of the funding opportunities as they're rolled out over the second half of 2022.

b) 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.

c) Measuring Outcomes:

The intention is to group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures to manage key performance indicators. Will County's GIS Department is developing 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 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 identified.

d) Goals and Targets:

The Sub-Pillars will be designed to prioritize programs that address disproportionately impacted communities through the preference given in application scoring. Evidence has shown that those disproportionately impacted may include higher levels of diversity, and therefore 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.

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

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.

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.

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 onboarded. 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 extensively researched to assure compliance is met. During future planning sessions, staff will work with the County Board and Executive Committee to outline a desired general strategy for using evidence and evaluation.

7. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Will County has not made any programmatic expenditures and, as a result, does not have a report on key performance indicators for each project. The intention is to group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures to manage key performance indicators. Will County is GIS is developing 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.

Required Data – Expenditure Category

Each of the following pieces of data will be reported for each Expenditure Category as applicable when projects are obligated and expended. It will be incorporated into the Project Inventory.

- a. *Household Assistance (EC 2.2), Long-Term Housing Security (EC 2.15-2.16) and Housing Support (EC 2.17-2.18):*
 1. Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)
 2. Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed
- b. *Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):*
 1. Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs
 2. Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs • Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs
- c. *Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):*

- 1. Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs 26
- d. *Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14)*:
 - 1. Number of children served by childcare and early learning services (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5)
 - 2. Number of families served by home visiting

8. PROJECT INVENTORY

Will County has not yet approved sub-recipient projects. Rather, they have approved allocations to Townships, Fire Protection Districts, Park Districts, Municipal Recreation Departments, Special Recreation Associations, Will County Health Department, and Forest Preserve District of Will County. Through the approval process, the County will incorporate requirements to report program data that allows for rigorous program evaluations to build a framework for all evidence-based interventions. Future reporting will include all subrecipient projects, expenditures, and required inventory data. There are no projects under agreement yet.

ARPA EC	FINANCE CODE	ENTITY	PROJECT NAME
UNMET NEEDS			
TOWNSHIPS			
		Wheatland	
		DuPage	
		Plainfield	
		Lockport	
		Homer	
		Troy	
		Joliet	
		New Lenox	
		Frankfort	
		Channahon	
		Jackson	
		Manhattan	
		Green Garden	
		Monee	
		Crete	
		Wilmington	
		Florence	
		Wilton	
		Peotone	
		Will	

		Washington	
		Reed	
		Custer	
		Wesley	
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS			
		Beecher	
		Braidwood	
		Channahon	
		Crete Township	
		Custer	
		East Joliet	
		Elwood	
		Frankfort	
		Homer Township	
		Lemont	
		Lockport Township	
		Manhattan	
		Minooka	
		Mokena	
		Monee	
		Naperville	
		New Lenox	
		Northwest Homer	
		Oswego	
		Peotone	
		Plainfield	
		Rockdale	
		Steger Estates	
		Troy	
		Wilmington	
LIBRARY DISTRICTS			
		Aurora	
		Beecher	
		Crete	

		Fountaindale	
		Fossil Ridge	
		Frankfort	
		Homer Township	
		Joliet	
		Manhattan-Elwood	
		Mokena Community	
		Naperville	
		New Lenox	
		Oswego	
		Peotone	
		Plainfield	
		Shorewood-Troy	
		Steger S. Chicago Heights	
		Three Rivers	
		University Park	
		Village of Orland Park	
		Village of Park Forest	
		Village of Tinley Park	
		White Oak	
		Wilmington	
RECREATION			
		Bolingbrook	
		Braidwood	
		Channahon	
		Crete	
		Crete Rural	
		Fox Valley	
		Frankfort	
		Frankfort Square	
		Godley	
		Joliet	
		Lemont1	
		Lockport Township	

		Manhattan	
		Mokena Community	
		Naperville	
		New Lenox Community	
		Oswegoland	
		Peotone	
		Plainfield Township	
		Tinley Park	
		Wilmington Island	
		Village of Elwood	
		Village of Homer Glen	
		Village of Minooka	
		Village of Monee	
		Village of Romeoville	
		Village of Shorewood	
		Village of Steger	
		Village of Symerton	
		Village of University Park	
		Village of Beecher	
		Fox Valley1	
		Lincolnway	
		Northern Will County	
		Joliet & Channahon	
		Western DuPage	
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY			
		Forest Preserve	Hidden Oaks Nature Center Campus Improvements
		Forest Preserve	Four Rivers Environmental Education Center
		Forest Preserve	ADA Compliant Trailhead Signage
		Forest Preserve	Old Plank Road Trail Enhancements
		Forest Preserve	Rock Run Greenway Trail Reconstruction
		Forest Preserve	Joliet Junction Trail Reconstruction
		Forest Preserve	Rock Run Greenway Trail Extension
		Forest Preserve	DuPage River Trail at Weber Road
		Forest Preserve	Wolf's Crossing Road Trail Connection
		Forest Preserve	Whalon Lake Parking Lot Expansion
		Forest Preserve	Hidden Oaks Nature Center and Hidden Lakes Bait Shop Sewer Improvements

HEALTH			
WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (WCHD)			
1.07		WCHD	Media Marketing and Health Promotions
3.01		WCHD	Safety/Risk Reduction Offer
1.07		WCHD	Outreach Van
3.01		WCHD	Vaccine Equity Incentives
3.04		WCHD	Communications Improvements - CHC, NBO, EBO
3.04		WCHD	Behavioral Health – NextGen (Electronic Medical Records)
3.04		WCHD	IPFlex
3.04		WCHD	Data Warehousing
3.04		WCHD	Learning Management System
3.01		WCHD	Recruitment Enhancement
3.01		WCHD	HR Assistant (FTE)
1.13		WCHD	Substance Use Program (start-up)
2.26		WCHD	YESS Program (school-based BH assessment program)
3.04		WCHD	PI/PM Program
1.12		WCHD	Psychological Testing and Diagnostics
1.11		WCHD	Training - Trauma and Crisis Response
1.11		WCHD	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
3.01		WCHD	Communicable Diseases - Program Manager
3.01		WCHD	Communicable Diseases - Investigators
2.13		WCHD	Employment - Registered Nurse (3 FTE)
3.01		WCHD	Communicable Diseases - Assistants
3.01		WCHD	Admin Clerk - Maternal/Child Health
3.01		WCHD	Admin Clerk - Immunizations