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Executive Summary

The State of Wisconsin (“State”) was granted \$2.53 billion under the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program (SLFRF). These funds along with other federal pandemic relief and recovery funds have been grouped into several programmatic categories: Pandemic Response and Public Health, Economic Resilience (Small Business and Impacted Industries, Workforce and Employment), Community Building (Capital Investments, Local Aid, Non-Profits, Public Safety), Education and Child Care Support, Household Assistance, and Broadband Access Expansion.

Throughout State Fiscal Year 2022, the Evers Administration utilized U.S. Treasury’s eligibility criteria to continue designing and implementing high-impact programs to serve Wisconsinites in communities across the state. The State of Wisconsin remains committed to investing these funds expeditiously, carefully, and effectively so that Wisconsinites and the state’s economy can continue recovering from the coronavirus pandemic while making investments to build a stronger future.

The State of Wisconsin is investing in all 72 counties and all 11 federally recognized Tribes with strategic allocations and competitive grant programs. These programs were designed with the input of local leaders, elected officials, community organizers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, higher education institutions, public school advocates, parents, families, and individuals.

Wisconsin’s strategy for investing in small businesses, families, communities, and the state’s workforce is part of a broader effort called the Badger Bounceback. Gov. Tony Evers originally launched the Badger Bounceback in February 2021 as the foundation for his 2021-2023 executive budget, which was crafted by engaging with Wisconsinites across the state through public listening sessions. Following the Governor’s executive budget efforts, the Evers Administration continued to listen to the input of Wisconsin residents and leaders to make historic investments aimed at ensuring Wisconsin not only recovers from the pandemic but bounces back even stronger than before.

The Evers Administration’s ongoing public and community engagement enabled it to design numerous competitive grant programs for communities and organizations. Additionally, the State identified thousands of small businesses that suffered financial losses from the pandemic and made direct payments to them. The State also invested in Wisconsin’s main streets with grants to open new storefronts, revitalize downtowns, and grow small businesses in all 72 counties. As a result, Wisconsin is now recognized as a national leader in support for small businesses and economic development: [according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), as a share of federal aid received by states, Wisconsin ranks second in the country for aid directed to economic development and first in the country in aid to businesses. Moreover, Wisconsin now sees the success of these efforts and investments to bolster the state’s economic recovery through historically low unemployment and the fewest number of people unemployed in state history, while the state has the largest positive general fund balance in state history and a ‘rainy day fund’ at its highest level ever.



Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers gathers with stakeholders to announce an \$86 million investment to provide funding, mentoring and assistance for small businesses and entrepreneurs statewide. The State of Wisconsin has been a national leader in support for small businesses affected by the pandemic.

Consistent with guidance from the Department of Treasury, Wisconsin has focused efforts on assisting communities that were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. For example, one of Wisconsin's grant programs offers funding to chambers of commerce and other economic-support organizations that are focused on helping businesses that have historically been denied access to resources. Those entities will in turn help to create, grow, and sustain small businesses in rural and underserved communities hit hard by COVID-19.

The State of Wisconsin is also making direct investments in community projects that will have significant, long-lasting impacts on the capacity of communities to recover from the pandemic and emerge even stronger than before.

Overview of Investments in Wisconsin's Badger Bounceback

Through June 30, 2022	ARPA SLFRF
Number of active Treasury projects	160
Amount allocated	\$2.53 billion
Amount obligated	\$1.75 billion
Amount expended	\$772 million
Funding for economic resilience	\$904 million
Funding for community building	\$609 million
Funding for education and childcare	\$97 million

Use of Funds

Gov. Evers has leveraged the State's \$2.53 billion allocation from the ARPA SLFRF program to fund Wisconsin's pandemic and economic recovery. These efforts have three components:

1. Respond to the urgent public health and economic crises,
2. Meet the needs of those hit hardest by the pandemic, including addressing root causes of inequalities or underinvestment that were magnified and exacerbated by the pandemic, and
3. Invest in projects and partnerships with local governments and nonprofits to address longstanding challenges that were exacerbated by the pandemic to build stronger Wisconsin families, Main Streets, communities.

The flexible uses of this funding have allowed the State to begin implementing a variety of initiatives that will have profound short-term and long-term impacts across Wisconsin. These investments have already provided a lifeline to Wisconsin kids, families, farmers, small businesses, and communities to fuel a strong pandemic recovery.

Public Health

COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention

As COVID-19 vaccines became widely available during the first half of 2021, the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths receded. When the Delta and Omicron variants resulted in a resurgence of cases in the fall of 2021 and early months of 2022, SLFRF ensured that the State had the resources to mount a comprehensive response. Under the coordination of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), the State joined with local and Tribal public health agencies, healthcare providers, and other partners to slow the spread of the virus and protect Wisconsin families and communities. SLFRF-funded initiatives include personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement, testing programs, vaccination programs (including a \$100 vaccine incentive), and cost subsidies for surge staffing of healthcare workers to high-need facilities. Allocations to this category are approximately \$440 million.

SLFRF also funded various public health-related efforts, including COVID response team transition operations, and PPE equipment and storage.

Community Violence Interventions

Studies have reported the pandemic was accompanied by increases in community violence, including [gun violence](#) and [domestic violence](#). Consequently, Gov. Evers and the Evers Administration have invested more than \$100 million into community safety efforts to keep our schools, our streets, and our communities safe. Victim Services Initiative and Violence Prevention Initiative comprise a suite of programs to support crime victims and invest in violence prevention efforts.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice is administering \$20 million in [grants](#) for victim services organizations, including \$200,000 for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which work with victims throughout the state.

Additionally, \$25 million has been invested in violence prevention programs, including the [Medical College of Wisconsin Comprehensive Injury Center's](#) (MCW-CIC) Violence Prevention Project and the City of Milwaukee's [Office of Violence Prevention](#), to support statewide research and community-based solutions that address the root causes of violence.

New and expanded summer youth programming and job training offer short-term opportunities and builds long-term community connections in Milwaukee in collaboration with Employ Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Public Library, and Milwaukee Public Schools.

Other initiatives related to safer communities and violence prevention are detailed in the Revenue Replacement section.

Behavioral Health

DHS is also administering two programs aimed at improving behavioral health services by providing \$5 million in grants to increase telehealth access. One program provides grants to hospitals and health systems to expand and enhance child psychiatry telehealth services. The other is a grant program for providers to partner with community organizations to establish neighborhood telehealth access points at food pantries, homeless shelters, libraries, long-term care facilities, community centers, and schools for people with limited access to technology and reliable internet service.

The Wisconsin National Guard has also received \$5 million to expand the [Comprehensive Wellness Program](#). The program provides Guard members with counseling, resiliency training, and crisis intervention and stress reduction programming, to help reduce burnout, take care of mental health needs, prevent suicide, and treat substance use disorders.

In addition, \$47 million is being made available for DHS's [mental health and substance use services](#) through American Rescue Plan Act funding administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Other mental health initiatives for K-12 and University of Wisconsin System schools are detailed in the Revenue Replacement section.

Negative economic impacts

Gov. Evers has directed more than \$1 billion of federal relief funding, from both the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and the SLFRF, to mitigate the negative economic impacts caused by the pandemic. Wisconsin's economy and quality of life depend on households, workers, small businesses, significant industries, and nonprofits. The availability of the SLFRF and the Governor's authority to act meant that relief could be prioritized to where it was needed most.

Assistance to Households

Wisconsin has proactively administered Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and Homeowners Assistance Fund programs. [Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance](#) (WERA) and [Wisconsin Help for Homeowners](#) (WHH) have respectively disbursed more than \$172 million (including both ERA Round 1 and ERA Round 2) and more than \$6 million. Together these programs have provided more than 140,000 grants to households facing financial hardships due to the pandemic.

[Safe Shelter and Homelessness Grants](#) supplement an existing grant program that provides more than \$6 million to homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, and youth homeless and runaway centers. This additional funding is crucial for a program whose need has increased due to unsafe housing situations exacerbated by the pandemic. Funds distributed and communities served are highlighted in the Community Engagement section.

Workforce Investments

Job training has been a major emphasis of Governor Evers' plan to recover from the pandemic's negative economic impacts. A strong labor force means high-quality, high-paying jobs for Wisconsin workers and a significant advantage for employers across the state.

The [Workforce Innovation Grant](#) program is funding unique collaborations among local organizations and stakeholders proposing solutions to regional workforce challenges such as reducing barriers to workforce entry, career training, childcare, skills training, entrepreneurship, health services, housing, and transportation. Through a synergy of public-private partnerships, this program encourages the development of leading-edge, long-term solutions that help businesses more easily find workers and empower those workers to prepare for and connect



with the family-supporting careers in their regions. Overall, more than \$128 million will go to 27 grantees that collectively serve every Wisconsin county.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) administers the [Worker Advancement Initiative](#) and [Worker Connection Program](#), which devoted a combined \$30 million to providing career support services, including employment and skills training opportunities. In addition, more than \$12 million in funding is helping improve and expand other workforce training efforts that assist underemployed and unemployed workers. These programs have already benefitted more than 1,500 workers through job training and employment programs.

The Evers Administration has also made a concerted effort to increase employment in the meat processing industry. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) [Meat Talent Development Program](#) uses \$5 million of SLFRF funds to build a pipeline of qualified workers in these important agricultural industries.

Assistance to Small Businesses

The Evers Administration is a national leader in prioritizing small business assistance. According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' recent analysis of state allocations](#), as a share of federal aid received by states, Wisconsin ranks second in the country for aid directed to economic development and first in the country in aid to businesses. Gov. Evers' Main Street Bounceback grant program has helped support more than 5,200 businesses and nonprofits across Wisconsin.



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Projects serving this purpose are detailed in the Revenue Replacement section.

Assistance to Nonprofits

Nonprofits have a unique role in serving Wisconsinites. By embracing partnerships with them, investing in their work means building stronger and more equitable communities.

In just SLFRF competitive grant programs, Wisconsin is investing more than \$330 million in over 420 nonprofits serving residents in all 72 counties. Nonprofit organizations are also eligible to receive Main Street Bounceback Grants of up to \$10,000 to move into a vacant property to defray leases or mortgages, operational expenses, or other business costs related to opening a new location.

Projects serving this purpose are detailed in the Revenue Replacement section.

Aid to Impacted Industries

Despite the resilience of Wisconsin's economy, some industries – particularly traditional in-person businesses – struggled during the height of the pandemic. Providing financial assistance to those industries hardest hit by the pandemic served as a lifeline to thousands of Wisconsin businesses.

Projects serving this purpose are detailed in the Revenue Replacement section.

Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

When residents, stakeholders, and agencies raised concerns regarding pandemic-created challenges, Gov. Evers used the availability of flexible SLFRF funding to address issues and make investments in the State's capacity. The proactive utilization of funds for these purposes is detailed throughout this Recovery Plan report.

[Aging and Disability Resource Centers](#), which serve Wisconsin residents and their caregivers throughout the state by connecting Wisconsinites who are aging or living with a disability and their families to services, resources, and benefits, received additional funding to address mental and other health issues the populations they serve that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

A security pay program ensures that more than 5,000 correctional officers and sergeants, psychiatric care technicians, youth counselors, and related supervisors received an hourly pay increase. State institutions face ongoing effects of the pandemic, including high vacancy rates and staffing needs, and additional pay helps boost recruitment and retention of these critical roles.

The pandemic also created unprecedented challenges in the labor market. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), as the state's employment and workforce agency, serves an important role on behalf of workers. Increases to unemployment insurance payments combined with record numbers of workers that filed for unemployment at the pandemic's onset served as unfortunate reminders of the outdated technology of the underinvested unemployment insurance system. Gov. Evers used SLFRF funds to invest \$80 million in the technology necessary to ensure that every unemployed worker who is entitled to benefits receives them in an efficient and timely manner. Funding to [modernize the unemployment insurance infrastructure](#) is a commitment to Wisconsin's workers in terms of equitable access, improved responsiveness, timely payments as well as fraud detection and prevention.

SLFRF funding enabled other upgrades to other workforce-related systems that match employers and jobseekers and collect and analyze data. The pandemic reaffirmed the importance of timely issuances of licenses and credentials, so systems that process healthcare and trades are receiving long-needed upgrades and technology-based solutions.

The pandemic led to backlogs in court and criminal cases as well as hearings and mediations. The State has dedicated additional staffing and resources to ensure these issues are processed expediently while maintaining sustainable workloads.

Broadband Infrastructure

The pandemic further deepened the digital divide in the state and underscored the need for high-speed, affordable internet throughout Wisconsin. Accordingly, Gov. Evers has prioritized broadband access, given its importance in education, for businesses, and at home. Since 2019, investments directed by Gov. Evers using federal pandemic relief funds, coupled with state-funded investments, have provided or will provide more than 387,000 homes and businesses access to new or improved high-speed internet service.

The Evers Administration has committed \$100 million in SLFRF funding for the [State Broadband Expansion Grant Program](#). The grants provide funding for tailored solutions to expand high-speed broadband internet to unserved or underserved areas of the state. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) received 240 applications with funding requests equaling more than \$420 million.

In October 2021, PSC awarded grants for 83 fiber-to-the-premise broadband expansion projects across the state with these funds. The State expects to install nearly 4,000 miles of new fiber and serve more than 31,000 residential and business locations with 100/100 Mbps speeds. More than 95 percent of the planned locations had 25/3 Mbps speeds or slower prior to the broadband investment. Upon project completion, all subgrant recipients must participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program to offer low-cost options to qualifying subscribers.



Revenue Replacement

Overview

Based on Treasury guidance, the State of Wisconsin has had an estimated revenue loss due to the COVID-19 public health emergency of \$1,458,919,287. The added flexibility of this subset of Wisconsin's SLFRF allocation has allowed communities across the state to recover financially and invest in unprecedented ways.

Investments in businesses, neighborhoods, and nonprofit organizations have been the foundation of the Badger Bounceback's goal of restoring and improving Wisconsin communities.

Small Business Investments

Nearly \$590 million has been directed to small businesses through the [Wisconsin Tomorrow](#) and [We're All In](#) business grant programs, which are funded under CRF and SLFRF. These broad-eligibility programs ensured that a significant number of Wisconsin businesses receive support to recover from the pandemic. In addition, several industry-specific programs targeted many of the hardest impacted sectors, including lodging, movie theaters, live event venues and businesses, minor league sports teams, and summer camps.

Small businesses and nonprofits that move into a vacant property are eligible to receive \$10,000 to defray leases or mortgages, operational expenses, or other business costs related to opening a new location. Under the [Main Street Bounceback program](#), the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has approved 5,276 recipients for this funding.



A small business owner in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, credits the Main Street Bounceback program with helping her business remain open and growing as it transitioned out of the pandemic.

The [Diverse Business Assistance grant program](#) awarded nearly \$58 million to assist 24 chambers of commerce and other non-profit organizations aiding small businesses owned by individuals that have experienced barriers to capital, a group of business owners that has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A complementary [Diverse Business Investment grant program](#) awarded \$42 million to 12 Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to support grants and forgivable loans to small businesses that are owned by individuals from communities that have in the past been denied access to capital or who have been underbanked, including those in qualified census tracts or other areas disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, these programs are an acknowledgment of and a long-term commitment to communities that have traditionally been left out of this type of investment.

Healthcare Investments

Emergency medical services providers will receive \$20 million through [grant programs](#) to cover increased costs and meet their needs. Potential uses could include increased staffing support, more training for first responders, or purchase of an ambulance, medical equipment, or other supplies.

Local Government Investments

The [Neighborhood Investment Fund](#) competitive grant program has awarded nearly \$232 million across 45 local and Tribal governments to make significant investments with long-term benefits to help neighborhoods recover from negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Nearly two dozen local and Tribal governments and nonprofit healthcare organizations will receive more than \$100 million for infrastructure necessary to increase access to healthcare and reduce disparities in healthcare services. The [Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Investment](#) Grants program prioritized communities and individuals in qualified census tracts as well as other populations disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Local governments and tourism-entity nonprofits faced decreased tourism activity, resulting in economic losses. The [Tourism Capital](#) grant program provided almost \$22 million to 27 recipients supporting their capital investment projects. Similarly, 120 destination marketing organizations are receiving almost \$15 million to restore the economic benefits of tourism across the state.

The Milwaukee County and City of Madison transit systems have received a combined \$25 million to restore funding as transit providers lost farebox revenues due to decreased ridership during the pandemic.

Nonprofit Investments

More than 130 nonprofit organizations are receiving nearly \$89 million through the [Equitable Recovery](#) competitive grant program that supports community-based services and programming that increases equity or eliminates disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing, and environmental justice in qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Wisconsin's two largest hunger relief organizations are receiving \$30 million to [reduce food insecurity](#). Each organization will have funding to make food purchases and increase storage, distribution, and transportation capacities.

Education Investments

[Beyond the Classroom](#), a competitive grant program, has awarded approximately \$50 million to 116 nonprofit organizations. These funds are helping recipients mitigate the negative economic impact of the pandemic and provide expanded opportunities to address educational loss and mental health programming needs.

Responding to the unique needs and challenges of Wisconsin's kids has been a top priority during the pandemic recovery. Wisconsin local education agencies were eligible to receive funding for mental health programs through [Get Kids Ahead](#). This initiative provides \$15 million to 450 local education agencies, including nearly every school district in the state. Students at the University of Wisconsin (UW) System schools will benefit from \$5 million in mental health support programs. Additionally, \$25 million will be put in place to [freeze tuition](#) at all UW System colleges and universities through the upcoming 2022-23 academic year.

Community Safety Investments

Community safety and violence prevention initiatives enabled by revenue replacement funds include additional resources for [Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories](#), the State's district attorneys, the State Public Defender Office, civil legal aid, local and Tribal [law enforcement grants](#), and the [School Safety Resource Center](#).

Reserve Funding

Reserve funding, which includes unannounced or programs in the planning phase, has been allocated as revenue replacement and other economic impact assistance for transparency purposes in reporting.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Overview

The Evers Administration approached the task of driving equitable outcomes by identifying opportunities for investment through ongoing conversations with stakeholders, partnerships, and community leaders. Gov. Evers conducted several virtual public listening sessions in the spring of 2021 to support the development of the 2021-2023 Executive Budget. These listening sessions brought together stakeholders and members of the public to

identify critical needs in communities throughout the state. From there, the Evers Administration continued its outreach with additional stakeholder discussions with groups throughout the state, including those that focus on working with communities, businesses, and organizations that have in the past seen insufficient investment.

Through these discussions, the Administration understood that Wisconsin residents and businesses were increasingly reaching out to existing community organizations and institutions with developed relationships for help meet these critical needs. To make the most significant impact, DOA administered a combination of business assistance programs for impacted small businesses as well as 10 competitive grant programs for nonprofit organizations and municipalities that were already engaged in the work of investing in communities and populations around the state.

Reaching Every Wisconsin County

The State of Wisconsin's efforts to create competitive grant programs afforded DOA the opportunity to offer funding to all 72 counties and all 11 federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin. For the Tourism Capital Grant program, the State created two primary categories of projects to fund: those above \$300,000 and those below \$300,000. While not specifically tied to the size or geography of municipalities, these two categories allowed for the funding of some smaller communities that might not otherwise have been competitive against larger grant applications and projects from larger municipalities. This helped increase the geographic diversity of municipalities receiving grants that met their communities' needs.

Across all state-administered federal pandemic relief funding, the typical Wisconsin county received nearly \$27 million of investments. Specific information regarding the geographic distribution of all pandemic response and recovery investments can be viewed on the Badger Bounceback website on the "All Investments" page in the "By County" visualization available at this link: <https://badgerbounceback.wi.gov/exploredata/>.

Addressing Disproportionate Impacts of the Pandemic

Reaching communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and those that have historically lacked access to resources, including rural communities, veterans, communities of color, and individuals with low to moderate incomes is a challenge not unique to SLFRF grants and funding priorities. That is why the State of Wisconsin pursued grant programs and funding opportunities that allowed funding to be directed to community organizations already doing work to promote equity for disproportionately impacted communities, such as those located in Qualified Census Tracts, or those with low to moderate incomes. For example, the Equitable Recovery Grant program is investing in nonprofit community-based organizations that have established relationships and trust with impacted communities, such as the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, Literacy Green Bay, and the Hmong Institute.

Additionally, the State of Wisconsin is preparing resources to support grant recipients as they execute the activities funded with this investment, helping to build organizational capacity not only to ensure reporting and compliance, but also assisting organizations in preparing for the work beyond that which is funded with SLFRF grant funds, so they are able to continue providing services even after available SLFRF funding is expended.

Diverse Communities

In the program applications for Beyond the Classroom, Destination Marketing Organizations, Diverse Business Assistance, Diverse Business Investment, Equitable Recovery, Healthcare Infrastructure, Neighborhood Investment Fund, Summer Camps, Tourism Capital, and Workforce Innovation, DOA asked applicants to identify the populations served by the proposed programming or services as well as how the grant dollars would assist applicants in expanding services to more individuals, including those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. For some programs, including Equitable Recovery, DOA asked applicants to identify the proposed number of individuals their new or expanded programming would serve.

The Equitable Recovery grant program awarded nearly \$89 million to 135 community-based organizations providing services or programming aimed at increasing equity and eliminating disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing, and environmental justice in qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on application data, the Equitable Recovery program could be expected to serve more than 700,000 Wisconsin families, residents, and Tribal members, many of whom reside in federally Qualified Census Tracts, are members of populations identified by the National Institutes of Health as being disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, or are residents of rural communities without equitable access to resources.

The Diverse Business Assistance grant program awarded nearly \$58 million to assist 24 chambers and non-profit organizations assisting businesses owned by individuals that have experienced barriers to capital, a group of business owners that has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Diverse Business Investment grant program awarded more than \$42 million to 12 CDFIs to support grants and forgivable loans to small businesses that are owned by individuals from communities that have in the past been denied access to capital or who have been underbanked, including those in qualified census tracts or other communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most programs are in preliminary administrative stages, so data on outputs and outcomes are unavailable as of the close of this annual reporting period.

From grants for broadband to out-of-school organizations to equitable recovery work, the State of Wisconsin's SLFRF funded programs have been designed with all Wisconsinites achieving their individual—and the state's collective—potential in mind.

Equitable Outcomes in Public Health and Pandemic Response

The State of Wisconsin has approached the pandemic recovery in a comprehensive way—determining how to have the largest impact on the most people. But the recovery from the pandemic must consider that the impact of COVID-19 was felt disproportionately by some communities.



Stakeholders detail the impact of the Diverse Business Assistance and Diverse Business Investment grant programs during an outreach event in Milwaukee. These programs support small businesses in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have historically had difficulty accessing credit and capital.

Since mid-2020, DHS has been thoroughly tracking data related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including [racial and ethnic disparities](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted health inequities across the nation and in Wisconsin. COVID-19 has been hard on everyone, but data shows that Wisconsin's Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

Inequities are reflected in COVID-19 vaccination rates. Many of the factors that contribute to health disparities may also be barriers that prevent people from getting vaccinated, as [the data shows](#) that non-Hispanic white populations have higher vaccination rates than Black or Hispanic populations.

As part of broader efforts to promote health equity in Wisconsin, the State has taken specific steps to promote positive public health outcomes of all people and communities, including:

- Locating accessible community testing sites in communities of color and partnering with community organizations and local and tribal health departments to support testing services for those facing barriers to access due to social, economic, or geographic location (i.e., rural, housing insecure, shelter populations, etc.).
- Providing contact tracing services in multiple languages;
- Distributing PPE to local partners throughout the state;
- Translating COVID-19 services (such as testing registration) and web materials into multiple languages;
- Supporting the expansion of patient-centered, culturally informed behavioral health care to communities facing barriers to access;
- Coordinating opportunities and resources for Hmong Americans, including investments that seek to address and close the gaps in access to mental health services;
- Prioritizing vaccine orders for vaccine providers that work with populations facing barriers to access;
- Standing up mobile vaccination teams, community-based vaccine clinics, and engaged in partnerships to expand vaccine coverage; and
- Expanding the [Vaccinator Matching Program](#) to allow organizations and employers to host vaccine clinics.

The State of Wisconsin recognizes that community-based organizations and other trusted messengers are experts in their communities' needs. These communities have been engaged in vaccine equity and other health-related efforts. The State collaborated with school districts and youth-service organizations to develop and implement culturally sensitive dialogue around mental health. Specifically, there have been collaborations with Hmong mental health partners to implement workshops and activities that increase awareness and promote local resources for families, youth, and elders.

Community Safety

Addressing community safety has been a critical priority for the Evers Administration. The State has partnered with local officials to support local programs for community safety and peace efforts, including with the City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). As part of its larger efforts, OVP has aligned all project planning and implementation with the Blueprint for Peace, Milwaukee's comprehensive community-wide violence prevention plan with equity at its core. The OVP uses geographic analysis of crime data as well as the

Blueprint for Peace to ensure that its efforts target the areas and communities with the highest violence prevention needs.

The Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin has assembled a diverse planning committee focused on ensuring that equity is centered in the design of the request for grant applications, including eligibility, selection criteria, and types of allowable interventions. Communities of different populations and levels of violence. Economic insecurity is a critical risk factor for exposure to violence. Access to healthy food, affordable housing, and life-sustaining jobs are all relevant to the shared goal of advancing safety and wellbeing throughout Wisconsin.

In the Victims of Crime Act grant program, the Wisconsin Department of Justice incorporates equity by considering systemic responses to gender-based violence and victim needs, establishing workgroups in response to emerging needs to help guide and inform the recommendations of the Committee, informing funding and programmatic priorities by integrating economic and social justice to promote access, equity, respect, and dignity for victims in Wisconsin. Availability of funding is often a challenge, so the infusion of resources is expected to improve program efficacy.

Childcare and Education

Supported by Get Kids Ahead, comprehensive School Mental Health Systems advance educational and health equity by ensuring that all students have access to the wellbeing supports they need when they need them. This work addresses systemic barriers to wellbeing for all staff and students, including addressing the social influences that impact health and wellbeing.

Recipients are encouraged to use funds to build and sustain a Comprehensive School Mental Health System (CSMHS). A CSMHS provides a continuum of services and supports to promote student and staff mental health and wellbeing. A CSMHS is not limited to treating mental illness or substance use disorders. Rather, it includes services and supports that promote social and emotional wellbeing, foster positive mental health and school culture, and eliminate systemic barriers to wellbeing and success for all students. A CSMHS increases health equity by ensuring all students and staff have access to the prevention, early intervention, and treatment supports that they need, when they need them, free of stigma.

The Beyond the Classroom grant program awarded nearly \$50 million to 116 nonprofit organizations to help mitigate the negative economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the organizations while at the same time providing expanded



Leaders of the Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin attend a special event at the White House. The Center will support statewide research and community-based solutions that address the root causes of violence.



Youngsters in a summer program at the Superior Douglas County (Wisconsin) YMCA wave to visitors. The Superior Douglas County YMCA received over \$490,000 in Beyond the Classroom funds to support to after school and summer programming during 2021 and 2022.

opportunities to address educational loss and opportunities for mental health programming when Wisconsin's kids needed it most.

Economic Support

In all small business support grant programs, considerable efforts were made to make eligible entities aware of the available assistance. By design, the application process was simple—only collecting necessary information and attestations needed to confirm identities and eligibility. As a result, a wide swath of eligible businesses applied for and received funding, often in a matter of weeks.

The Main Street Bounceback program has an embedded goal of creating an inclusive and equitable economy where all people and businesses can thrive. There is a focus on outreach and collaboration to help impact economic viability and growth. Efforts were made to market this program to businesses owned by people in marginalized communities, which in the past have faced barriers to participating in these types of programs.

Upgrades to the State's licensing and credential systems will pay economic and equity dividends. There are significant benefits to entering the licensed workforce. According to the Brookings Institute, licensed occupations pay higher wages than comparable jobs that do not require licenses. Licensed workers also stay in their jobs longer and enjoy greater stability over the course of their careers. They also experience lower unemployment rates than workers in unlicensed fields. However, there are up-front costs, typically in terms of education and training, for licensed fields. Meeting these requirements takes time, money, and, often, sacrifice. Therefore, it is important to prioritize fast and efficient entry into licensed occupations for qualified applicants. The State's investments in automating the occupational licensing process will yield direct benefit to the hundreds of thousands of current occupational license holders in Wisconsin and to all prospective applicants. These improvements will make it easier for individuals to apply and renew their licenses so that they get decisions more quickly and enter the licensed workforce more rapidly.

Resources for the state job center program allows for prioritizing of economic and racial equity by expanding outreach efforts to populations that have been traditionally marginalized, including the reentry population. A partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections was further enhanced through the expansion of Job Centers in correctional facilities to continue to reach this population. Consistent with diversity, equity and inclusion strategies, recruitment efforts focused on increasing staff diversity to better match the composition of the population it serves. The recruitment process included diversity at the resume rating panel and interview panel levels. The result was hiring staff that represent the diverse population served in the job centers across Wisconsin.

The Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) grants include targeted outreach to underserved populations by using the relationships that grantees have developed with community and faith-based organizations within their service areas to meet these populations in their own communities. Underserved populations that were targeted include individuals involved in the



Graduates of an Accelerated Industrial Maintenance program at Blackhawk Technical College celebrate their success. The program was made possible by a Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development grant through the Worker Advancement Initiative.

judicial system, non-custodial parents, long-term unemployed, Tribal members, individuals with disabilities, retired individuals, dislocated workers, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with limited English language proficiency, individuals facing substantial cultural barriers, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, LGBTQ+ persons, individuals with low-incomes, individuals who are basic skills deficient, persons without housing, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic violence, survivors of sexual assault, individuals living with or in recovery from substance abuse disorders, veterans, single parents, individuals age 55 and older, and individuals who or in or have aged out of foster care.

Grant projects include substantial supportive and wraparound services to enable participation in work-based and classroom-based training programs. These programs simultaneously provide upskilling, direct connections to local employers, and wage subsidies for participation hours, which immediately increase the economic standing of grant participants.

To date, WAI grantees have served 646 participants. Of those, 382 are currently unemployed, 161 are employed part-time, and 80 are considered "underemployed". These participants include 34 American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian, 26 Tribal members, 31 non-custodial parents, 245 racial or ethnic minorities, 24 veterans, 23 English language learners, 127 Unemployment Insurance claimants, 114 single parents, 58 individuals with disabilities, 118 justice-involved individuals, 109 long-term unemployed (> 26 weeks), six Retirees, 20 dislocated workers (as defined by WIOA), six individuals facing substantial cultural barriers, 17 LGBTQ individuals, 296 low-income individuals, 15 basic skills-deficient individuals, 37 homeless individuals, nine survivors of human trafficking, 53 survivors of domestic violence, 28 survivors of sexual assault, 58 individuals in recovery from substance abuse disorders, 11 individuals who are in or aged out of foster care, 108 individuals with limited or no work experience, and 22 new entrants into the workforce.

In addition to the 405 sectoral job training services provided grantees have provided 366 instances of career planning services; 4 instances of childcare assistance; 22 financial literacy services; 25 instances of housing assistance; 336 participation incentives and/or wage/training subsidies; 22 instances of job search assistance; 129 transportation assistance services; and 32 work readiness skills development services.

These services are made available to all interested and eligible candidates, with targeted outreach conducted with historically underserved populations, as described above. WAI participants are also co-enrolled with other workforce programs, including WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, Worker Connect, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Jobs for Veterans State Grant, and more.

Community Investments

The State Broadband Expansion Grant Program targets areas of Wisconsin lacking access to broadband service. Such lack of broadband access is known to disproportionately affect low-income households and communities of color.

In Wisconsin, communities lacking access to broadband are more likely to be low-income and more racially and ethnically diverse. According to U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for 2019, 42.2 percent of low-income Wisconsin households did not have a broadband subscription,



Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers highlights investments made to expand fiber broadband internet in locations that are currently unserved or underserved during an outreach event.

higher than the national average (34.9 percent) and three times higher than the 12.8 percent of Wisconsin households with annual income between \$50,000 and \$75,000 that lack service. Further, lack of broadband access is known to impact students of color at higher rates. According to Census Bureau data, in fall 2020, only 85 percent of households identifying as Black American, Latinx, or of Hispanic origin reported internet was always or usually available for child education purposes, compared to 92 percent for White households and 98 percent for Asian households.

Through a competitive subgrant process, ARPA Access Grants were awarded in areas of the state identified as lacking access to broadband service. As part of that allocation process, the Commission identified areas of the state eligible for funding by collecting and processing service availability data from internet service providers and the FCC form 477. Further, grant allocation gave priority to projects that incorporated digital literacy assistance and affordability measures, and projects that targeted areas lacking access to any internet service. By building broadband infrastructure in unserved areas and ensuring affordable low-cost service options for qualifying households, this program will promote economic and racial equity and will narrow the digital divide.

Investments in transit ensure that it remains a viable transportation option for individuals of all abilities and means. Communities in Wisconsin with high minority, limited-English proficient (LEP), low income, elderly, and disabled populations are more likely to face mobility challenges than communities with high non-minority, English speaking, economically stable populations. Projects administered under this program fund urban and rural public transportation operations which supports economic opportunity and racial equity. According to a national 2017 research study from the American Public Transportation Association, approximately half of public transportation trips are to travel to or from work. Moreover, approximately 60 percent of public transportation passenger trips are by people of color. Access to transportation is essential for assisting low-income workers in getting and keeping jobs. Given this, transit assistance projects provide important mobility options to disadvantaged individuals and have direct economic benefits across the state.

The purpose of the Just Recovery for Racial Equity funding is to provide support for community partners that are working to mobilize communities towards mitigation and recovery from COVID-19, and those working to elevate communities. This can include work that focuses on initiatives such as power building, improving community capacity, and/or promoting resilience.

The Neighborhood Investment grant program awarded nearly \$231.8 million to 45 local and Tribal governments for making significant investments with long-term benefits in order to help neighborhoods recover from negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

The Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Investment grant program awarded more than \$100 million to 23 local and tribal governments and nonprofit healthcare organizations to provide grants for investments in healthcare infrastructure necessary to reduce disparities in healthcare services provided to individuals living in Qualified Census Tracts or to other populations disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Destination Marketing Organization grant program awarded nearly \$15 million to 120 tourism-related nonprofit organizations and local and Tribal governments to assist these organizations with restoring economic activity in Wisconsin following the pandemic. The Tourism Capital grant program awarded nearly \$22 million to 27 tourism-related nonprofit organizations and local and Tribal governments to restore economic activity in Wisconsin through capital investments. Both programs prioritized investing in communities impacted by the pandemic—Tourism Capital was aimed at addressing communities and populations disproportionately impacted

by COVID-19 whereas the Destination Marketing Organization grant program was aimed at addressing communities that sustained economic impacts as a result of the pandemic. In both cases, these investments will prove critical to communities that may otherwise have sustained further impacts as a result of the pandemic.

Funds for Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority are being used to fill shortages in capital sources for multifamily affordable housing developments that have arisen due to rising construction costs and interruptions in the supply chain. Funds are being made available to multifamily housing projects that received federal or state housing tax credits in 2020 or 2021. Housing tax credits are allocated specifically to affordable housing developments that make quality and stable housing available to income-restricted residents. Stable housing is the first step toward helping individuals move toward economic stability, which has broader benefits for communities and the state overall.

Community Engagement

Overview

In Spring 2021, the Evers Administration conducted considerable outreach as part of the state's executive budget proposal for the 2021-2023 biennium. This included six virtual listening sessions for Wisconsinites to participate in the policymaking process through discussion, feedback, and story-sharing. Topics for the sessions included healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, education, safety and criminal justice, and climate change and environment. Stories shared by constituents during these sessions focused considerably on the impacts of the pandemic and the need for assistance in addressing continuing challenges. The Evers Administration has worked to incorporate this feedback into its ARPA SLFRF planning and programming. This public participation combined with ongoing stakeholder outreach has helped the Evers Administration translate the priorities of communities across the state into actionable policies.

Engagement to Advance Public Health

Stakeholders have been critical to the success of the state's pandemic response and recovery. On the public health front, DHS has connected organizations in need of vaccination supplies with organizations that have excess supplies and facilitated the donation process, as well as connecting organizations in need of PPE with the State's stockpile. As part of the Outreach Program Area, Regional Liaisons work closely with diverse and nonconventional partners, such as local and Tribal health departments, Healthcare emergency readiness coalition region coordinators, and confinement facilities and serve as a link to bring local partners and state partners together.

Developing Grants and Programs to Meet Community Needs

The State of Wisconsin engaged community organizations, local leaders, advocates, and critical industries. While some of this community engagement was driven by stakeholder requests, many programs were developed by seeking the expertise of subject matter experts at agencies like the departments of Health Services and Children and Families. In some cases, DOA solicited input from stakeholders to identify increased needs for services and supports that were worsened or continued to be unmet as the pandemic continued. The Evers Administration carefully reviewed these opportunities for investment and made a combination of new direct and competitive grants as well as invested in some existing programs that allowed for quick distribution of funds to meet timely needs.

Promoting Transparency and Accessibility

All competitive grant programs were announced via press release from the Governor's Office. For all grants managed by DOA, a designated webpage on the DOA website was created, on which the announcement and subsequent applicant materials were posted. For DOA-managed competitive grant programs dedicated email inbox was established for all competitive grants and questions were answered via both an FAQ document as well as on webinars held by DOA staff.

Grant announcements were also promoted on social media by DOA, the Governor's Office, and other state agencies. Many community partners participated in grant announcements and shared application links and materials with their members, community members, or stakeholders.

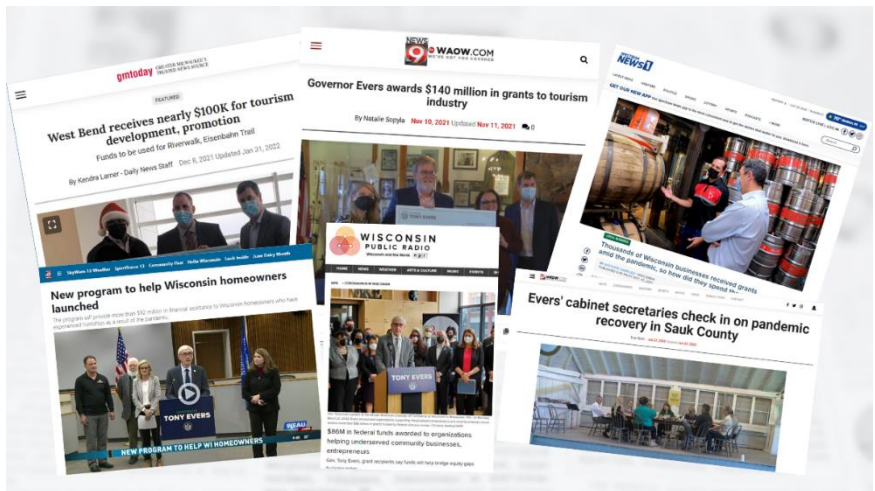
Raising Public Awareness

The State has employed a combination of outreach events, earned media, and digital media to tell the story of how these SLFRF ARPA funds can and do help Wisconsinites. Highlighting these investments not only strengthens relationships with existing stakeholders but also invites new ones to consider applying for additional grant opportunities.

The public awareness campaign encompassed multiple state agencies covering a host of areas, including: the critical investments made in Wisconsin businesses, families, and communities in every corner of the state; resources to combat homelessness and housing insecurity; strides toward a more diverse, inclusive Wisconsin; and initiatives to foster a workforce that meets the needs of the public. The Evers Administration organized outreach events that garnered media coverage, further amplifying the grant opportunities available to Wisconsin families, businesses, and nonprofits.

In addition to earned media, the administration also launched a digital media campaign to put critical information directly into the hands of Wisconsin stakeholders, notably through a new website and regular newsletter.

In the fall of 2021, the DOA launched the Badger Bounceback website: <https://badgerbounceback.wi.gov/>. The website was designed to direct visitors to relevant grant information on an audience basis. Short summaries of

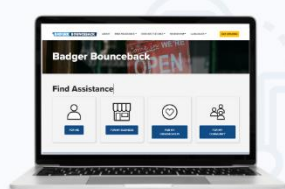


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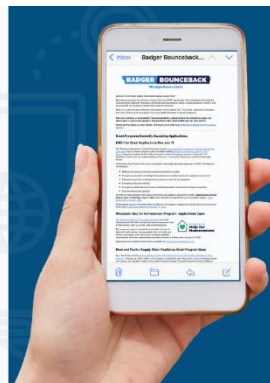
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- [Gov. Evers announces launch of Wisconsin Help for Homeowners Program \(WEAU 13, 3/8/22\)](#)
- [Evers' cabinet secretaries check in on pandemic recovery in Sauk County \(WKOW, 6/23/22\)](#)
- [How Are Small Businesses Bouncing Back? \(Spectrum News, 10/7/21\)](#)
- [Governor Evers awards \\$140 million in grants to tourism industry \(ABC Channel 9 - WAOW, 11/10/21\)](#)
- [How Are Small Businesses Bouncing Back? \(Spectrum News, 10/7/21\)](#)
- [West Bend receives nearly \\$100K for tourism development, promotion \(GMToday.com – Features Joel and Preston stop, 12/8/21\)](#)

available grants and links to websites where those ARPA-funded grants could be found were organized by “For Me”, “For My Business”, “For My Organization”, and “For My Community.”

The Badger Bounceback website has become a clearinghouse of resources and information about Wisconsin’s pandemic recovery, simultaneously helping businesses, families and nonprofits find assistance and sharing the results of those investments



The award-winning Badger Bounceback website averages **3,500 visits per month.**



The weekly Badger Bounceback newsletter has more than **13,800 subscribers** and an **average open rate of 55%.**

through data and personal stories. Designed to be informative and accessible, the website this summer was recognized with the [Platinum Hermes Award](#) and [Silver \(Centauri\) Vega Digital Award](#). The website is available in five languages: English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, and Hindi.

Started in August 2021, the Badger Bounceback Newsletter has since published several dozen issues and boasts more than 13,800 subscribers. This weekly e-newsletter regularly highlights the latest grant initiatives and programs announced by Gov. Evers, application information, and more. The newsletter has also posted high levels of engagement. The number of subscribers has grown nearly 250 percent since November alone. Also, while industries average [open rates of 21.5 percent](#) for their e-Newsletters, the Badger Bounceback Newsletter has averaged a unique open rate of 55 percent.

Community Safety

MCW-CIC Division of Violence Prevention has had significant engagement with communities throughout the state. Activities and involvement include meetings with city and county leaders in Racine and Kenosha, presentations at the 2022 statewide Wisconsin Public Health Association Conference and the monthly virtual Wisconsin Injury and Violence Prevention Partnership meetings, consultations with the Green Bay Police Department that has been tasked by Mayor Eric Genrich to facilitate community engagement activities to inform the cities violence prevention efforts, and a survey pertaining to injury and violence prevention priorities in communities across the state.

The City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention’s (OVP’s) work is guided by and aligned with the Blueprint for Peace violence prevention plan. The Blueprint was created with the input of more than 1,500 community leaders and residents who participated in extensive listening sessions to determine the goals, objectives, and strategies we now pursue. The Office of Violence Prevention engaged stakeholders and relevant communities most recently through a community-wide meeting on violence prevention. Held on May 24, 2022, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Zilber School of Public Health, this meeting drew an over-capacity crowd of concerned residents and community leaders/stakeholders. Overflow meeting rooms with remote video were arranged to accommodate the people. OVP received feedback on community needs and priorities, and led a Faith Community Town Hall meeting on May 31, 2022, to receive input from faith-based groups.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice’s Office of School Safety (OSS) engages, educates, and supports all school safety stakeholders in providing a safe learning environment for students, school staff, and communities as part of the School Safety Resource Center. OSS achieves this by supporting school-based threat

assessment/behavioral intervention teams, championing evidence-based violence prevention programs, supporting schools experiencing critical incidents, providing schools with free or low-cost training and technical assistance, providing schools direct access to subject-matter experts.

Childcare/Education

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has engaged in many stakeholder calls to gather feedback from childcare providers and other stakeholders prior to and during implementation of Child Care Counts, a non-SLFRF federal pandemic program. Each month the agency hosts a webinar for providers to share information and answer questions, and a call center allows providers to contact the agency with questions during standard business hours throughout the life of the project.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regularly interacts with schools to receive feedback and provide technical assistance regarding their CSMHS work, including focus groups, webinars, community of practice calls, guidance documents, and open technical assistance hours.

The DPI also partners with other state-level and local stakeholders that are key stakeholders in building and sustaining Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems, such as the Office of Children's Mental Health, DHS, DCF, and pupil services and administrator professional associations.

Economic Support

Stakeholder engagement has been a key in promoting the Main Street Bounceback program. Some of the engagement that has happened throughout the state includes announcements and events with stakeholders and communities, webinars, print media, and digital campaigns. Gov. Evers has participated in several events and announcements, highlighting the importance and effectiveness of this program. One of the state's economic development regions publishes a monthly digital newsletter that focuses on funding and events throughout the state that may of interest to those in the region.

Wisconsin has a robust network of economic development service providers. Regions work closely with economic development partners, including lenders, county economic development corporations, chambers of commerce, elected officials, and others to help promote programs. They also attend economic development group meetings on a regular basis throughout the region and give updates on the program.

Ongoing outreach is also an important step to ensure DWD's numerous work and training programs are meeting the needs of workers and employers. DWD sought input from Department of Corrections (DOC) personnel, including probation agents and supervisors to identify the specific community correction locations that would be appropriate. The Job Service staff engagement efforts include participation in local hiring events and community events, outreach to local libraries and community-based organizations. In addition, Job Service updated its service delivery map and the Job Center of Wisconsin website to provide more digital campaign information and more virtual service options for customers.



Restaurateurs and grocery store owners in Platteville, Wis., launched a tortilla production operation at their business with the help of a Main Street Bounceback grant.

To engage with stakeholders and increase accessibility to the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Program, staff at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is holding a live webinar in late July 2022 with meat processors and related parties. DATCP staff have also utilized existing relationships by equipping DATCP meat inspectors with the DATCP Meat Initiatives handout. Staff discuss the Meat Processing Infrastructure Program with meat processors in the course of their regular duties and may hand out these papers as applicable.

DATCP hosted stakeholder events with the Wisconsin Technical College System in July 2022 to highlight the Meat Talent Development Program. These events will include an explanation of the Meat Talent Development Program as well as the specific programs at each of the event locations: Madison College, Northcentral Technical College, and Fox Valley Technical College.

DATCP leadership continue to prioritize stakeholder engagement for the Food Security Program including making time for visits to food pantries who received funding through this program. On one recent occasion, DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski visited the Greenwood Food Pantry for a discussion with pantry staff about their efforts to reduce food insecurity in the Eau Claire area. While there, he heard more about their use of funds from the Food Security Initiative.

Community Investment

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) has long engaged with stakeholders in the development and deployment of its broadband grant programs. The Wisconsin Broadband Office supports the work of the Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access, which consists of state, local, and private sector broadband experts and advises the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature on broadband development. Further, PSC coordinates a statewide Digital Equity and Inclusion Stakeholder Group consisting of community stakeholders, nonprofits, local government partners, schools, and libraries focused on strengthening the digital equity ecosystem and development of a statewide digital equity plan. There is regularly conducted outreach with stakeholders, including attending events with broadband professionals and community partners, and maintaining relationships with internet service providers to collect and share broadband availability data.

The Wisconsin Historical Society's (WHS) museums and historic sites play a critical role within their communities and the state. WHS regularly engages with community stakeholders, local governments, and the public through direct communication, social media channels, newsletters, onsite programming, and other avenues as appropriate. A critical part of community engagement at each location is hosting large community events created in partnership with area youth organizations and civic clubs. Recovery funds supported the return of signature events such as Carriage Classic at Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien hosted in collaboration with Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc., and Legends and Lore at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle created with theatre students from Kettle Moraine High School.

Other Initiatives

The Comprehensive Health and Wellness Initiative has been creating an "ecosystem" of connections and resources to reach out to communities that would not normally receive such services. The program has built connections with current military care teams around the state to ensure continuity of care for service members regardless of their geographic location. Additionally, the program has worked with the Badger Yellow Ribbon Program to ensure that service members have the support they need when returning from or reporting to contingency operations.

Labor Practices

The Evers Administration remains committed to strong labor practices. The Administration encourages all grant recipients to use strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing wage and include local hire provisions. In addition, in all its grant programs and direct investments, grant agreements require that grantees comply with all state laws. These requirements include the requirement that grantees assure the State they will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, or developmental disability. Grantees also must not discriminate for employment, for contract, or subcontract. All grantees are required to have and submit to the State an Affirmative Action statement.

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Gov. Evers expects the SLFRF-funded projects to have significant, long-lasting impacts for the people of Wisconsin. Incorporating best practices and keeping an output- and outcome-driven approach help reach the ambitious goals of the Badger Bounceback. This section highlights some examples of this work.

Community Safety

The City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention prioritizes use of evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions. The 414LIFE Program replicates the evidence-based Cure Violence model developed by epidemiologist Dr. Gary Slutkin at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. Extensive evaluation research has shown this model to be effective. Many other projects are informed by research on social emotional learning, social determinants of health, and evidence-based practices for taking a public health approach to violence prevention. Program evaluations are incorporated into projects. For instance, the 414LIFE Program is being evaluated by the Medical College of Wisconsin's Data Informatics team.

County district attorneys across Wisconsin, including Chippewa, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Marathon, Outagamie, Rock, and Waukesha, participate in the Evidence-Based Decision-Making Initiative. This disciplined approach uses data and research to inform and guide decision-making across the criminal justice system. State and local criminal justice partners work together to systematically use research to positively change criminal behavior. The framework's principles include:

- Principle 1: The professional judgment of criminal justice system decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based knowledge.
- Principle 2: Every interaction within the criminal justice system offers an opportunity to contribute to harm reduction.
- Principle 3: Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively.
- Principle 4: The criminal justice system will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis and use of data and information.

To administer School Safety Resource Center funding effectively, DOJ engages, educates, and supports all school safety stakeholders in providing a safe learning environment for students, school staff, and communities. OSS achieves this by supporting school-based threat assessment/behavioral intervention teams, championing evidence-based violence prevention programs, supporting schools experiencing critical incidents, providing

schools with free or low-cost training and technical assistance, providing schools direct access to subject matter experts.

Child Care/Education

Beyond the Classroom served 38,893 students during the summer 2021 reporting period. Of those, recipients reported that 15,219 students participated in evidence-based tutoring programs. Sylvan Learning and the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha showed significant improvements in reading abilities of participating students following the first-year academic tutoring program.

Economic Support

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) gathered demographic information from its Main Street Bounceback Grant recipients. Of the 5,276 approved applications from all nine of the state's regional partners, 70 percent of applicants self-identified as belonging to at least one of the following demographics: minority-owned (32 percent), woman-owned (57 percent), veteran-owned (5 percent), disabled-owned (3 percent), LGBTQ-owned (5 percent). This data helps WEDC evaluate how businesses utilized grant funding, continue the communication and relationship building between partners and local businesses served, and identify areas that may need better outreach.

System and Application Upgrades at DWD will address future evidence-based interventions and program evaluations that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will provide to DWD to follow as well as business-identified practices needed to advance reporting metrics.

DWD Job Service staff have used the Labor Market Information to develop recruitment strategies with and for employers. DWD have used this information to target specific populations in hopes of increasing their participation in the labor market. Staff efforts are all evidence-based projects or aimed at providing evidence to support local/state interventions and help maximize impacts in addressing workforce and economic concerns while building racial equity opportunities.

Community Investment

Project Resiliency targets improvements in mental health among the Hmong population. The State's community partner, Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association, collaborated on a community mental health needs and assets study to evaluate the Hmong community's mental health, awareness, and access to behavioral health services. There were 14 townhall sessions (10 in-person, four virtual) conducted over the course of approximately three months to ensure that there was sufficient reach to Hmong participants throughout Wisconsin. A total of 162 community members engaged in the town hall sessions representing youth, young adults (18-40), and older adults. Themes from these town hall sessions included:

- Trauma-informed care for Hmong older adults and elders were lacking. Many have experienced displacement and disruption to key structures that ensured key social and community ties.
- Cultural identity and a strong sense of belonging within a bicultural worldview is critical to creating mental health awareness, access, and service utilization.
- Hmong communities perceive mental health services lacking the necessary policies and practices that are in alignment with communities' values and norms.

Safe Shelter and Homelessness Grants funds are considered and evaluated for effectiveness through the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH). The ICH meets under existing statutory authority with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness in the state of Wisconsin. ICH workgroups develop strategies, make

recommendations, and develop performance metrics for state funding intended to alleviate or prevent homelessness. Data will be evaluated for effectiveness in providing additional shelter nights for persons experiencing homelessness and across a racial equity framework to evaluate whether SSHG funding was awarded to agencies that provided equitable services and if funding was effectively directed toward underrepresented communities.

Other Initiatives

The Comprehensive Health and Wellness Initiative builds evaluative tools and program intervention in everything it does. Staff are required to collect and report data on the effectiveness of treatments to build robust and rigorous support for the service members in the Wisconsin National Guard. Cognitive behavior therapy from licensed clinical social workers, motivational interviewing from the dietician and health coaches, survivor support from the sexual assault coordinator, and the framework for intervention are all based on Kotter's eight-step change management model and dialogical organization development principles. The agency collects data in the areas of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), anonymous interviews, University of California-Los Angeles loneliness inventory, and other pre/post subjective well-being metrics.

Project Inventory

Project 00000 ARPASTATEOPS: Administrative and Operations Expenses

Funding amount: \$21,661,130

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

Project Overview: This program funds operations, including contract administration, project management, fiscal oversight, procurement, and reporting.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to administer federal pandemic relief-funded programs.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 47500 ARPADAJ: Assistant District Attorney Initiative

Funding amount: \$10,604,824

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: This program provides staffing and resources to hire assistant district attorneys.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to reduce existing caseloads and court backlogs.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPABHJ: Behavioral Telehealth Services

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Project Overview: This program invests in telehealth services, including access to mental and behavioral health services, child psychiatry telehealth services, and neighborhood telehealth access points. It is split between two grant programs—one for hospitals and health systems to administer child psychiatry telehealth services, and the

other for provider-organization partnerships to establish telehealth access points at convenient community locations.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to make mental and behavioral health services more widely available. All spending supports evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPAOUTSCHL: Beyond the Classroom Grants

Funding amount: \$50,110,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides funding to non-profit organizations that offer educational and support services to children between 5 and 17 years old. Funding is used to increase enrollment capacity, additional learning opportunities, and increased mental health supports.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: This goal is to provide more and better educational and support services to students across Wisconsin. Of the nearly 39,000 students affected by this program's funding in Summer 2021, almost 40 percent participated in evidence-based tutoring.

Performance Report: 116 nonprofit organizations served 38,893 students during the summer 2021 reporting period. Of those, recipients reported that 15,219 students participated in evidence-based tutoring programs.

Project 15500 ARPABRDBAND: Broadband Access Grants

Funding amount: \$103,421,200

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This program provides funding for the Broadband Expansion Grant Program. Broadband access became ever more important during the pandemic, and competitive grant funding aims to bring broadband infrastructure to harder-to-reach communities across the state.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 719: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$66,225

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 1 business and 53 residential locations in the town of Big Bend in Rusk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 720: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$421,948

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 1 businesses and 247 residential locations in the town of Jackson in Burnett county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 721: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$252,264

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 152 residential locations in the town of Oakland in Burnett county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 722: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$90,346

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 5 businesses and 184 residential locations in the town of Pleasant Springs in Dane county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 723: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$144,804

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 11 businesses and 69 residential locations in the town of Lafayette in Walworth county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 724: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$3,625,483

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 93 businesses and 468 residential locations in the towns of Bear Lake, Oak Grove, Sarona, and Cedar Lake in Washburn and Barron counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 725: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$4,093,321

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 24 businesses and 511 residential locations in the towns of Birchwood and Edgewater in Washburn and Sawyer counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 726: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$185,530

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 9 businesses and 13 residential locations in the towns of Wilson, Cedar Lake, and Birchwood in Washburn, Barron, and Rusk counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 727: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$878,700

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 19 businesses and 57 residential locations in the town of Otter Creek in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 728: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$4,233,425

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 75 businesses and 690 residential locations in the towns of Sarona, Madge, Beaver Brook, and Long Lake in Washburn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 729: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$349,658

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 12 businesses and 187 residential locations in the town of Washington in Vilas county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 730: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$540,057

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 17 businesses and 149 residential locations in the town of Lorain in Polk county

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 762: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$179,048

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 4 businesses and 140 residential locations in the town of Foster in Clark county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BRDBAND 763: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,060,178

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 78 businesses and 232 residential locations in the town of Washington in Door county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 769: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,088,791

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 25 businesses and 780 residential locations in the towns of Armenia, Clearfield, Finley, and Necedah in Juneau county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 770: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$943,333

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 7 businesses and 177 residential locations in the towns of Harrison and Potosi in Grant county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 771: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,177,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 338 residential locations in the town of Alma in Jackson county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 772: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,137,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 160 residential locations in the town of Naples in Buffalo county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 773: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,585,200

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 142 businesses and 142 residential locations in the town of Mondovi in Buffalo county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 774: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,080,103

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 100 residential locations in the towns of River Falls and Clifton in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 775: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$537,725

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 6 businesses and 120 residential locations in the city of River Falls and the town of Clifton in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 776: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,293,497

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 390 residential locations in the towns of River Falls, El Paso, and Martell in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 777: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$591,698

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 250 residential locations in the towns of Ellsworth, El Paso, and Hartland in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 778: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$712,130

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 8 businesses and 142 residential locations in the towns of Oak Grove and Clifton in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 779: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$507,549

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 2 businesses and 214 residential locations in the town of Oak Grove in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 780: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$627,174

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 5 businesses and 255 residential locations in the towns of Ellsworth, El Paso, and Martell in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 781: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$804,340

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 14 businesses and 360 residential locations in the city of River Falls and the towns of Kinnickinnic and River Falls in Pierce and St. Croix counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 782: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$575,465

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 6 businesses and 200 residential locations in the towns of River Falls, Trimble, and Oak Grove in Pierce county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 786: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$544,850

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise to reach 13 businesses and 156 residential locations in the towns of Antigo, Neva, Upham and Polar in Langlade county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 787: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$543,400

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 4 businesses and 148 residential locations in the towns of Almon, Stockbridge, and Red Springs in Shawano county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 788: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 3 businesses and 96 residential locations in the town of Norrie in Marathon county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 789: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,130,629

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 102 businesses and 1036 residential locations in the city of Glenwood, and the villages of Downing and Boyceville in St. Croix and Dunn counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 790: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,283,772

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 65 businesses and 1268 residential locations in the Reservation of Mole Lake Indians, and the towns of Lincoln, Laona, Blackwell, Argonne, Hiles, Crandon, Nashville, Three Lakes, and Washin

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 791: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$318,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 1 businesses and 44 residential locations in the town of Liberty Grove in Door county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 792: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,362,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 28 businesses and 404 residential locations in the towns of Honey Creek, Westfield, Baraboo, and Freedom in Sauk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 793: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,025,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 23 businesses and 479 residential locations in the village of Arena, the towns of Arena and Wyoming, and the communities of Coon Rock, Helena, and Wyoming in Iowa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 794: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$3,757,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 57 businesses and 625 residential locations in the village of Plain and towns of Bear Creek, Franklin, Buena Vista, and Ithaca in Sauk and Richland counties.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 795: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$3,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 40 businesses and 652 residential locations in the towns of Troy, Honey Creek, Prairie du Sac, and Sumpter in Sauk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 797: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$223,530

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 45 residential locations in the town of Anderson in Burnett county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 798: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$251,545

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 35 residential locations in the town of Union in Burnett county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 799: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$403,324

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 102 residential locations in the town of Sterling in Polk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 801: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$5,697,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 52 businesses and 993 residential locations in the towns of Freeman, Utica, and Seneca, and the villages of Mount Sterling and Lynxville in Crawford county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 803: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$673,650

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 15 businesses and 150 residential locations in the towns of Cleveland, Estella, Lake Holcombe, and Ruby in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 804: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$436,403

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 13 businesses and 98 residential locations in the towns of Arthur and Colburn in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 805: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,065,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 15 businesses and 269 residential locations in the towns of Delmar, Edson, Sigel, and Goetz in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 806: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$980,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 18 businesses and 668 residential locations in the communities of Little Falls, Joel, Lykens, Wanderoos, and Deronda in Polk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 807: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,216,759

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 5 businesses and 200 residential locations in the town of Eagle Point in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 808: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$663,340

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 3 businesses and 97 residential locations in the town of Tilden in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 809: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$333,200

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 7 businesses and 300 residential locations in the town of Alden in Polk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 810: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 26 businesses and 202 residential locations in the town of Cross in Buffalo county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 811: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$624,750

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 2 businesses and 145 residential locations in the towns of Lindina and Summit in Juneau county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 812: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$949,500

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 1 business and 210 residential locations in the town of Woodland in Sauk county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 813: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$538,645

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 2 businesses and 235 residential locations in the town of Adams in Adams county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 814: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$901,679

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 2 businesses and 205 residential locations in Columbia county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 815: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$324,091

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 8 businesses and 121 residential locations in the towns of Packwaukee and Harris in Marquette county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 816: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,422,837

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 641 residential locations in the towns of Mecan, Shields, and Montello in Marquette county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 817: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$986,180

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 15 businesses and 600 residential locations in the town of Quincy in Adams county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 818: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$790,568

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 3 businesses and 313 residential locations in the town of Springfield in Marquette county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 819: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$998,510

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 5 businesses and 493 residential locations in the town of Adams in Adams county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 820: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$483,365

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 13 businesses and 248 residential locations in the city of Washburn and towns of Washburn and Barksdale in Bayfield county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 821: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$613,130

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 20 businesses and 153 residential locations in the town of Lenroot in Sawyer county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 822: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$141,070

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 37 residential locations in the town of Barnes in Bayfield county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 823: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$624,580

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 24 businesses and 185 residential locations in the town of Barksdale in Bayfield county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 824: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,994,994

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 46 businesses and 1377 residential locations in the city of Phillips and towns of Worcester, Elk, Emery, Hackett, and Harmony in Price county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 825: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,364,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 1 business and 393 residential locations in the towns of Clayton, Scott, and Haney in Crawford county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 826: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,383,320

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 17 businesses and 328 residential locations in the town of Elk Mound in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 827: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$857,915

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 13 businesses and 240 residential locations in the town of Lucas in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 828: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,069,815

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 15 businesses and 286 residential locations in the town of Menomonie in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 829: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,479,140

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 24 businesses and 457 residential locations in the town of Red Cedar in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 830: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$794,835

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 8 businesses and 146 residential locations in the town of Spring Brook in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 831: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,506,790

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 16 businesses and 313 residential locations in the town of Stanton in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 832: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,438,035

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 17 businesses and 326 residential locations in the town of Tainter in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 833: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$869,545

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 13 businesses and 254 residential locations in the town of Brunswick in Eau Claire county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 834: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$529,635

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 6 businesses and 112 residential locations in the town of Howard in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 835: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$616,285

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 7 businesses and 126 residential locations in the town of Weston in Dunn county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 836: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,421,630

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 18 businesses and 341 residential locations in the town of Wheaton in Chippewa county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 841: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$133,654

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 39 residential locations in the town of Janesville in Rock county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 842: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$872,171

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 918 residential locations in the towns of Paris and Brighton, and the village of Bristol in Kenosha county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 843: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$2,244,450

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 47 businesses and 1531 residential locations in the cities of Whitewater and Elkhorn, the villages of Walworth and Bloomfield, and the towns of Walworth, Linn, Bloomfield, Whitewater, La G

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 844: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$629,616

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 2000 residential locations in the town of Yorkville and the villages of Rochester and Union Grove in Racine county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 845: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$1,595,464

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 9 businesses and 375 residential locations in the towns of Mountain and Riverview in Oconto County.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 846: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$6,041,269

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 10 businesses and 260 residential locations in Ashland county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 15500 BROADBND 847: Broadband Assistance

Funding amount: \$147,640

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects

Project Overview: This project will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 4 businesses and 101 residential locations in the town of Dayton in Waupaca county.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband service to Wisconsin businesses and households, particularly those locations that are underserved and unserved.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 43700 ARPAWISTAF: Civil Legal Services

Funding amount: \$8,064,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides aid for pandemic-related civil legal issues related to housing; access to unemployment benefits, job opportunities, and healthcare; and other economic hardships.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to make legal representation to the most vulnerable Wisconsinites.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 46500 ARPAWINGCHWI: Comprehensive Health and Wellness Initiative

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program funds expanded mental health support and services for members of the Wisconsin National Guard.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to increase mental health services for members of the Wisconsin National Guard.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPACONCRD27: Concordia 27

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program invests funding to convert a vacant building into a multi-faceted community center.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support economic growth and community development in the neighborhood.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPACOVERWI: Covering Wisconsin

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds a navigator agency to support outreach, awareness, and enrollment related to health insurance options for Wisconsin residents.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide resources to support health insurance outreach, awareness, and enrollment to mitigate the high levels of disruptions to insurance coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 00000 ARPATESTING: COVID-19 Testing

Funding amount: \$228,523,792

Project Expenditure Category: 1.2-COVID-19 Testing

Project Overview: This program provides funding for lab testing and specimen collection, state employee COVID-19 testing, and a testing pilot program.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goals are to expand testing capacity to identify COVID-19 cases and mitigate spread of COVID-19 and provide resources tailored to meet state need for COVID-19 testing based on agency recommendations.

Performance Report: This funding has supplemented other efforts to ensure sufficient COVID-19 diagnostic tests are available across Wisconsin communities.

Project 00000 ARPATESTINGRSV: COVID-19 Testing Reserve

Funding amount: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.2-COVID-19 Testing

Project Overview: This program reserves funding for future testing needs related to COVID-19.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: N/A

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAVAX: COVID-19 Vaccination

Funding amount: \$21,627,400

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

Project Overview: This program supports public health efforts to make COVID-19 vaccinations available in communities across the state. Vaccination efforts help limit the spread of COVID-19 and make strides in ending the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goals are to expand vaccination efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 and provide resources tailored to meet state need for COVID-19 testing based on agency recommendations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 38000 ARPATOURISM: Department of Tourism Marketing

Funding amount: \$7,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Wisconsin Department of Tourism has received an allocation to support its marketing and outreach. These efforts will result in broad benefits to the state's tourism, travel, and entertainment industries.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to accelerate economic and tourism recovery across the state.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPADMO: Destination Marketing Organization Grants

Funding amount: \$15,060,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides grants to Destination Marketing Organizations that promote tourism in a given area. Recipients include tourism, convention, and event organizations that saw decreases in visitors or cancelled events due to the pandemic, resulting in financial losses.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to accelerate economic and tourism recovery in areas that saw pandemic-incurred financial losses.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAADR: DHS COVID Operations-Aging and Disability Resources

Funding amount: \$1,188,154

Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

Project Overview: This program funds staffing costs for employees managing COVID-related funding under the Older Americans Act and the Wisconsin Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness. These initiatives address mental health and other health issues exacerbated by the COVID public health emergency.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's aging and disability resources to combat mental health issues caused/exacerbated by COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPA435COMM: DHS COVID Operations-Communications

Funding amount: \$8,046,500

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds staffing and programmatic costs associated with creating, updating, and maintaining DHS public-facing COVID-19 related web pages, and associated data and content providing COVID-related information and public communication services.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing and programs related to the state health department's COVID-19-related communications to mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPACRTO: DHS COVID Operations-COVID Response Team Transition Operations

Funding amount: \$23,585,887

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds staffing costs for the state health department employees that manage and administer testing, vaccination, contact tracing, and transition to recovery efforts as part of the response to COVID-19.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's COVID-19 response efforts to mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPADQA: DHS COVID Operations-Division of Quality Assurance

Funding amount: \$2,147,900

Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

Project Overview: This program funds staffing for employees performing complaint investigations of nursing homes and assisted living facilities and completing related federal and state surveys.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's quality assurance efforts to ensure activities can continue given COVID-19 mitigation measures.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAEOH: DHS COVID Operations-Environmental And Occupational Health

Funding amount: \$1,091,400

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds staffing costs for industrial hygiene research scientist, epidemiologist, and environmental epidemiologist roles. These positions are dedicated to COVID-19 surveillance programs and providing consultation to employers, local health departments, and the public.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's environmental and occupational health efforts to inform COVID-19 response and mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAMEDICAID: DHS COVID Operations-Medicaid Services COVID Funding Implementation

Funding amount: \$6,261,100

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds staffing costs for the administration of COVID Birth-to-3 grant funding; Medicaid and FoodShare (SNAP) eligibility, benefit, and service delivery changes mandated or authorized under federal COVID-19 legislation; and other Medicaid and FoodShare (SNAP) initiatives implemented in response to the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's COVID-19 funding of Medicaid services to implement federal laws and mitigate economic losses resulting from COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAOHI: DHS COVID Operations-Office Of Health Informatics

Funding amount: \$3,762,123

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds staffing costs for employees of the state health department that manage and administer data and information technology associated with providing timely, accurate, and accessible information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to data systems managers, help desk support, IT systems trainers, and data analysts.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of state health department's office of health informatics to provide information to inform COVID-19 response and mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAWAREHSE: DHS COVID Operations-Storage And Transportation

Funding amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds warehouse and freight costs related to state's stock of PPE and ventilators.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to stock and transport medical equipment to respond to surge in need of PPE and ventilators in response to COVID-19 and to mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPADIVASSIST: Diverse Business Assistance Grants

Funding amount: \$57,760,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The program provides financial support to chambers of commerce and other non-profits that provide technical assistance and services to businesses owned by members of communities that have lacked access to capital or been underbanked. These grants will encourage more business development in affected communities and ensure adequate support as they navigate the pandemic recovery economy.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal of this program is to provide robust services and technical assistance to small businesses. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPADIVINVEST: Diverse Business Investment Grants

Funding amount: \$42,230,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The purpose of the program is to provide funding to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to support grants and forgivable loans to small businesses, particularly those in qualified census tracts or areas disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These businesses have been both severely distressed by the economic effects of COVID-19 and have historically had difficulty accessing the credit and capital necessary to recover.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal of this program is to help ensure all businesses have access to the capital they need to thrive. The State intends to work with participants to establish program evaluations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 00000 ARPAEIARSV: Economic Impact Assistance Reserve

Funding amount: \$48,605,943.50

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37-Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Project Overview: This program reserves funding for future economic impact assistance needs related to COVID-19.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to show the remaining amount of funding reserved for future economic impact assistance related to COVID-19.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAEMS: Emergency Medical Services Investment

Funding amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program invests in EMS providers statewide through grants for both public and private ambulance service providers.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide funding to EMS providers across the state.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 44500 ARPATRNSYS: Employment and Training System Application and Upgrades

Funding amount: \$6,028,700

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: This program improves technology systems for employment and training across the state.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is better targeted outreach to match employers and jobseekers. Upgrades will enable better reporting in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 44500 ARPAWDERD: Equal Rights Division ALJs and IT

Funding amount: \$5,965,200

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: This program funds the Department of Workforce Development Equal Rights Division and its administrative and IT needs related to hearing and mediation services.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goals are to address the increased number of appeals and cases and to make need information technology updates.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPAERG: Equitable Recovery Grants

Funding amount: \$89,094,191

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The purpose of this grant program is to assist community-based organizations providing services or programming aimed at increasing equity and eliminating disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing, and environmental justice in qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support a comprehensive recovery from the pandemic that benefits all Wisconsinites. The State intends to work with participants to establish program evaluations.

Performance Report: 131 community-based nonprofit organizations have been awarded funding and are preparing to begin their proposals.

Project 50500 ARPALISM: Event Venue and Live Event Small Business Grants

Funding amount: \$31,570,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program assists small businesses that run event venues and provide services for live events. Due to the reduction of live events during the pandemic, businesses and workers in this industry suffered considerable financial losses.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The support helps offset pandemic-incurred financial losses and maintain jobs across the state. The funding is intended for flexible uses by recipients.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 11500 ARPAAFOOD: Food Security Grants

Funding amount: \$30,030,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The program aims to reduce food insecurity by supporting the state's two largest hunger relief organizations. The funding is used to purchase food as well as make investments in storage, distribution, and transportation capacities.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to improve food security across Wisconsin.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPAGKABHVLTH: Get Kids Ahead K-12 Mental Health Initiative

Funding amount: \$15,421,956

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program allocates grants to school districts on a per pupil basis with an award floor to provide school-based mental health services for K-12 students.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to increase mental health services in K-12 schools.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPASRGSTAFF: Health Care Surge Staffing

Funding amount: \$97,504,079

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: This program supports the Agency Staffing Resource Assistance Service. Healthcare facilities can request assistance to mitigate stresses on staffing and subsidize 60 percent of the associated costs of temporary staffing.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure healthcare facilities have the staffing resources needed to respond to the pandemic.

Performance Report: 1,879 staff have been deployed to 209 facilities across the state.

Project 50500 ARPAHLTHINF: Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Investment Grants

Funding amount: \$100,667,878

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides grants to local and Tribal governments and non-profit healthcare organizations. Grantees would be able to invest in capital projects that specifically support increasing access to healthcare for low income, uninsured, and underserved communities, and the ability to address future pandemic response needs.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to reduce healthcare disparities for individuals living in qualified census tracts or other populations disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The State intends to work with participants to establish program evaluations.

Performance Report: 23 local and Tribal governments and nonprofit healthcare organizations have been awarded funding and are preparing to begin their projects.

Project 56600 ARPALODGING: Hotel and Lodging Grants

Funding amount: \$73,050,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program distributes funding to members of Wisconsin's lodging industry.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The support helps offset pandemic-incurred financial losses and maintain jobs across the state. The funding is intended for flexible uses by recipients.

Performance Report: More than 960 lodging and hotel businesses received grants.

Project 44500 ARPAWKTRN: Improving Workforce Training Programs

Funding amount: \$2,351,600

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This program improves and expands workforce training efforts, including mobile classrooms, institutional job centers, and a labor market information system.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to assist unemployed and underemployed workers. Data from the Labor Market Information provides evidence needed to refine the workforce training programs to meet evolving needs.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 00000 ARPAUTIL: Increased Utility Cost Initiative

Funding amount: \$847,400

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program covers unexpected increases to the State's utility costs.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure the State can continue normal operations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 44500 ARPAJOBCTR: Job Center Staffing Resources

Funding amount: \$4,289,600

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This program funds staff resources at the State's job centers that provide education, training, employment, and business services to workers, to address the pandemic impact on the labor market.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to supplement staffing of the State's Job center amidst increased demand for services. Data from the Labor Market Information provides evidence needed to refine the workforce training programs to meet evolving needs.

Performance Report: 63 workers are enrolled in job training programs. 573 workers have completed job training programs. 31 people are participating in summer youth employment programs.

Project 28500 ARPAJRRE: Just Recovery for Racial Equity

Funding amount: \$70,465

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides funding to mobilize community based organizations and local residents to develop and coordinate with local public organizations to mitigate the adverse impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minority populations.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support organization that are working to ensure an equitable recovery from the pandemic.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 45500 ARPALEGALSVC: Legal Services Initiative

Funding amount: \$939,919

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program increases funding for consumer and environmental legal protection, and the prosecution of domestic violence and crimes against vulnerable adults.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide resources to help ensure all Wisconsinites are protected by enforcing laws on the books.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPALTHD: Local And Tribal Health Department Response And Recovery Support

Funding amount: \$58,460,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program funds public health departments and their efforts to address the COVID-19 public health emergency through various eligible activities.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goals are to provide resources to public health entities for COVID-19 response to mitigate spread of COVID-19 and allocate funding to public health departments at state, local, and Tribal levels of government based on identified need and agency recommendation

Performance Report: All 72 counties and 11 federally recognized Tribes have received funding for their public health response to the pandemic.

Project 19200 ARPAMSBB: Main Street Bounceback Business Grants

Funding amount: \$75,291,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides grants to new or existing businesses and non-profit organizations moving into vacant properties to revitalize Wisconsin's downtowns and commercial corridors. Funds can be used to pay leases or mortgages, operational expenses and other business costs related to the newly opened location.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide grants to "storefronts" that help businesses get through the initial challenging period of a new location while helping revitalize communities. This program has few requirements to allow businesses to determine the best use of funding.

Performance Report: More than 5,200 businesses and nonprofits have been approved for funding. Of the 5,276 approved applications from all nine of the state's regional partners, 70 percent of applicants self-identified as belonging to at least one of the following demographics: minority-owned (32 percent), woman-owned (57 percent), veteran-owned (5 percent), disabled-owned (3 percent), LGBTQ-owned (5 percent). This data helps WEDC evaluate how businesses utilized grant funding, continue the communication and relationship building between partners and local businesses served, and identify areas that may need better outreach.

Project 11500 ARPAMEATPROC: Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Program

Funding amount: \$10,070,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program invests in meat processing training programs to help build a worker pipeline and mitigate limitations in meat processing capacity.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The meat processing grant program aims to grow Wisconsin's meat industry and improve the long-term viability of the state's livestock and poultry industry. All spending supports evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 11500 ARPAMEATTLNT: Meat Talent Development Program

Funding amount: \$5,110,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This program invests in meat processing training programs to help build a worker pipeline and mitigate limitations in meat processing capacity.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to expand capacity to meet the need for meat processing capacity in Wisconsin.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 43500 ARPAMMHEC: Milwaukee County Mental Health Emergency Center

Funding amount: \$4,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Project Overview: This program supports a joint venture between Milwaukee County and the county's four health systems for a new mental health emergency center.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to offer comprehensive mental health services, trains healthcare professionals, and provides job opportunities in the Milwaukee area. All spending supports evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPASAFECOMMUNITIES: Milwaukee Criminal Justice and Community Safety

Funding amount: \$10,489,616

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program funds criminal justice and community safety initiatives in the City and County of Milwaukee including 911 crisis call diversion road safety redesigns and expanded pretrial supervision.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to prevent violence and crime as part of a larger initiative to ensure safer communities. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPAMINORLGE: Minor League Sports Team Grants

Funding amount: \$2,830,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program supports minor league sports teams that experienced lost revenue and closures during the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The support helps offset pandemic-incurred financial losses and maintain jobs across the state. The funding is intended for flexible uses by recipients.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPAMOVTHTR: Movie Theater Grants

Funding amount: \$11,280,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Under this program, movie theater companies are eligible for grant funding. Movie theaters have experienced significant financial losses during the pandemic with lower sales and closures.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The support helps offset pandemic-incurred financial losses and maintain jobs across the state. The funding is intended for flexible uses by recipients.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 49000 ARPAWHEDAHS: Multifamily Housing

Funding amount: \$21,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15-Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Overview: This program helps fill financing gaps due to rising construction costs, interest rate increases, and supply chain delays in multifamily housing projects across Wisconsin.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support projects that increase the stock of affordable housing across the state.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPANIF: Neighborhood Investment Fund Grants

Funding amount: \$231,912,338

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program funds competitive grants to local and Tribal governments for capital-focused projects that help their communities to deliver innovative public services, including new or improved facilities. These investments help neighborhoods recover from the pandemic and address equity gaps.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to build stronger neighborhoods and communities. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: 45 local and Tribal governments have been awarded funding and are preparing to begin their projects.

Project 00000 ARPARESERVE: Pandemic Response and Recovery Reserve

Funding amount: \$167,765,545.13

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program reserves funding for future pandemic response and recovery needs related to COVID-19

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to show the remaining amount of funding reserved for pandemic response and recovery.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAPPE: Personal Protective Equipment

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.5-Personal Protective Equipment

Project Overview: This program funds procurement of various personal protective equipment needs.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure sufficient personal protective equipment to respond to pandemic-related needs.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 29200 ARPAACADEMY: Part-Time Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Academy

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: This program supports part-time police academy programs through the Wisconsin Technical College System.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to help alleviate law enforcement staffing shortages. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 43500 ARPAWUCMAA: Project Resiliency

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Project Overview: "Project Resiliency" is an initiative of Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association to provide mental health services.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to meet the need for mental health services, which has increased during the pandemic. All spending supports evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPASSHG: Safe Shelter and Homelessness Grants

Funding amount: \$6,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16-Long-Term Housing Security Services for Unhoused persons

Project Overview: This program provides additional financial resources to homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, and youth homelessness and runaway centers as a supplement to an existing grant program.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to mitigate unsafe housing situations exacerbated by the pandemic. Recipients are encouraged to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: 8,035 people received overnight housing and related services.

Project 16500 ARPADSPSLIC: Safety and Professional Services Licensing

Funding amount: \$6,525,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program funds system upgrades to the State's occupational licensure review and adjudication process by automating tasks and improving customer service.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure timely review and adjudication of occupational licensures using upgraded technology.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 16500 ARPADSPSTF: Safety and Professional Services Staff Augmentation

Funding amount: \$2,475,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: This program funds staff augmentation at the Department of Safety and Professional Services to assist application processing.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure timely review and adjudication of occupational licensures using upgraded technology.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 45500 ARPAOSSRC: School Safety Resource Center

Funding amount: \$1,874,100

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program funds the continuation of the School Safety Resource Center that helps address threats of violence and provides referrals to mental health services in collaboration with school districts and first responders.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to put resources in place to respond to the fact that the pandemic has negatively affected the mental health of school-age children.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 00000 ARPASECURITYPAY: Security Personnel Add-on Pay

Funding amount: \$53,665,176

Project Expenditure Category: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Public Safety or Human Services Workers

Project Overview: This program guarantees funding for hourly wage increases for correctional officers and sergeants, psychiatric care technicians, youth counselors, and related supervisors, as they have faced higher workloads, pressures, and hazards throughout the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to attract and retain a quality workforce in these crucial positions.

Performance Report: This project has not yet expended funding.

Project 55000 ARPASPD: State Public Defender Initiative

Funding amount: \$11,522,200

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5-Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: This program provides funding for additional resources to support the Wisconsin State Public Defender Office.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to reduce the backlog of court cases due to the pandemic.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPASUMCAMP: Summer Camp Grants

Funding amount: \$2,032,364

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides grant funding to overnight summer camps that faced reduced enrollments and closures during the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide flexible financial grants to businesses and organizations running summer camps to mitigate pandemic losses.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPATRSMCAP: Tourism Capital Grants

Funding amount: \$22,110,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Under this program, local governments and tourism entity non-profits can apply for competitive grants to make tourism-related investments with substantial capital components.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to help promote, maintain, or bolster Wisconsin tourism while emphasizing pandemic recovery and sustainability. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 39500 ARPATRANSIT: Transit Services Investment

Funding amount: \$25,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program helps restore funding to transit systems in the city of Madison and Milwaukee County. Transit providers have lost farebox revenue during the pandemic due decreased ridership.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to maintain transit services to ensure transportation options across the state.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPALAWENF: Tribal and Local Law Enforcement Agency Initiative

Funding amount: \$22,023,185

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides grants to Tribal and local law enforcement agencies to address the unique needs facing their communities.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to help ensure Tribal and local governments have the tools to keep their communities safe.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 44500 ARPAUIMOD: Unemployment Insurance Modernization

Funding amount: \$80,828,962

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: This program funds system upgrades to outdated technology used to administer unemployment insurance benefits as the pandemic continues to impact operations and workload.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to implement a modernized unemployment insurance system. The project's request for proposal was developed in consultation with U.S. Digital Response and 18F to ensure all requirements are based on best practices.

Performance Report: The modernization effort is in the midst of a multi-phase initiative with completed implementation of a departmentwide call center.

Project 28500 ARPAMNTLHLTH: UW System Student Mental Health Support

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program expands mental health offerings for students within the University of Wisconsin System through telehealth counseling and mental health support staff.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to increase mental health services at UW System colleges and universities.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 28500 ARPATUITION: UW System Tuition Freeze

Funding amount: \$25,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program provides funding to the University of Wisconsin System so that in-state tuition costs can remain constant through the state's biennial budget.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support the University of Wisconsin System's budget needs.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 43500 ARPAVENTILAT: Ventilators Assistance DHS

Funding amount: \$7,523,530

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation Quarantine

Project Overview: This program provides funding for the periodic maintenance and servicing of the State's supply of ventilators to ensure ongoing availability for use by medical facilities and retain their financial value.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to maintain and service State's supply of ventilators to ensure adequate availability to COVID-19 patients.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 45500 ARPAVSI: Victim Support Initiative

Funding amount: \$20,375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: This program provides grant funding to support victim services. Programs across the state and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault have additional resources to meet increased demand during the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to support victims of crime as part of a larger initiative to ensure safer communities. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPAVPI: Violence Prevention Initiative

Funding amount: \$26,620,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: This program supports the Medical College of Wisconsin's Violence Prevention Project and the City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention. The initiative responds to the uptick in violence and trauma during the pandemic by using public health-based solutions.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to prevent violence and crime as part of a larger initiative to ensure safer communities. The State intends to work with recipients to use evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: This project is in the initial stages.

Project 50500 ARPAWISEYE: Wisconsin Eye

Funding amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program invests in Wisconsin Eye, the state's nonprofit public affairs network.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure the organization can continue to meet its mission "to inspire informed citizen participation in our representative democracy, across generations, throughout Wisconsin."

Performance Report: N/A

Project 56600 ARPAWSBG: Wisconsin Small Business Grants

Funding amount: \$273,862,078

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program supports small business relief. Grant-eligible businesses have been hard hit by the pandemic and are key to Wisconsin making a strong economic recovery.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide flexible financial grants to businesses to mitigate pandemic impacts.

Performance Report: More than 60,000 businesses received grants in each of the Wisconsin Tomorrow Small Business Recovery Grant and We're All In Small Business Grant programs.

Project 45500 ARPACRIMELAB: Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories

Funding amount: \$12,188,252

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program supplements existing funding for the State’s crime laboratories that provide forensic science testing, responding to the need for workflow changes and safe operation amidst the pandemic.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to ensure forensic science testing needs can be met.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 44500 ARPAWKADV: Worker Advancement Initiative

Funding amount: \$20,628,570

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This program subsidizes employment and skills training opportunities with local employers for unemployed individuals.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to provide sectoral training and job-related services to provide access to workers that traditionally experience challenges accessing the labor market. Tracking participants' backgrounds helps determine outcomes and program effectiveness.

Performance Report: 405 workers are enrolled in job training programs. 92 workers have completed job training programs.

Project 44500 ARPAWRKCNCT: Worker Connection Program

Funding amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This program subsidizes employment and skills training opportunities with local employers for unemployed individuals. These grants are directed to workforce development boards around the state to provide subsidized work.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is to help workers overcome barriers, navigate the workforce system, and match them with employers that ultimately leads to careers with growth potential. The program uses evidence-based practices and evaluations to determine program policy, direction, and worker targeting.

Performance Report: 104 clients have enrolled in this project.

Project 44500 ARPAWDQI: Workforce Data Quality Initiative

Funding amount: \$1,809,200

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: This program funds staff and contractual support to maintain and expand a longitudinal data warehouse.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal is better data collection and analysis that improves the State’s workforce development programs.

Performance Report: N/A

Project 50500 ARPAWRKFCINV: Workforce Innovation Grants

Funding amount: \$128,857,169

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives

Project Overview: This two-round program encourages the development of leading-edge, long-term solutions that enable businesses to find workers and empower those workers to prepare for and connect to family-supporting careers in their regions.

[Project Website](#)

Use of Evidence: The goal of this program is to help solve the most pressing workforce challenges at the regional level, through financially supporting collaborative, sustainable and innovative pandemic-recovery plans developed by regional organizations. The State intends to work with recipients to establish evidence-based practices and program evaluations.

Performance Report: 27 recipients have been awarded funding and are preparing to implement their proposals.
