My fellow New Jerseyans,

As we move toward a new normal, we continue to honor the tremendous hard work and dedication of the women and men working on the front lines. While it may seem like the COVID-19 pandemic is in our rearview mirror, the financial and emotional distress faced by hardworking New Jerseyans is still with us to this day. The pandemic hurt us all, but it devastated communities of color and low-income families, laying bare the sweeping consequences of systemic discrimination.

Our work is not yet complete, and we continue to work with the Legislature to distribute what remains of our $6.2 billion American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund allocation to get our small businesses and residents back on their feet and make the most impacted communities and industries whole once again.

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

While we have made significant progress, I will not be satisfied until we have used every resource available to us to continue moving our state forward. We will do this with particular emphasis on promoting equity for underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected communities who have the greatest and most immediate need. Together, we are building the next New Jersey, a state where every child can grow up healthy and everyone has the opportunity to work towards their dreams.

Philip D. Murphy
Governor
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SECTION I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through June of 2023, The Murphy Administration has partnered with the New Jersey State Legislature to commit $5 billion of the State’s $6.2 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) dollars to address the critical needs resulting from COVID-19 as well as the long-term economic recovery to build the next New Jersey. The remainder of New Jersey’s State Fiscal Recovery Funds has been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act which took effect July 1st after the end of the reporting year for this Recovery Plan Performance Report. The administration, led by the Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) and the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (DRM) in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), is working to stand up over 200 individual programs to ensure that New Jersey’s recovery efforts are both thoughtfully and aggressively benefitting individuals, families, and critical industries, and the State’s response to the pandemic is as wide-ranging as its impacts.

The State’s investments using SFRF funds are focused on programs in several priority areas: direct aid, housing, child care and early childhood education, health care and mental health, small business and economic development, and infrastructure. In the years ahead, the State of New Jersey will continue to dedicate the remaining SFRF funds to invest in these priority areas to build the next New Jersey. The State looks forward to making smart and fair investments in our residents and economy to ensure that we are stronger and more resilient than before the pandemic.

In developing future SFRF-funded programming, the State will continue its deep-dive into examining the needs of all who live in it. We will further collaborate with stakeholders through public input processes such as townhall meetings, listening sessions, and scheduled meetings to further maximize public awareness and participation in the planning process. Over the course of the year, we have solicited input from countless individuals, community organizations, and advocates to understand on-the-ground need and to facilitate the necessary coordination by State agencies with local and municipal entities. Through these important partnerships, Governor Murphy looks forward to making critical and high-impact investments with the recovery dollars.

Equity has been and will continue to be a fundamental principle guiding the State’s use of SFRF funds. Of the programs that have been through eligibility review and been assigned Expenditure Categories thus far, 73 percent of the money New Jersey committed through 2023 is going to programs in expenditure categories that contain a requirement to report the disproportionately impacted community the program primarily serves. Moreover, the GDRO requires all programs to provide a narrative response about their efforts to advance equity, even if they are not required to report equity outcomes under U.S. Treasury’s rules. The State’s strategy to promote equity for underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected groups has been to provide direct benefits and services to individuals and families who have the greatest and most immediate unmet needs as a result of the pandemic.

As described herein, the State’s investment in a series of priority areas - direct aid, housing, child care and early childhood education, health care and mental health, small business and economic development, and infrastructure – support programs that attempt to address many of the factors exacerbating inequality. The State will continue to prioritize advancing equity by designing and implementing programs geared toward the long-term equitable distribution of funding. This will ensure that programs and projects consider the
groups they intend to serve, amplify public awareness of programs, and require data gathering to review program performance toward meeting the goal of serving traditionally marginalized communities.
SECTION II. USE OF FUNDS

AS OF JUNE 2023 AND PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, $5 BILLION IN SFRF HAS BEEN DEDICATED TOWARD NEW JERSEY’S IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM STATEWIDE NEEDS AS DETAILED IN THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (ECS). EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS IN EACH EC ARE PROVIDED BELOW:

![Program Allocation By Expenditure Category]

- **Public Health (EC 1):**
  - $650 million to continue hospital operations and upgrade hospital infrastructure throughout the State
  - $41 million to improve the infrastructure and preparedness of county health departments and $10 million to support local fire departments
  - Roughly $80 million to support mental health initiatives, particularly to support youth mental health services
  - $184.5 million for the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program, which will promote the efficiency of HVAC and water systems and improvement of air quality within our schools and small businesses

- **Negative Economic Impacts (EC2):**
  - $120 million in direct aid, through the Excluded New Jerseyans Fund and ITIN Direct Assistance Program, to support those excluded from earlier federal pandemic relief
• Over $170 million to programs that support small businesses
• Over $1.3 billion toward housing programs intended to prevent evictions and discrimination, build new affordable housing, and mitigate exposure to harmful lead paint
• More than $220 million to support the child care industry through a multi-agency approach to child care revitalization and significant investment in facility improvements
• $184.5 million to provide an additional or compensatory year of special education to students with disabilities who otherwise would have aged out of the system and missed out on a critical year of development during the COVID-19 pandemic
• Over $50 million toward upgrades to Liberty State Park in Jersey City

Public Health-Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity (EC3)
• $25 million to continue making improvements to the unemployment system
• Over $50 million for resident services upgrades to make the provision of services more efficient at motor vehicle commission facilities and on the State’s online platforms

Infrastructure (EC5)
• Over $35 million to make improvements to the State’s public places and increase resilience to the effects of climate change, including a Greenway running from Montclair to Jersey City, and lakes management
• Over $300 million to water infrastructure projects to improve climate resilience

Revenue Replacement (EC6)
• A $105 million contribution to the Rebuild by Design project, which supports the construction of a solution that will reduce flooding risks and enhance resiliency in the Meadowlands Area of the State
• A $315 million investment in the construction of state-of-the-art medical research and community space at each of the Rutgers University Campuses (New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden)
• Over $60 million to aid with local economic development efforts, including ferry routes making the New York City job market more accessible to New Jerseyans, and investments in the preservation of Revolutionary War historic sites

Administrative (EC7)
• Over $200 million set aside to administer programs, provide funding for integrity monitors to ensure continued compliance with U.S. Treasury SFRF rules and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 federal regulations, and provide ARP grant management consulting services to local governments
SECTION III. PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

As part of his mission to build a stronger, fairer, and more equitable New Jersey, Governor Philip D. Murphy established the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (Office of Equity) which seeks “to advance equity for New Jerseyans who have been left behind for far too long.” Established by Executive Order 265, the office is charged with increasing the presence and participation of historically underrepresented groups in State government; developing equity frameworks to guide State policy decisions; guiding and coordinating State agency initiatives to strengthen diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among those employed by the State; and monitoring implementation of these measures. Governor Murphy further extended the Office of Equity’s influence through Executive Order 319, which created the Equity and Sustainability Advisory Council, comprised of designated senior-level employees from each principal department in the Executive Branch who will coordinate on the use of evidence-based and community-centered policymaking throughout State government.

Aligned with the charge of advancing equity, the State has created a rigorous process to ensure that SFRF is used to promote equity goals that are both impactful and measurable. New Jersey is building on federal tools and working to employ recommended implementation principles as part of our ongoing work to more equitably monitor the funding of state programs and services. We hope to prepare for future recovery efforts by adopting lessons learned from this period. Sub-recipients are offered continuous technical assistance over the life of their programs or projects to assist them in developing goals to achieve equitable outcomes, identifying beneficiaries, establishing desired outcome statements, and establishing outcome metrics for tracking purposes. Specifically, at the point of initial program design, sub-recipients are required to identify one or more equity categories that the proposed program seeks to address. The State’s critical equity categories may include race, ethnicity, and gender, as well as issue areas with clear disparities between residents (e.g., housing, education, access to health care). Sub-recipients are also required to identify the desired outcome of the intervention and the audience intended to be targeted, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Low-to-moderate income individuals/families;
- Minority groups;
- Unemployed/underemployed;
- Homeless or at-risk youth;
- Disabled/special needs population;
- Populations with low educational attainment;
- Small businesses/non-profits/community-based organizations;
- Underserved communities;
- Aging/seniors; or
- Individuals in rural areas.

GDRO worked with each program to identify specific data points that measure the equitable impact of the program and, where practicable, required the reporting of disaggregated data. In many cases, this included individual-level data about program beneficiaries disaggregated by race, gender, and other equity dimensions. In other cases, this included geographic metrics to see how a program was able to reach qualified census tracts or disadvantaged communities. GDRO worked with DCA to incorporate the reporting of disaggregated data consistent with the identified equitable outcome goals in the quarterly reporting system, which will continue to be implemented as programs are developed and get up and running.

Further, each subgrantee agency applied various methods of community engagement to design their programs and maximize awareness and access. The State of New Jersey recognizes that there is no “one-size fits all” approach to equity. Each program, project, or intervention must be specifically tailored toward achieving specific equity goals. However, driving equitable outcomes that may not already exist requires direction from State leadership on how to account for, measure, and successfully follow through on addressing needs in underserved communities. To this end, the Murphy Administration will continue its efforts to employ an equity framework that helps agencies prioritize a community-centered
approach as programs are being created, with a focus on underserved and under-resourced areas, and to provide guidance on how to effectively incorporate equity into programmatic decision-making. This effort builds on and leverages several federal tools to ensure target populations are aware of and can easily access programs and services for which they are eligible, in addition to also ensuring that these programs and services undergo regular internal review and implement lessons-learned to continue increasing the access to, awareness of, and benefit for their target populations. This process includes a mixed methods approach that includes qualitative and quantitative metrics elicited from community feedback, as well as sufficiently collected and analyzed program data, to ensure that funds and other resources are allocated, leveraged, and spent equitably.

**Direct Aid**

Beyond the health impacts of COVID-19, the pandemic ushered in significant economic stress on households throughout the State, perhaps no more so than disproportionately impacted communities like low-income families and people of color. In response, the federal government distributed $931 billion in direct aid to individuals to address this pandemic-related financial hardship. This aid from the federal government, however, did not reach all those in need. Many people were ineligible for these stimulus payments, often because they were undocumented or in mixed-status families, or were returning from the criminal justice system. As a result, New Jersey invested SFRF in two direct aid programs intended to close this gap: The Excluded New Jerseyans Fund (ENJF) and the ITIN Direct Assistance Program.

The Excluded New Jerseyans fund dedicated $60 million to the New Jersey Department of Human Services to distribute a benefit of up to $2,000 per individual or up to $4,000 per household. Eligibility was also limited to those households with incomes at or below $55,000 per year to more effectively target those households facing the highest level of financial hardship. DHS contracted with community-based organizations to do public education, outreach, and provide application assistance. The application was available online and mobile friendly, which made it more accessible to communities facing limited digital access beyond the availability of smartphones. The Department held public events and clinics to support applicants and provided training and guidance to service providers engaged directly with these underserved communities to support these clients in their application process. DHS participated in regular interviews with English and Spanish speaking press to inform and update the community on the program. Since the program began, direct cash assistance has been distributed to over 24,000 households in need in New Jersey. Union County is home to the largest number of ENJF beneficiaries, followed by Hudson, Essex, Middlesex, Passaic, and Morris Counties and the municipalities with the most ENJF recipients were Elizabeth, Newark, and Plainfield. Of the recipients of ENJF, only 7 percent spoke English as their primary language - 86 percent were primarily Spanish-speakers, 4 percent spoke French or Haitian Creole, and 1 percent spoke Portuguese. 19 percent of recipients work in the Warehousing and Distribution industry, 15 percent in the Restaurant and Food Service industry, 13 percent in the Construction industry, and 10 percent in Housekeeping (9 percent were unemployed).

The ITIN Direct Assistance Program is a partnership between the NJ Department of Treasury and the Department of Human Services to distribute $60 million to individuals who filed their taxes with ITINs (Individual Taxation Identification Numbers - a tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Service) as opposed to Social Security Numbers. ITINs and SSNs are treated similarly for the purposes of tax reporting, however, ITIN holders are not eligible for the same public benefits as SSN holders. As a result, many immigrant households facing financial hardship either received no pandemic relief or received a disproportionately small amount of support relative to households with similar circumstances. The ITIN Direct Assistance Program would address this gap by distributing direct cash assistance to individuals who filed their taxes with ITINs.

*GAO-22-106044, Stimulus Checks: Direct Payments to Individuals during the COVID-19 Pandemic*
program narrowed this disparity by providing a direct payment of $500 to ITIN filers living in households with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Between November of 2022 and July of 2023, 97,000 individuals from 76,000 households have received ITIN Direct Assistance Program payments. All 21 counties were represented in this program, but the counties with the most recipients were Hudson County (13.76 percent), Union County (12.04 percent), Essex County (12.04), Passaic County (8.99 percent) and Middlesex County (8.76 percent). Of the 76,000 households receiving ITIN payments, 68,000 (or 89 percent) reported incomes below $40,000/year.

Housing

The COVID-19 pandemic imposed unique economic challenges on families across New Jersey. The pandemic produced massive job and income losses, disproportionately for vulnerable families, while increasing housing insecurity for thousands of households. According to the Household Pulse Survey from August of 2020, when New Jersey and the nation were experiencing the worst impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, roughly 15 percent of adult renters in New Jersey and 27.5 percent of low-income renters were behind on rent payments. At that same point in time, 7.3 percent of adult renters and 17.4 percent of low-income adult renters were considered somewhat or very likely to leave their homes due to eviction in the next two months. 12 percent of New Jersey homeowners with mortgages were behind on their mortgage payments in August of 2020 and since the first quarter of 2021 (through May of 2022), the number of properties in foreclosure increased by 312 percent, the third highest increase in the nation. 6,631 households, including 8,754 persons were experiencing homelessness in New Jersey (Point-In Time Count 2022).

In New Jersey, an estimated nearly 75,000 low-income households remained at risk of eviction during 2022. Of these, nearly 38,000 or roughly half were extremely low-income households earning less than 30 percent of AMI. 26 percent of all rental households in New Jersey are considered extremely low-income, and for every 100 extremely low-income renter households, there are only 31 affordable and available homes, according to data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Extensive research has indicated that the rate of eviction filing and eviction execution are significantly higher for Black and Latinx households than for white households, so we know that housing insecurity in New Jersey is not distributed proportionally across race.

To begin to address these issues, New Jersey has invested ARP SFRF in a suite of housing programs. The Eviction and Homeless Prevention program, signed into law by Governor Murphy in August 2021, operated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Housing and Community resources has received $750 million in SFRF to pay rent arrears, future rent, and utility arrears for a total of 24 months for households earning less than 120 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) annually with a preference for those households earning less than 50 percent AMI and those that have been unemployed longer than 90 days. Thus far, this program has provided rental assistance to 24,651 households and assisted with 315,656 utility payments. When considering all government rental assistance in the last year, 34% of recipients were Hispanic and 33% were African American. Additionally, 60% of all rental assistance recipients earned under $35,000 per year and 80% earned under $50,000.

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Further, $10 million has been dedicated to the Foreclosure Intervention Fund through New Jersey’s Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency which will look to assist borrowers in qualified census tracts struggling with their Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgages. This assistance could include direct financial assistance with mortgage payments, consultation on options made available by the mortgage servicer or the FHA program, negotiations with the mortgage servicer for temporary forbearance or a renegotiation of terms, or a mixture of solutions based on the borrower’s needs.

The Office of the Attorney General’s Division on Civil Rights (“DCR”) has been allocated $981,000 for its housing unit to investigate complaints from tenants alleging that housing providers discriminated against them based on their source of lawful income by refusing to accept COVID-19 Rental Assistance Eviction Prevention Funds, or Housing Choice vouchers. COVID-19 has led to a rise in intakes and investigations along these lines, and it is an issue that often harms disproportionately impacted communities. In New Jersey, 77 percent of Housing Choice voucher holders are considered extremely low-income, meaning their total household earnings are less than 30 percent of the area median income, and individuals who are Black, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic make up 75 percent of Housing Choice voucher holders statewide. This program was specifically created to help low- and moderate-income families experiencing negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic. In addition, the housing unit enforces the Fair Chance in Housing Act (FCHA) which aims to allow people with prior criminal convictions to access stable housing without being discriminated against based on their criminal history. In New Jersey, African-American people are incarcerated at a rate over 12 that of Caucasian people. Thus far, the individuals hired to support the housing unit through this allocation have processed 395 intakes and filed 375 complaints on behalf of tenants. Of the 375 total complaints filed, 124 were initiated by the FCHA Director and 355 of the total complaints have been resolved.

In the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, about $320 million was allocated to the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency for the Affordable Housing Production Fund to help fund the development and construction of affordable housing units. The AHPF will allow for the full completion of all 100 percent affordable housing projects identified in municipal housing settlements that have yet to be built, eliminating the state’s backlog of these projects, by the end of the Governor’s term. The AHPF will make possible the creation of approximately 1,700 new homes for families, more than 1,100 new homes for senior citizens, and nearly 550 new homes for those who need greater community supports, including people with developmental or physical disabilities and survivors of domestic abuse, among others. Providing funding to fulfill these affordable housing obligations will not only benefit our most disadvantaged residents and the towns in which they live but will free up other funding sources for additional housing investments such as more special needs housing and creating and preserving affordable units in urban areas. These investments will promote greater housing equity for residents of all different backgrounds throughout New Jersey.

Beyond simply having sufficient affordable housing available, it is critical that people have a safe place to live and raise a family. The DCA Division of Housing and Community Resources received a $188.25 million allocation ($10.25 million in the 2022 fiscal year and an additional $178 million in the 2023 fiscal year) to fund a lead remediation program to test, identify, and abate lead contaminants in residential units. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and Department of Environmental Protection (“EPA”) consider lead exposure to be a serious threat to public health. Lead not only causes direct harm, it is also a catalyst for additional health risks, including cardiovascular disease and stroke, chronic kidney disease, memory and behavioral issues, and other ailments. CDC further finds that

5 “Learn About Lead: Who is at Risk?” United States Environmental Protection Agency (updated Sept. 8, 2022).
lower-income populations are particularly at risk for lead exposure, as these populations are more likely to live in older buildings with lead paint and lead fixtures. In addition, these populations are less likely to be able to afford expensive and time-consuming lead abatement. Therefore, the damage caused by lead exposure is most severe among the populations least financially able to remedy the issue. The program will target and serve low-to moderate-income households at 80 percent of the Area Median Income or below in their county of residence.

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency, there were around 5,400 licensed or registered child care providers operating in New Jersey. At the onset of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, an Executive Order required child care programs to close, with an exception for those providing child care to children of emergency and essential workers; about 500 programs across New Jersey remained operational for these purposes. In July 2020, the Governor lifted this mandate allowing more centers to reopen beyond emergency child care. Since then, approximately 5,000 child care providers opened or reopened and are currently operating in New Jersey. As they work towards stabilizing operations, many are facing the reality of lost workers and are struggling to hire new staff. There are approximately 90,000 workers employed by child care programs and the State estimates about 75 percent of them are providing direct care, supervision, and education. Child care workers have historically been placed among the lowest paying occupations, making minimum wage or slightly above minimum wage ($14.28/hour as of May 2022), in an industry comprised overwhelmingly of women and drawing significantly from underserved communities. Of these employees, 93 percent are women and 40 percent are Black, Asian, or Latino. Further, 50 percent of the small and micro-businesses in the child care sector are minority-owned. In order for the State’s economy to reopen to full capacity, making high quality, affordable child care available as broadly as possible is critical to allowing parents to return to the labor force.

New Jersey is investing $100 million into a cross-agency approach to revitalize the industry. $30 million is directed to the Department of Human Services for the Child Care Worker Recruitment and Retention Grants which provide $1,000 per eligible child care worker. Eligible workers earn less than $50,000 and provide direct care to children. This program has distributed grants to over 42,000 child care workers, and 3,500 providers between November and December of 2022. Providers in Essex County, Bergen County, and Hudson County received the largest amount of child care hiring and retention bonus grants – child care workers in each of these counties received over $8 million through this program across three rounds (this SFRF allocation represents the third allocation). Among child care provider owners for whom demographic information was collected, the vast majority identified as female (2,195; 88 percent), while 12 percent (287) identified as male. While demographic information about the staff members who received the grants was not collected, national data on the child care workforce suggest that child care workers are overwhelmingly women. According to 2022 Current Population Survey, for example,
94 percent of employed persons in child day care services are women.\(^9\) Among the child care provider owners/directors who provided information about their ethnicity, 22 percent identified as African-American and 17 percent identified as Hispanic.

Additionally, $54.5 million has been directed toward the Economic Development Authority as part of a Child Care Facilities Improvement Pilot Plan. Child Care Facilities Improvement Program will provide grants for total project costs between $50,000 and $200,000 to licensed child care providers, including many minority-and women-owned businesses and those in Opportunity Zone eligible census tracts, to make improvements to their child care facility. Up to this point, the program has received 500 applications requesting a total of $86,842,366.77, which reflects the level of demand for the program. Forty-three applications were approved in quarter 2 for project costs totaling $7,835,492.68, with application review still underway.

The remaining $15.5 million was distributed to the Department of Children and Families to improve oversight and regulation of child care providers to ensure that the industry emerges from this crisis better situated both to meet the needs of future crises, and to encourage greater equity and compensation for child care providers and workers.

Consistent with the effort to stabilize the child care sector, New Jersey is also making a significant $123 million investment into preschool facility expansion as part of Governor Murphy’s strategic plan towards Universal Pre-K. This program will provide funding to Regular Operating Districts (RODs) that propose to expand their enrollment capacity for free all-day pre-k for three and four-year-olds by at least 10 percent, that have the ability to increase existing half-day programs into full-day programs and can make additional improvements that enhance the quality and effectiveness at expanding or improving early learning capacity. The criteria will also consider the share of students eligible for free and reduced lunch in each applicant district. These funds will help prevent schools from having to raise the money elsewhere (for example, through property taxes), which will avoid placing financial burden on their communities, and which have a disproportionate impact on lower income families. Further, by giving additional access to pre-k to the community, regardless of income, working families will benefit. Similar to child care, this will allow all parents to participate in the labor force. Pre-K expansion and Governor Murphy’s commitment to ensuring increased access to high quality early childhood education are important components of advancing economic empowerment and growth — high quality early childhood education has lifelong positive impacts on educational and economic achievement and helps kids develop socially and emotionally.

**Health Care and Mental Health**

Perhaps the most direct effects of COVID-19 were seen in the form of overcrowded hospitals without sufficient capacity to treat the surge of patients during the pandemic’s worst days. This impacted patients who were admitted for a wide variety of conditions aside from COVID-18, disproportionately senior citizens and people with pre-existing conditions (often racial

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minorities and members of disadvantaged communities). Increasing hospital capacity to better manage a large surge of patients in the event of a public health emergency quickly became one of the State’s main priorities. As a result, New Jersey invested over $750 million in hospitals to do that and more. A portion of that sum went to a scholarship program for URiM (Underrepresented in Medicine) medical students which allowed 10 students to access medical education that may have otherwise been inaccessible to them. In addition, the New Jersey Department of Health received $41 million to work with county health departments to fortify their infrastructure to be better prepared for future emergencies.

COVID made a massive impact on people’s lives beyond physical health. It inflicted severe trauma on people, particularly young people. Children had their routines repeatedly disrupted for indeterminate amounts of time including the cancellation of school, cancellation or postponement of sports and recreational activities, restrictions on travel and outdoor play, limits on contact with friends and peers, contracting and suffering through COVID-19, and potentially witnessing friends, family, or peers getting seriously ill or dying. This has resulted in significant deterioration of mental health including higher rates of depression, violence, misbehavior, and self-harm. A New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) report that surveyed board of education members, superintendents, and business administrators showed that 47 percent of respondents reported that students were generally more anxious and depressed. Suicide is the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 10 and 24, and in 2020, there was a 24 percent increase in emergency room visits attributed to mental health for children between 5 and 11 and a more than 30 percent increase for children between 12 and 17. Further, research has indicated that the prevalence of mental health issues varies significantly according to race and ethnicity. The New Jersey State Policy Lab at Rutgers University provides a comprehensive overview of the current extent and severity of the youth mental health crisis in New Jersey and beyond in a new report released in June of 2023. Governor Murphy also released his “Strengthening Youth Mental Health Playbook” as part of his National Governor’s Association Chair’s Initiative in July of 2023. Consistent with this priority, the State has invested $86 million in mental health interventions and directed $38 million to youth mental health initiatives. Through a partnership with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, 7 Adolescent Clinical Training for Suicide Prevention (ACTS) sessions have been held and 127 professionals have been trained. In addition, 48 school districts have been selected for participation in the Developing Resiliency with Engaging Approaches to Maximize Success (DREAMS) program including 19 disadvantaged school districts. Fifty more school districts have been selected to participate in the Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program.

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Small Business and Economic Development

On March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency to ramp up New Jersey’s efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Subsequent containment measures were implemented, including restrictions on public gatherings and mandated closure of non-essential businesses. While these measures are consistent with similar measures taken nationally that were expected to limit the public’s exposure to COVID-19, there has been a significant adverse impact on our State’s economy. Small businesses were particularly vulnerable to this negative impact – according to a survey of small businesses soon after COVID-19 containment efforts went into effect, the median small business with over $10,000 in monthly expenses had only about two weeks of cash on hand to carry them through. Small businesses throughout the country employ nearly 50 percent of American workers. This underscores how critical these enterprises are to the economy and highlights their financial fragility when faced with a shock like pandemic-related closures. It also shows why New Jersey made small businesses one of its main priorities when allocating SFRF.

New Jersey’s Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) was allocated roughly $128 million to add to its Small Business Emergency Grant Program. This program distributed roughly $92 million to microbusinesses, $17 million to businesses and nonprofits, $15 million to food and beverage establishments, and just over 4 million to child care providers. Thirty-three percent (33 percent) of the funding was set-aside to support entities that have a commercial business address (or home address for home-based businesses) located (fully or partially) in a census tract that was eligible to be selected as a New Jersey Opportunity Zone (i.e., a New Market Tax Credit census tract). In the fourth phase of this program (the portion that was funded using SFRF), NJEDA provided support to 973 restaurants totaling $11.25 million, 7,886 microbusinesses totaling $77 million, 801 businesses or nonprofits totaling about $12.3 million, and 119 child care facilities totaling $1.43 million. $41.5 million of the total $128 million has gone to minority owned businesses and $33.7 million went to women owned businesses. 34 percent of all of the approved applicants are located in opportunity zone eligible census tracts.

NJEDA also operated the Sustain and Serve program, which provided nonprofits with grants between $100,000 to $2 million to purchase meals from New Jersey-based restaurants that

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18 Ibid
have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and distributed the meals for free to the community. This program was intended to provide support to struggling restaurants while also providing meals to individuals who were having additional difficulty finding their next meal as a result of the pandemic’s economic impact. Phase three of the Sustain and Serve program included $10 million in SFRF and $12.5 in State funds in addition to $34 million in earlier phases from other funding sources. Phase three of the program purchased and distributed 1,735,797 meals from 324 participating restaurants and the program as a whole (including earlier phases) purchased and distributed 5,228,529 meals from 449 restaurants in 179 municipalities and all 21 counties throughout the State. According to Leeja Carter of the Coalition for Food and Health Equity in Jersey City, “The Sustain and Serve New Jersey program is a Godsend. There are no words to describe how the SSNJ program is reimagining how New Jersey addresses hunger and the needs of small businesses.”

Infrastructure

New Jersey used ARP SFRF to maintain vital public services, particularly those that serve the most disproportionately impacted residents of the State. Ensuring that the State’s infrastructure is resilient to the present and future effects of climate change is central to this effort, so New Jersey has folded resilience and risk reduction into each and every infrastructure investment made using ARP SFRF. New Jersey is also proud of its commitment to environmental justice and ensuring that all New Jersey Residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, or income, receive equal protection under the laws of the State, and are able to live and work in a healthy and clean environment. In 2020, Governor Murphy signed a landmark environmental justice law (Environmental Justice Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157, et seq.) making the State a national leader in protecting overburdened communities from environmental and public health harms. In line with the Biden Administration’s Justice40 initiative, as well as Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 23 (2018) which directed all state agencies and departments to consider the principles of environmental justice in implementing their responsibilities, New Jersey asks each infrastructure project to describe how it benefits disadvantaged communities and report the share of the total impacted census tracts that are classified as Justice40 census tracts using the best available data.

New Jersey has made maintaining and improving water infrastructure one of its main priorities when allocating SFRF. Accordingly, New Jersey has committed over $300 million to water infrastructure projects to ensure clean and safe drinking water, including for combined sewer overflow long-term control plans, infrastructure upgrades for public water treatment, testing of private wells, and other related uses.

In addition, the State is contributing $105 million to the Rebuild By Design project along the Hudson River to improve physical, ecological, economic, and social resilience in regions affected by Superstorm Sandy including many low- to moderate-income areas furthering the State’s Environmental Justice
The DEP also used $25 million for the acquisition of a former rail line from Montclair to Jersey City, including $5 million dedicated to stormwater infrastructure planning and development along the line, to serve as a Greenway that will be permanently dedicated as open space for public recreation and conservation purposes and will use another $21 million for the remediation of the line and its planning and development as a Greenway. DEP estimates that 16 percent of the State's population will live within the immediate area of the Greenway, and its path will run through the largest contiguous grouping of qualified census tracts (QCTs) in the State. The Greenway will not only grant access to open greenspace in an area of the State where that is rare, but will also allow people who are less likely to own a personal vehicle to travel safely away from the cars and trucks navigating the urban grid, while providing possibilities for improved public transit connectivity. In addition to the stormwater improvements that will be built along the line, the Greenway itself, as protected green space, will help mitigate stormwater and flooding in a densely populated area with significant impervious cover.

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SECTION IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

- The Department of Community Affairs hired three regional Community-Based Organizations to perform outreach and assist individuals to get enrolled in the Eviction Prevention Program.

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

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

As the State builds out the programs already appropriated Fiscal Recovery Funds, and considers additional appropriations with the Legislature, we will continue to engage with a diverse array of individuals and organizations to solicit input on effective ways to ensure that SFRF serves people with significant barriers to services, including people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficiency populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

Governor Phil Murphy visits local businesses in Asbury Park, New Jersey
SECTION V. NEW JERSEY LABOR PRACTICES

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

I. PREVAILING WAGE ACT

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

In addition to the PWA, the New Jersey State Building Service Contracts Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.58 et seq., establishes prevailing wage levels for employees of contractors and subcontractors furnishing building services in State-owned and State-leased buildings. To effectively enforce the PWA, New Jersey’s standard contract “Terms and Conditions” require compliance with the appropriate State or federal prevailing wage. In almost all cases, the prevailing wage rates for various trade personnel are higher in New Jersey than the federal rates.

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

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

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

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

On April 30, 2021, Governor Murphy strengthened the State’s existing PLA law by signing legislation that promotes workforce diversity in public works projects by requiring any public entity which includes a PLA in a public works contract to include PLA provisions requiring the provision of on-the-job or off-the-job outreach and training programs for minority group members, members of disadvantaged communities, and women. The PLA expansion bill also expands the permissible use of PLAs beyond contracts for building-based public works projects, thus allowing PLAs to also be used for highway, bridge, pumping station, water, and sewage treatment plant projects.

III. EMPLOYEE WAGES AND BENEFITS PROTECTIONS

New Jersey’s laws ensure that its workers enjoy some of the strongest wage and benefits protections in the country. Every New Jersey worker is legally entitled to minimum wages ($14.13/hour in 2023, rising to $15.13/hour in 2024), earned sick leave, equal pay, temporary disability insurance, family leave insurance, and unemployment insurance. Further, New Jersey has some of the most expansive statutes in the country in terms of protecting against civil rights violations and preventing discrimination in the workplace. See, e.g., New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

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

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

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

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

Metropark Station in Woodbridge, New Jersey
SECTION VII. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Critically, programs will be required to establish evidence-based outcome measures. These outcomes will serve not only as a guide to promote equitable outcomes going forward but will also serve as key benchmarks for the State of New Jersey to closely monitor with objective, quantifiable data to monitor our overall progress in serving traditionally marginalized communities as part of our recovery from COVID-19. Performance outcome measures may include:

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

In addition to focusing on the required performance metrics, the State has further developed a system for programs to identify and report appropriate metrics for the context of their program. Each program identifies potential performance metrics during the MOU process, and the Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) and the DCA Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Division (DRM) work with the programs to finalize these metrics and incorporate them into the quarterly reporting process. Each program is asked to provide these metrics disaggregated by race, geography, or other relevant equity dimensions. The improvements to this process are reflected in this report, and further refinements and performance metrics for new programs will be reflected in subsequent reports.

Northwest Resiliency Park in Hoboken, New Jersey
Project 1: Digital School Mapping
Funding Amount: $6.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJSP3DS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** This Program, through the Department of Law and Public Safety and the State Police, will fund the creation of geocoded digital maps of the interior and exterior grounds of over 1500 K-12 facilities in the State. Digital mapping will give police and first responders accurate information on the layout, elevation, entrances, exits, sight lines, and other details in and around the schools and facilities. This will allow police and first responders to make better informed and more accurate decisions regarding positioning and entry into buildings, leading to more effective responses.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $6,337,500

- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - Number of Schools mapped: 361 (out of over 1400 anticipated)
    - Number of schools in high-poverty school districts mapped: 70
  - **Required Performance Indicators:**
    - Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    - Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 2: School Linked Services
Funding Amount: $8.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022; $6.825 million in Fiscal Year 2023
Identification Number: SLFRFDCF4SLS, SLFRFDCF5SLF
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This program, through the Department of Children and Families, will fund a statewide mental health intervention program for grade-school students. This program will be designed as a hub-and-spoke model, where hubs provide harm prevention and counseling staff and expertise to all school districts, and school districts (and individual schools within) operate as the spokes, able to refer issues and request expertise from the hub centers.

- **Use of Evidence:** The Department of Children and Families identified a menu of evidence-
based interventions that this funding could be used for: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/fcp/sls/SLS-Recommendations.Final.pdf

- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $15 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of school districts benefitting from this program: 686
    - Number of high-need school districts benefitting from this program: 235

**Project 3: County Health Infrastructure**

**Funding Amount:** $41.259 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOH2CHI

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** This program, through the Department of Health, will fund county health departments to support initiatives designed to strengthen the ability of county and local public health departments to respond to public health threats such as, but not limited to, communicable diseases including COVID-19 and Monkeypox. The program will also focus on the developments, maintenance, or expansion of initiatives that promote health equity by increasing access to care and reducing barriers to services.
  - Link to Project Website: https://healthapps.state.nj.us/noticeofgrant/documents/OLPH24CHI_rfa.pdf

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance metrics will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 4: Electronic Health Records**

**Funding Amount:** $10 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOH1EHR

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The Electronic Health Records System, through the Department of Health, will standardize and streamline the care process across all of New Jersey’s psychiatric hospitals and the special treatment units. It will use SFRF to respond to the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by improving the efficiency of care.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of psychiatric hospitals and special treatment units equipped with Electronic Health Records: 4
• Number of psychiatric hospitals and special treatment units serving Qualified Census Tracts equipped with Electronic Health Records: 4

Project 5: Return & Earn
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDOL1RET
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

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

Use of Evidence:
• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $9.966 million
• **Performance Report:**
  • Key Performance Indicators
    • Racial disaggregation of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs. Provide a breakdown by percentage: white = 52%; Alaskan/American Indian = 0.4%; Black/African American = 20%; Asian / Pacific Island = 3.75%; not disclosed = 23%
    • Racial disaggregation of workers completing sectoral job training programs. Provide a breakdown by percentage:
      - **Gender:** 44% male, 53% Female, 3% Not disclosed
      - **Identifying as Hispanic/Latino:** 23% yes, 47% no, 30% not disclosed
      - **Race:** 54% white; 18% Black/African American; 3.2% Asian/Pacific Islander; 24% not disclosed
  • Number of small businesses participating in the program: 213
  • Number of minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses participating in the program: 12
  • Number of workers receiving return to work bonus: 213

• Required Performance Indicators:
  • Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 213
  • Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 182
  • Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

**Project 6: Hospital-Based Violence Intervention**
**Funding Amount:** $10 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFLPS3HBV
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

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

• **Use of Evidence:**
  • Cooper, Carnell MD; Eslinger, Dawn M. MS; Stolley, Paul D. MD. Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs Work. The Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection, and Critical Care 61(3):p 534-540, September 2006. | DOI: 10.1097/01.ta.0000236576.81860.8c
  • RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CENTER, JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, “Critical Care: The Important Role of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs” (May 18, 2018) available at [https://johnjayrec.nyc/2018/05/15/criticalcare/](https://johnjayrec.nyc/2018/05/15/criticalcare/)
• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $9.75 million

• **Performance Report:**
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of hospitals participating in this program: 11
    • Number of hospitals serving Qualified Census Tracts participating in this program: 11
  • Required Performance Indicators:
    • Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    • Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)
    • Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

**Project 7: Sustain and Serve**
**Funding Amount:** $10 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFEDA2SAS
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

• **Project Overview:** The Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is operating the $10 million Sustain and Serve New Jersey program to provide nonprofits with grants between $100,000 and $2 million to purchase meals from New Jersey-based restaurants that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and distribute the meals for free to food-insecure families in the community. In earlier phases of the program, NJEDA has distributed $34 million to 31 organizations across the State to purchase 2.5 million meals from more than 400 restaurants across nearly 150 municipalities in all twenty-one counties. This $10 million in SFRF funds represents the third phases of the Sustain and Serve New Jersey program.
  • Link to Project Website: [https://www.njeda.gov/sustain-and-serve/](https://www.njeda.gov/sustain-and-serve/)

• **Performance Report:**
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of Non-profits served: 13
    • Number of restaurants participating in the program: 200
    • Number of meals distributed by the program: 1,319,972

**Project 8: Local Firefighter Support Program**
**Funding Amount:** $10 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFLGS1FIR
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

• **Project Overview:** The American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant (“Firefighter Grant”) responds to COVID-19 and its broader public health impacts by providing equipment to protect firefighters, a community disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Firefighter Grant is a competitive grant that supports local and regional fire
departments by ensuring that they have proper fire protection, cleaning, and sanitization equipment. Ensuring that firefighters are properly protected against the combined threats of the COVID-19 virus and the strain of emergency fire requests is vital given the current stress on communities confronting the pandemic. Access to funding to purchase the appropriate gear, clothing, and equipment is critical for mental and physical health, particularly for those fire departments with limited operating budgets and large numbers of volunteers. Assisting local and regional fire departments in purchasing gear, clothing, and equipment helps address these equity considerations, meeting the needs of communities that have been placed under substantial stress throughout the pandemic.

- Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/arpffg.shtml

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of fire departments receiving grants through this program: 293
    - Number of fire departments in distressed communities receiving grants through this program: 73

**Project 9: Excluded New Jerseyans Fund**
**Funding Amount:** $60 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDHS1ENJ

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers

- **Project Overview:** The Excluded New Jerseyans Fund (ENJF) administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS) provided a one-time, direct cash benefit to low-income households who have suffered hardship due to COVID-19 and were excluded from both the federal stimulus checks and COVID related unemployment assistance – including undocumented individuals, residents re-entering from the justice system, and other individuals otherwise excluded from pandemic-related financial help.

  - Link to Project Website: https://nj.gov/humanservices/excludednjfund/


  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $56.5 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Total number of households receiving benefit: over 24,000
    - Primary language spoken by recipients: 86% Spanish; 4% French or Haitian Creole; 1% Portuguese

**Project 10: Automated License Plate Reader**
**Funding Amount:** $11,985,671
**Identification Number:** SLFRFLPS2LPR

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** To address the uptick of violent crime and motor vehicle theft in the State, just under $12 million has been allocated to the Department of Law and Public
Safety (DLPS), $6.98 million to the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) and $5 million to the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), to invest in technology and software system integration of automatic license plate recognition (ALPR).

- **Link to Project Website:** [https://www.nj.gov/oag/grants/2022-0912_ALPR-Initiative_NOAF.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/oag/grants/2022-0912_ALPR-Initiative_NOAF.pdf)
- **Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions:** $11,735,671
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance metrics will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 11: Foreclosure Intervention Fund**

**Funding Amount:** $10 million

**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.23 Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties

- **Project Overview:** $10 million is allocated to the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) for the Foreclosure Intervention Fund. The Program will assist borrowers in qualified census tracts struggling with their Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgages. Potential assistance options include direct financial assistance with mortgage payments, consultation on options made available by the mortgage servicer or the FHA program, negotiations with the mortgage servicer for temporary forbearance or a renegotiation of terms, or a mixture of solutions based on the borrower’s needs.

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

**Project 12: Poll Worker Daily Wage**

**Funding Amount:** $9.192 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOS1PWD

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

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

- **Performance Report:**
• Key Performance Indicators:
  • Program Status: Completed 50% or more
  • Number of counties participating in the program: 21

Project 13: Violence Prevention and Detection
Funding Amount: $5.014 million
Identification Number: SLFRFLPS1VPD
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions
  • Project Overview: The Department of Law and Public Safety has received just over $5 million to both prevent and respond to the increase in gun violence. This investment in technology and related infrastructure will assist first responders in rendering life-saving medical aid more quickly to victims of gun violence and help law enforcement solve gun crimes.
  • Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/oag/grants/2022-0912_Gunshot-Detection-Technology-Initiative_NOAF.pdf
  • Use of Evidence: Goldenberg, Anna DO; Rattigan, Deviney MD; Dalton, Michael MD; Gaughan, John P. PhD; Thomson, J. Scott MA; Remick, Kyle MD; Butts, Christopher DO; Hazelton, Joshua P. DO. Use of ShotSpotter detection technology decreases prehospital time for patients sustaining gunshot wounds. Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery 87(6):p1253-1259, December 2019. | DOI: 10.1097/TA.0000000000002483
  • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5.014 million
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance metrics will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 14: Capital Health Trenton
Funding Amount: $6.3 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM19CH
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
  • Project Overview: Capital Health Regional Medical Center (RMC) was allocated $6.3 million to expand its emergency department which operates in a qualified census tract. RMC’s emergency department is the only Trauma Center in Mercer County, and RMC is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center in Mercer County. Funding the expansion increases the ability to provide emergency care for Trenton residents.
  • Performance Report:
    • Key Performance Indicators:
      • Construction Benchmark: Construction - 25%

Project 15: Salem Medical Center
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM24IS
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
• **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to Salem Medical Center (SMC) to reimburse COVID-related expenses.

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators: This program has completed. SFRF were used to reimburse operational expenses.

**Project 16: Infant Formula**  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDCF2BAF  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

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

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4.875 million

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of families receiving infant formula or gift cards through this program: 935
    - Racial disaggregation of families receiving infant formula or gift cards through this program:
      - **73% Hispanic/Latino; 27% Non-Hispanic/Latino**
      - **Race/Ethnicity:** 19.9% Black or African American; 26.44% White; 0.13% American Indian and Alaska Native; 1.83% Asian; 0% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; 4.71% Multiracial; 32.07% Other; 14.92% Unknown

**Project 17: State Police Academy**  
**Funding Amount:** $3.673 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFNJSP2PA  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff

• **Project Overview:** The Division of State Police will use SFRF funds to cover the costs
associated with commencing the 164th State Police class. The class, comprised of 180 recruits, will supplement the anticipated attrition rate within the Division of State Police and allow the Division to address pandemic-related attrition and continue with its current responsibilities. Staffing levels play a critical role in the Division’s ability to remain agile enough to meet the various needs of the State’s law enforcement and emergency management missions. Prior investments made in staffing and the Division’s ability to reassign members of units whose primary mission were impacted by COVID-19 were important factors in our successful response during the COVID-19 pandemic. Not addressing the staffing levels will result in a less agile and responsive Division in a time of great need.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of Officers Hired: 103
    - Racial Disaggregation of Officers Hired: 61.17% White; 27.18% Hispanic; 7.77% Black; 0.97% Asian; 2.91% Not Reported

**Project 18: Atlantic Health System**

**Funding Amount:** $10 million

**Atlantic Health: Newton**

**Funding Amount:** $3.891 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM14AN

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** $3.891 million went to Newton Medical Center, the only acute care hospital in Sussex county, to modernize and renovate Newton’s ICU and maternity ward by adding negative pressure capabilities, improving HVAC technology, and by adding UV lighting to kill viruses and bacteria.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.891 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Construction Benchmark: Construction – 25%

**Atlantic Health: Hackettstown**

**Funding Amount:** $2.109 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM14AH

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** Hackettstown Medical Center will use $2.109 million to renovate and modernize pre-existing space to make it suitable for patient treatment and care as an outpatient behavioral health clinic.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2.109 million

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Construction Benchmark: Design – 80%

**Atlantic Health: Overlook**
**Funding Amount:** $1 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM3ATL
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

• **Project Overview:** A $1 million grant went to Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey to renovate the Emergency Department, Pediatrics, Intensive Care Units (ICUs), operating rooms, and patient bed floods to address significant mechanical infrastructure needs, particularly to Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems that will critically limit airborne contaminants during the COVID-19 period and in future pandemics.

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators: This project is completed. SFRF provided reimbursement for construction.

**Atlantic Health: Morristown**
**Funding Amount:** $3 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM10AM
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

• **Project Overview:** Morristown Medical Center will receive $3 million to modernize and expand its pediatric and adult emergency rooms and upgrade HVAC technology to address COVID-19 and future outbreaks of infectious disease.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3 million

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators: This project is completed.

**Project 19: St. Joseph’s Paterson**
**Funding Amount:** $5.25 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM20SJ
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)
- **Project Overview:** $5.25 million is allocated to St. Joseph's Health to expand and enhance its psychiatric emergency services and maternity units to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5.25 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators: This project is completed. SFRF provided reimbursement for construction.

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**Project 20: Long Branch Community Health Facility**

**Funding Amount:** $2 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM6LBR  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** The City of Long Branch will use SFRF to open a Health Monitoring and Telecommunication Center which will include facilities for testing, vaccination, contact tracing, and educational resources for public health. The Center will also establish a publicly available technology training center that will educate community members to use the internet for health, work, and other educational purposes to help close the digital divide.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Construction Benchmark: Design - 80%

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**Project 21: Trinitas Hospital Behavioral Health Dual Disorder Facility**

**Funding Amount:** $1 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM4TRN  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** Trinitas Regional Medical Center received $1 million in SFRF to contribute to the 6,600 square foot renovation in its New Point Building. Specifically, the 12-bed expansion of the Behavioral Health Department’s inpatient Dual Disorder Facility will more than double capacity from 10 beds to 22 beds. Dual Disorder patients are those who are faced with an intellectual/developmental disorder and a major psychiatric disorder. Trinitas is New Jersey’s only hospital with inpatient beds for children and adults who have a dual diagnosis. Although demand for these services far exceeded capacity even before the pandemic, COVID-19 has made the expansion of the facility far more urgent.

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

- **Performance Report:**
• Key Performance Indicators:
  • Number of additional beds available for dual disorder patients: 12 (22 total after a 12-bed expansion from 10 to 22)

Project 22: Anti-Discrimination Housing
Funding Amount: $981,000
Identification Number: SLFRFDCR1HAD
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
• Project Overview: The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) within the Office of the Attorney General was granted $981,000 for its housing unit to investigate complaints from tenants alleging that their housing provider discriminated against them based on their source of lawful income by refusing to accept their COVID-19 Rental Assistance or Section 8 vouchers. In addition, the housing unit will enforce the Fair Chance in Housing Act which aims to allow people with criminal convictions to access stable housing without being discriminated against based on their prior criminal history.
  • Link to Project Website: https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/housing-discrimination/
  • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $956,500
• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of combined LAD and FCHA intakes received: 395
    • Number of combined LAD and FCHA complaints filed: 375
    • Number of FHCA Director Initiated Complaints: 124
    • Number of combined LAD and FCHA resolutions (including director initiated FCHA complaints): 355
  • Required Performance Indicators:
    • Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 0 (Not Applicable)
    • Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)

Project 23: State Police Vehicles
Funding Amount: $522,000
Identification Number: SLFRFNJSP1PV
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
• Project Overview: New Jersey State Police's Executive Protection Unit was provided SFRF funds to purchase eight vehicles to be used in the transportation of State officials who provide support to the State during COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. State officials are an integral part of the State's COVID-19 outreach efforts.
Project 24: Salem County American Legion Ambulance Association  
Funding Amount: $500,000  
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM1SAL  
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers  
  • Project Overview: The Salem County American Legion Ambulance Association (ALAA) provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in 65 percent of Salem county. During the COVID pandemic, ALAA personnel incurred overtime, and have continued to incur overtime after March 3, 2021, eliminating ALAA's budget reserves and threatening the survival of a critical health care provider. In addition to the transportation of COVID patients, ALAA has been on standby at testing and vaccination sites.  
  • Performance Report:  
    • Key Performance Indicators: Purchase and upfitting of vehicles has been completed.  

Project 25: Child Care Revitalization  
Funding Amount: $100 million  
Child Care Facilities Improvement Pilot Plan  
Funding Amount: $54.5 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA4CCF  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care  
  • Project Overview: The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) will provide technical assistance and grants for facilities improvement to licensed child care providers and registered child care homes. NJEDA will appropriate $20 million for the creation of the Child Care Facilities Improvement Pilot Program. This program is designed to fund internal and external facilities improvement, as well as accessibility modifications at eligible child care facilities and homes. The remaining $34.5 million will be allocated in future rounds of the facilities program.  
  • Link to Project Website: https://www.njeda.gov/child-care-improvement-program/  
  • Use of Evidence:  
    • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $54.5 million
• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of facilities serving Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) recipients receiving funding for facility improvements through this program: 43
  • Required Performance Indicators:
    • Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ages 3-5): 0 (Not applicable)
    • Number of families served by home visiting: 0 (Not applicable)

Child Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grants
Funding Amount: $30 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDHS1CCR
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

• Project Overview: The Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Family Development (DFD) was granted $30 million of the total $100 million for the Child Care Revitalization program to operate the Child Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Program. This program is intended to provide immediate support to child care providers for retaining existing staff and hiring qualified staff by providing financial assistance to support child care centers and family child care programs with workforce recruitment and retention costs. Grant awards will be $1,000 per eligible child care worker, which includes those who earn less than $50,000 a year provide direct child care to children.

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of Staff Members receiving a grant: 42,000, all earning below $50,000/year

Demographic information not collected, but 94% of employed persons in child day care services are women according to 2022 Current Population Survey
  • Number of Providers receiving a grant: 3,500

Gender breakdown of child care provider owners/directors: 88% female; 12% male

Racial breakdown of childcare provider owners/directors: 17% Hispanic, 83% non-Hispanic
  • 548 African American; 14 American Indian; 166 Asian; 1,626 White; 141 Multiracial; 9 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Child Care Licensing Reform
Funding Amount: $15.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDCHF1CCL
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

• Project Overview: The Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) was granted $15.5 million of the total $100 million for the Child Care Revitalization program to develop new
ways to regulate and govern the child care industry to ensure that the industry emerges from this crisis better situated, both to meet the needs of future crises, and to encourage greater equity and compensation for child care providers and workers.

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $15.5 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-k/ages 3-5): 392,000
    - Number of families served by home visiting: 0 (Not Applicable)

**Project 26: School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Program**

**Funding Amount:** $184.5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFBPU1SAS  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) was allocated $183 million to operate the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program, which is intended to increase the energy efficiency of HVAC and water systems and improve indoor air quality within our schools and small businesses. The program is divided into two sub-programs: 1) the School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SSB-VEEVR) program and 2) the School and Small Business Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SSB-NPFA) program. The SSB-VEEVR program ensures that each board of education or small business installs HVAC equipment with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 or better and that every participating school installs a carbon monoxide detector in every classroom. Further, the SSB-NPFA program prioritizes “touchless” plumbing fixtures to prevent the spread of germs.

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Supplemental Materials:
• EPA WaterSense Product Background Materials: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/product-background-materials
• EPA How Are WaterSense Specifications Developed?: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/how-are-watersense-specifications-developed
• EPA WaterSense Product Specifications: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/product-specifications

• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $180 million

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of schools receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 151
    • Number of schools in underserved communities receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 68
    • Number of small businesses receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 43
    • Number of small businesses in underserved communities receiving funding through the SSB-VEEVR (HVAC) program: 11
    • Number of schools receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 146
    • Number of schools in underserved communities receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 84
    • Number of small businesses receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 10
    • Number of small businesses in underserved communities receiving funding through the SSB-NPFA (Plumbing) program: 2

Project 27: Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Program
Funding Amount: $792.5 million

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

• Project Overview: The $787.5 million ($750 million in direct program cost and $37.5 in incremental administrative funds) Eviction Prevention Program provides rental and utilities assistance for up to a total of 24 months for households earning less than 120 percent of Area Median Income annually, with a preference for those earning less than 50 percent of AMI and those that have been unemployed for longer than 90 days. This program is intended to ensure that recipients can remain in their homes to avoid homelessness or the prospect of eviction. The rate of eviction filings and eviction executions are significantly higher for Black and Latino households than for white households.
• Link to Project Website: [https://njdca.onlinepha.com/?utm_campaign=20210917_nwsltr_a&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](https://njdca.onlinepha.com/?utm_campaign=20210917_nwsltr_a&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)


• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $731.125 million

**Performance Report:**

• Key Performance Indicators:
  - Number of households receiving utility assistance: 315,656
  - Number of households receiving rental assistance: 24,651

• Required Performance Indicators:
  - Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: 0 (Not Applicable)
  - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)
  - Cumulative number of households receiving assistance: 340,307 (315,656 utility assistance; 24,651 rental assistance)

**Office of Eviction Prevention**

**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDHCR2OF  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

• **Project Overview:** To provide an expansive model in comprehensive and efficient defense against eviction to low-income renter households in NJ by interconnecting two existing, successful, and impactful Department best practices in eviction prevention, namely connecting the Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI) to the Access to Counsel Initiative (ATC) thereby combining safety net services and effective anti-displacement strategies into one stronger wrap-around intervention. In this expansive model, eligible tenants facing or threatened with eviction are paired up with resource navigators for social services support, case management, and immediate problem-solving intervention including flexible direct financial assistance and with access to legal services for brief legal advice or legal representation.

• **Use of Evidence:**
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million
• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 28: Home Lead Paint Remediation**
**Funding Amount:** $10.25 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDHCR3HL  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.20 Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation  
• **Project Overview:** The objective of this DCA Division of Housing and Community Resources program is to provide lead-based paint remediation through encapsulation to low to moderate income (income low enough to qualify for Title X) families through providing a service that typically unaffordable at those income levels due to the costly work that needs to be done. The assistance that our program provides would focus on closing the gap of the historically underserved communities.
  • Link to Project Website: [https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/leadsafe.html](https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/leadsafe.html)
• **Use of Evidence:**
  • M R Farfel and J J Chisolm, Jr, 1990: Health and environmental outcomes of traditional and modified practices for abatement of residential lead-based paint. American Journal of Public Health 80, 1240-1245, [https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.80.10.1240](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.80.10.1240)
  • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million
• **Performance Report:**
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Program Progress: The program has begun. Tranche 1 of funding for all 20 of the 20 grantees has been released and they are in various stages of starting up their program, collecting applications, conducting outreach, and completing units. Additional program data will be provided in subsequent reports.

**Project 29: Lakes Management**
**Funding Amount:** $10.25 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDEP1LSM  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater  
• **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will issue grants to qualified public lake management entities, including local government units and nonprofit organizations involved in public lake management, such as the Greenwood Lake and Hopatcong Lake Commissions, for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities that would directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a publicly accessible lake for recreation and conservation purposes. In particular, such projects will focus on stormwater management and protecting lake water quality from harmful algal blooms.
  • Link to Project Website: [https://dep.nj.gov/grantandloanprograms/lake-stormwater-management-grants/](https://dep.nj.gov/grantandloanprograms/lake-stormwater-management-grants/)
• **Use of Evidence:**


• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million

• **Performance Report:**
  
  • Key Performance Indicators: Of the 25 grant awards made in December 2022 totaling $9.95 million, 20 awards and over $8 million were made for projects associated with lakes in or proximate to underserved/overburdened communities. To date no awards have been fully executed.

**Project 30: Greenway Acquisition**

**Funding Amount:** $25 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDEP2EHG

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

• **Project Overview:** The Garden State Greenway is an approximately 9-mile, 100-foot-wide abandoned rail corridor traversing eight municipalities (Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, Newark, Kearny, Secaucus, Jersey City) in Essex and Hudson Counties that was formerly owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and was acquired by the DEPO in 2022. DEP received a total of $25 million in SFRF funding for the Greenway, of which $20 million was allocated toward acquisition costs and $5 million was allocated to the initial planning, design, and engineering of stormwater infrastructure improvements. Acquisition of the abandoned rail corridor is necessary to implement future stormwater management solutions; acquisition in and of itself is a stormwater management solution to the extent that it prohibits further development and expansion of impervious surfaces in the rail corridor.

• Link to Project Website: [https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/thegreenway.html](https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/thegreenway.html)

• **Performance Report:**
  
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    
    • Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 17
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Justice40 communities: 5
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Overburdened Communities (OBC): 17

**Project 31: Local Government Infrastructure Planning**

**Funding Amount:** $5.125 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDEP3LGI

**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

• **Project Overview:** DEP is using SFRF funds to establish a grant program that funds stormwater management planning and infrastructure demonstration projects that manage runoff and protect land-based resources like wetlands, stream corridors, and waterfront riparian areas. There is a critical need to plan, design, and implement stormwater infrastructure upgrades. Additional priority will be given to demonstration projects that are
located within underserved communities in New Jersey that have Combined Sewer Systems (CSO/CSS). New Jersey is home to approximately 21 CSS communities, the majority of which are also Overburdened Communities (OBC) as defined at N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157. As such, priority will be given to demonstration projects occurring within OBCs.

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development but has prioritized environmental justice communities. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 32: Providing Additional or Compensatory Services to Students with Disabilities Beyond Age 21**

**Funding Amount:** $184.5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOE1SES  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

- **Project Overview:** The Department of Education was allocated up to $184.5 million to operate a program that offers an additional year of educational services to students with disabilities with individual education plans (IEPs) who would otherwise reach the maximum age of eligibility for special education and related services (21 years old) for students in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. This program helps to address a year of academic and social learning delays caused by the pandemic if a determination is made by the student’s IEP team that the student requires additional or compensatory special education and relation services. The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for the roughly 8,700 students with disabilities who would otherwise age out of the State’s educational system because they will turn 21 during the 2020-21, 2021-22, or 2022-23 school years. These students may not have received the full set of services to which they are entitled given pandemic-related disruptions and may need an additional year to fully prepare them to transition to the next phase of their lives.

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $180 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of students participating in an additional school year: 431
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - NCES School ID or NCES District: Not available from the Department of Education at this time.
- Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

**Project 33: Tourism Campaign**  
**Funding Amount:** $25 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOS2TOR  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality  
- **Project Overview:** $25 million in SFRF was made available to the Department of State (DOS) for travel and Tourism advertising and promotion for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators: Total web visits – Q1 2022: 1,506,445; Q1 2023: 2,552,205

**Project 34: University Hospital Newark**  
**Funding Amount:** $150 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM25EU  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)  
- **Project Overview:** $150,000,000 to University Hospital will be used to expand its Emergency Department to accommodate more patients, while improving the physical infrastructure to establish better infection control protocols, such as greater distance between treatment bays and enhanced ventilation. The hospital also intends to expand and fortify Intensive Care treatment areas that are equipped with negative pressure ventilation and technology improvements to allow for remote monitoring of patients, thereby reducing the strain on PPE and other resources that, during emergencies, can be in short supply.  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators:  
    - Construction Benchmark: Design – 80%

**Project 35: RWJ Barnabas Hospital**  
**Funding Amount:** $150 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)  
- **Project Overview:** $150,000,000 has been granted to RWJ to improve essential infrastructure by increasing patient capacity, incorporating pandemic-resilient mechanical systems, and establishing island operations to allow two facilities (the existing and a new facility) to operate as standalone structures. Thus, RWJ could use one facility to respond to a pandemic or other mass health emergency, while conducting “routine” medical activities in the other facility. These improvements enhance the quality of the State’s emergency response and provide RWJ with the ability to make critical life-saving strategic decisions on how best to deploy physical resources to ensure the highest quality care, protection, support, and treatment for New Jersey residents.  
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 36: Cooper University Hospital  
**Funding Amount:** $150 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM21CO  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** $150 million was allocated to Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center (Cooper) in Camden to strengthen regional health emergency preparedness in the central region of the State. Cooper is required to submit a preparedness improvement plan detailing its proposed use of appropriated funds toward the construction of a new facility and how the plan would enhance the quality of the State’s response to a pandemic or any future large-scale health emergency or catastrophic event.

- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - Construction Benchmark: Design – 50%

Project 37: Hackensack Meridian Health  
**Funding Amount:** $100 million  
**Capital Upgrades**  
**Funding Amount:** $96.3 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM16HM  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

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

- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - Construction Benchmark: Construction – 25%

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

- **Project Overview:** $3.2 million will support scholarships at the Hackensack Meridian
School of Medicine to support the education of medical students who are traditionally unrepresented in medicine.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.2 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of Students Receiving a Scholarship: 10
  - Required Performance Indicators:
    - NCES School ID or NCES District: 3406270
    - The National Center for Education Statistics (“NCES”) School ID or NCES District ID: 3406270
    - Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0 (Not Applicable)

### Community College Job Training

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

- **Project Overview:** $500 thousand will support job training at community colleges for patient care technicians (PCTs) and other critical health care careers in demand.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $500,000

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

### Project 38: Inspira Acquisition of Salem Medical Center

**Funding Amount:** $20 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM24IS  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** $20 million from SFRF is appropriated to Inspira Health (Inspira) for its acquisition of Salem Medical Center (SMC) to allow for continued operations of a critical health care provider in the southern region of the state and for necessary facility improvements.
Performance Report:

Key Performance Indicators: This program has completed. The grant to Inspira Health funded their acquisition of Salem Medical Center and necessary improvements to ensure the facility is equipped to address the needs of the pandemic.

Project 39: Camden County Sewer Disconnect
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM12CC
Project Expenditure Category: 5.4 Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows

Project Overview: $10 million will go to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority to make upgrades to the County Regional Wastewater Treatment System that treats 58 million gallons of sewage per day.

Performance Report:

Key Performance Indicators:

- Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 9
- Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Overburdened Communities (OBC): 9
- Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Justice40 communities: 1

Project 40: Pennsauken Community Center
Funding Amount: $10 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview: The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted households and communities by constructing a new multi-use community center. The community center will contain a gymnasium with the ability to be set-up for multiple sports, multipurpose rooms which can be used for meetings, and a private area that can be used for blood drives and health screening services. The facility will also include public wi-fi and outlets for device charging. Finally, exterior features include a ground level outdoor Amphitheatre, as well as a rooftop activity area and garden. This center will provide a full-service structure within easy walking distance for Pennsauken's most impacted population.

- Link to Project Website: https://pennsauken.gov/content/pennsauken-community-center-coming-westfield-avenue

Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 41: New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM7NJP
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Project Overview: The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) received $5 million to help the organization recoup lost revenue as a result of COVID-19 event cancellations. As a nonprofit arts organization and an anchor cultural institution, NJPAC is an integral part of New Jersey’s leisure and hospitality sector, which suffered a 24 percent decline in revenue and approximately 17 percent decline in unemployment nationwide because of the public health emergency. SFRF allowed NJPAC to continue operations and retain their employees.

Link to Project Website: www.njpac.org

Performance Report:

Key Performance Indicators:

- Number of community residents engaged in educational and facility resources: 347,000
- Diversity metrics of staff retained with SFRF assistance for operations:

  **Staff Diversity:** 7.3% LGBTQ; 61.7% Non-LGBTQ; 42.9% African American; 9.5% Hispanic; 1.8% Asian; 5.2% Two or More Races; 40.6% White

  **Management Diversity:** 6.8% LGBTQ; 93.2% Non-LGBTQ; 15.9% African American; 9.1% Hispanic; 0% Asian; 6.8% Two or More Races; 68.2% White

Project 42: Legal Services of New Jersey

Funding Amount: $5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM8LES
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Project Overview: Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) consists of six separate not-for-profit corporations and will use $5 million in SFRF to offset the negative economic impact of the pandemic. LSNJ provides direct legal representation and conducts legal advocacy on behalf of the State’s low-income people. The demand for COVID-19 legal services, including the anticipated rise of eviction cases and other civil legal issues like unemployment filings, domestic violence and other family matters, and debt collection actions, has increased dramatically. This is especially true among the disadvantaged or low-income residents of the State, who LSNJ defines as those at or below 289 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. These clients are often from the vulnerable, impoverished communities that are typically hit hardest, including families with children, the disabled, those with language access challenges, and communities of color.

Link to Project Website: www.lsnj.org

Performance Report:

Key Performance Indicators:

- Number of Non-Profits served: 6
- Number of cases: 249
- Total clients disaggregated by race: African American -1,208; Hispanic -1,195; Native American -10; Asian Pacific Islander -73; Multi -56; Other -347
Project 43: RWJ OCD Center of Excellence  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.2 COVID-19 Testing  
- **Project Overview:** Robert Wood Johnson Behavioral Health (RWJBH), in conjunction with Rutgers University, is planning to create the Tri-State Area’s first Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Treatment Center. The center will treat the most severe cases of OCD, patients need an immersive program that can employ treatments and offer coping techniques and medication monitoring around the clock. To meet these needs, the program will need to include an on-site, staffed Residential Unit.  
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance metrics will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 44: Wally Choice Community Center  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM22WC  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety  
- **Project Overview:** $5 million from SFRF is allocated to Essex County to redevelop an existing facility to provide programs, services, and resources to underserved and resource-constrained local residents.  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators: Construction Completed

Project 45: Great Falls of the Passaic River Alexander Hamilton Visitor and Education Center  
**Funding Amount:** $2 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality  
- **Project Overview:** $2 million is allocated to the City of Paterson for the Alexander Hamilton Visitor and Education Center at the Great Falls of Passaic River. The Program will respond to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries by assisting the planned and ongoing transformation of derelict property in a qualified census tract into a visitor and education center, a youth center, a public makerspace, a performing theater, and an associated parking structure.  
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance metrics will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 46: Vernon Township Landfill  
**Funding Amount:** $100,000  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM30VT  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.13 Drinking water: Source  
- **Project Overview:** Allocation to Vernon Township (Vernon) will be used to address the
effects of a local landfill on its drinking water system. Vernon will use SFRF funds for testing of deep core samples into the landfill. Testing of the landfill is the only way the State can evaluate the extent of the pollution and environmental damage that has or will be done to the area.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of Households impacted by the environmental testing: 8,612

**Project 47: Milltown Water Line Relining**

- **Funding Amount:** $2 million
- **Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM11MW
- **Project Expenditure Category:** 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
  - **Project Overview:** The Borough of Milltown will use SFRF funds to clean and reline or partially replace unlined cast iron water mains.

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 1
    - Status: Completed less than 50%

**Project 48: Dredging the Woodbridge Township Marina**

- **Funding Amount:** $1.5 million
- **Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM13WM
- **Project Expenditure Category:** 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
  - **Project Overview:** Woodbridge will use SFRF to dredge Smith Creek

- **Performance Report:** Key Performance Indicators: This project has been completed.

**Project 49: Grant Management Consultant Services to County and Local Governments**

- **Funding Amount:** $1 million
- **Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
- **Project Expenditure Category:** 7.1 Administrative Expenses
  - **Project Overview:** The Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office established an Information Hub to provide support to counties and municipalities awarded COVID-19 disaster recovery funding through American Rescue Plan’s Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“LFRF”). In addition to the Information Hub, counties and municipalities may direct questions concerning LRF grants to GOVGDRO@nj.gov or may request to have a State-procured consultant provide advice and assistance during or after the creation of their recovery programs. The consultants may provide assistance which includes a review of internal controls, potential budget impacts, eligible uses, among other potential areas.

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 50: Small Business Emergency Grant Program
Funding Amount: $125 million

• Project Overview: The Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) board approved the Small Business Emergency Grant Program, which dedicated $125 million into four categories: Microbusinesses, Businesses and Nonprofits, Food and Beverage Establishments, and Child Care Providers. Based on the eligibility criteria approved by the NJEDA board, grants ranging from $1,000-$20,000 will be provided to small businesses with up to 50 full time employees.

Microbusinesses
Funding Amount: $89.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1MIC
Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of businesses receiving assistance: 7,908
    • Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 2,761

Businesses and Nonprofits
Funding Amount: $16.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1BUS
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of businesses receiving assistance: 896
    • Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 209
    • Number of minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses receiving assistance: 349

Food and Beverage Establishments
Funding Amount: $15 million
Identification Number: SLFRFEDA1FNB
Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of businesses receiving assistance: 974
    • Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 335
Child Care Providers  
**Funding Amount:** $4 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFEDA1CHI  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators:  
    - Number of small businesses receiving assistance: 127  
    - Number of businesses located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 63

Project 51: Commuter and Transit Bus Private Carrier Pandemic Relief and Jobs Program  
**Funding Amount:** $26.625 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFEDA3CTB  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other  
- **Project Overview:** The private bus industry, which has historically been a key component of New Jersey’s transportation sector, was devastated by the negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Accordingly, private bus companies account for about one-third of scheduled bus service in the State, based on passenger miles prior to the pandemic and operate routes in 15 New Jersey counties. While some private carrier routes are operated under contract with NJ Transit, many are operated on an at-risk basis by the private companies under their own authority. The Commuter and Transit Bus Private Carrier Pandemic Relief and Jobs Program will provide private bus companies with assistance through grants to bring back employees and serve passengers on routes that without this relief would have had to be eliminated or cut back.  
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $25 million  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators:  
    - Number of private carrier companies receiving grants: 13

Project 52: Unemployment Processing Modernization and Improvements  
**Funding Amount:** $10 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOL2UPM  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery  
- **Project Overview:** Because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the New Jersey (State) Department of Labor and Workforce Development realized an unprecedented spike in unemployment insurance (UI) benefit claims filings. System challenges resulted in the delayed payment of benefits, an uptick in fraudulent claims, and unequitable access to UI benefits, highlighting the need for policy and technological innovation to support UI policy and technology modernization efforts. SFRF funds will be used to improve the efficacy of the unemployment insurance system by undertaking a full-scale replacement of the base system that processes UI claims and by rebuilding many of the systems and processes currently in place, including call center efficacy and dependency.
Project 53: Food and Hunger Programs  
Funding Amount: $10 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFNJDA1FH  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs  
  - **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) received $10 million to supplement The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Since 1982, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) has administered TEFAP in New Jersey, distributing several million pounds of federal food throughout the State's twenty-one counties. This program currently provides over 70 different food items to New Jersey's eligible citizens challenged by food insecurity. Currently, New Jersey receives over 20 million pounds of TEFAP foods annually from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). NJDA manages the TEFAP food ordering and scheduling of direct shipments from USDA vendors to six State-contracted Emergency Feeding Organizations (EFOs) who have developed a network of over 800 Local Distribution Agencies (LDAs) (food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and needy feeding agencies) throughout the State.  
    - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million  
  - **Performance Report:**  
    - Key Performance Indicators: 2,632,454 meals provided

Project 54: Water Quality Accountability Municipal Compliance (Cyber Security)  
Funding Amount: $5 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFOHSP1WQ  
Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure  
  - **Project Overview:** On July 21, 2017, the Water Quality Accountability Act, P.L. 2017, c. 133 (WQAA), was signed into law, thereby establishing new requirements for purveyors of public water systems to improve the safety, reliability, and administrative oversight of water infrastructure. As part of this act, each water purveyor with Internet connected control systems is required to develop a cybersecurity program that includes the establishment of policies, plans, processes, and procedures for identifying and mitigating cyber risk to their public water system.  
  - **Performance Report:**  
    - Key Performance Indicators: Program Status: Completed Less Than 50%

Project 55: Funding for Integrity Monitors  
Funding Amount: $10 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFOMB1INM  
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses
• **Project Overview:** This funding has been set aside for integrity monitoring, including for the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Program and the Excluded New Jerseyans Fund

**Project 56: Water and Sewer – Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority**

**Funding Amount:** $10.5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM5FME  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution

• **Project Overview:** $10.5 million will go to the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority for necessary water and sewer upgrades.

• **Performance Report:**

  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Median Household Income of service area: $108,000.00
    • Lowest Quintile Income of service area: $20,792.00
    • Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 1
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Justice40 communities: 0
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Overburdened Communities (OBC): 0

**Project 57: Meadowlands Complex**

**Funding Amount:** $15 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFSEA1MLC  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

• **Project Overview:** $15 million from SFRF was made available for New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) to offset the negative economic impact COVID-19 had on the Meadowlands Complex, and other ongoing projects developed as part of New Jersey’s hospitality industry.

• **Performance Report:**

  • Key Performance Indicators: This program served as reimbursement for operations and has been completed.

**Project 58: MVC Mobile Agency Units**

**Funding Amount:** $2.05 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM9MVC  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

• **Project Overview:** The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) was the recipient of $2.05 million in SFRF to invest in mobile units to serve as “field offices on wheels.” COVID-19 reduced MVC's ability to operate traditional facilities that were either shut down or intermittently available to the public. MVC responded by increasing the number and accessibility of services on their online platform. However, this negatively impacted economically disadvantaged individuals who did not have internet access, computer access, or digital literacy. The SFRF allocation to MVC allowed them to double their capacity from two vehicles to four vehicles to travel to areas of special need by request and better serve
those who were left out of the transition to online services. This includes those affected by a natural disaster or emergency, groups who have limited mobility and require special assistance such as those in nursing homes, military/veterans, or prisoner re-entry programs, and other disadvantaged communities.

- Link to Project Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IdDI-Cu7Ho

- Use of Evidence:
  
  

- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2 million


- Performance Report:
  
  - Key Performance Indicators
    
    - Number of events held using MVC mobile units in 2021: 192
    - Number of events held using MVC mobile units in 2022: 225
    - Number of events held using MVC mobile units in 2023: 136 thus far
    - 56 events at the Department of Corrections processing 3,033 transactions

Project 59: Government Services
Funding Amount: $55 million
Identification Number: Not Applicable
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- Project Overview: This amount has been allocated to government services which include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. Within this allocation in Fiscal Year 2022, New Jersey invested in economic development projects in Newark and Atlantic City and gap funding for supply chain disruptions in affordable housing projects, among other eligible uses.
Project 1: ITIN Support  
**Funding Amount:** $60 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFOMB2ITI  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other

- **Project Overview:** Despite their status as taxpaying residents of the United States, individuals holding Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (“ITINs”) are often ineligible for federal assistance, including some temporary federal benefits enacted in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The primary COVID-19 response benefit denied to ITIN holders was the federal stimulus payments, where holding an ITIN resulted in categorical ineligibility. This Program will fund a direct cash stimulus payment to State residents who have filed taxes with an ITIN, or filed taxes that listed a dependent with an ITIN. The program will distribute $500 per ITIN holder - $500 for a single ITIN holder, $1,000 for a household with two ITIN holders, etc. In order to ensure that this payment reaches the households most in need, it will be limited to households with an income equal to or less than 200 percent of the 2021 federal poverty guidelines for their household size.

- **Link to Project Website:** [https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/itinfaq.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/itinfaq.shtml)


- **Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions:** $60 million

- **Performance Report:**
  
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    
    - Number of households receiving ITIN support: 76,000
    - Number of individuals receiving ITIN support: 97,000
    - Income Breakdown: 24,000 recipients had household incomes below $10,000; 19,000 recipients had household incomes between $10,000 and $20,000; 17,000 recipients had household incomes between $20,000 and $30,000; 8,000 recipients had household incomes between $30,000 and $40,000; 4,000 recipients had household incomes between $40,000 and $50,000; 2,000 households has household incomes greater than $50,000

Project 2: Veterans Homes Oversight  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDMAVA01  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** With residents of medical facilities at particular risk of contracting COVID-19, the State Veterans’ homes in Menlo Park, Vineland, and Paramus experienced challenges related to preventing the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) will use this program to identify and remedy the causes of outbreaks in these facilities. DMAVA hired independent consultants to review DMAVA’s overall operations, policies, and procedures to recommend improvements in its operating practices.
• **Use of Evidence:** This allocation is funding a program evaluation—Independent consulting services will review all facility operations, policies, and procedures and provide recommendations for improvement so that the facility can meet or exceed the necessary standards of care for nursing homes.

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Program Status: Completed less than 50%

**Project 3: Community-Based Violence Intervention**
**Funding Amount:** $5 million
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to the Department of Law and Public Safety (LPS) for the Community-Based Violence Interventions Program. The Program will respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency by funding non-profit community service providers for the development and implementation of violence intervention services for communities with high rates of violence, particularly gun violence.

- **Use of Evidence:** This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance measurements will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 4: Veterans Homes Construction**
**Funding Amount:** $4 million
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

- **Project Overview:** $4 million dollars is allocated to the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs (DMAVA) for the Veterans Homes Construction Program. This Program will fund an architectural and engineering firm to review and complete the design of capital improvements at the Menlo Park and Paramus facilities bringing them into compliance with infection control best practices.

- **Use of Evidence:** Additional Information for Community Congregate Living Settings (e.g., Group Homes, Assisted Living) | CDC
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4 million

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

**Project 5: Anti-Discrimination Housing #2**
**Funding Amount:** $1.6 million
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an
Identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

- **Project Overview:** The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) within the Office of the Attorney General was granted $1.6 million for its housing unit to investigate complaints from tenants alleging that their housing provider discriminated against them based on their source of lawful income by refusing to accept their COVID-19 Rental Assistance or Housing Choice vouchers. In addition, the housing unit will enforce the Fair Chance in Housing Act which aims to allow people with criminal convictions to access stable housing without being discriminated against based on their prior criminal history.
  - Link to Project Website: [https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/housing-discrimination/](https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/housing-discrimination/)
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $1.52 million
  - **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 6: Universal Newborn Home Visitation Program**

**Funding Amount:** $6 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDCF3UHV

Project Expenditure Category: 2.12 Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting

- **Project Overview:** Throughout the pandemic, studies have found that rates of maternal mortality increased significantly, rates of anxiety, depression, and post-partum symptoms increased beyond pre-pandemic levels, and restrictions and closures reduced access to in-person medical care, social support, and pre-natal care and screening. Therefore, the State has qualified new families as a class of beneficiaries impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Children and new families are often particularly vulnerable immediately after the child is born. Medical, mental health, and nutritional issues may not present in ways that are obvious to the family. In addition, care, screening, and informational resources that normally would have been provided prior to birth have been cancelled or limited due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This issue is exacerbated in families of lower means, as they may not have independent access to quality information, one-on-one counseling with professionals, knowledge of public resources, or access to affordable health care. This Program is designed to affirmatively address these issues among new families.
  - Link to Project Website: [https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/early/visitation/](https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/early/visitation/)
  - **Use of Evidence:**
• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $6 million

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 7: Assertive Community Treatment Pilot**  
**Funding Amount:** $5.25 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

• **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general population by funding support, treatment, and rehabilitation to youth most likely to experience psychiatric crises. DCF will pilot the services in a limited geographic area, referring the youth through the Children’s System of Care’s mobile response and stabilization units.

• **Use of Evidence:** This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance measurements will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 8: COVID Respite Services**  
**Funding Amount:** $4.335 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

• **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general population by providing grants to caregivers of youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to expand services and activities to promote behavioral health development. In addition, this Program will provide one-time $15,000 dollar payments to DCF-contracted family support organizations to provide sensory-friendly enrichment activities to reduce the impacts of isolation and build community connections.

• **Use of Evidence:** This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance measurements will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 9: DREAMS – Developing Resiliency with Engaging Approaches to Maximize Success**  
**Funding Amount:** $3.78 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDCF7DRE  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

• **Project Overview:** The DREAMS Initiative through the NJ Department of Children and
Families will serve dozens of school districts by providing trauma-informed and healing-centered training and support, including training in the Nurtured Heart Approach. This initiative will help schools establish safe, welcoming, and relationship-centered learning environments and practices for all students that provide structure, help mitigate the effects of any trauma or adversity a student may be facing and support positive growth. Participating school districts have been selected, but program activities have not yet begun.

**Use of Evidence:**


- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.6 million

**Performance Report:**

- Key Performance Indicators:
  - Number of school districts participating in DREAMS program: 48
  - Number of disadvantaged school districts participating in DREAMS program: 19

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**Project 10: Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide**

**Funding Amount:** $1.2 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDCF6PTS  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

**Project Overview:** This program will fund the partnership between the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide to expand the dissemination of critical crisis and behavioral health toolkits to the families of all fifth graders in New Jersey, in addition to hospital emergency departments, and Children’s Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) and Care Management Organizations (CMO).


- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $1.2 million

**Performance Report:**

- Key Performance Indicators:
• Number of Adolescent Clinical Training for Suicide Prevention (ACTS) trainings held: 7
• Number of professionals trained in Adolescent Clinician Training for Suicide Prevention (ACTS): 127

Project 11: Liberty State Park  
Funding Amount: $52.5 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP5LSP  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

• Project Overview: This Program will fund immediate upgrades to Liberty State Park, as well as a portion of planning and design costs for future upgrades. The upgrade component includes the remediation and improvement of existing facilities and amenities, including maintenance on bathrooms, effective lighting, pathing, ramps and handholds, parking improvements, and other generally necessary maintenance. The planning and design component will consist of two phases. First, a task force consisting of State representatives, local community members, and non-profits representing minority interests will be formed to assess what improvements would be most beneficial to the local community. Once this task force has determined a firm list of needs, a qualified independent design firm will be chosen through competitive bid to create and execute a park construction plan that implements the task force’s recommendations.
  • Link to Project Website: https://dep.nj.gov/revitalizelsp/
• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators: This project is still in the design and planning phase which has included extensive community engagement. Performance measurements will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 12: Water Infrastructure  
Funding Amount: $282.201 million  
Combined Sewer Overflow  
Funding Amount: $249.975 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells

• Project Overview: The New Jersey Water Bank (NJWB) is a partnership between the DEP and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank) to provide low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water. Funding will be used to provide principal forgiveness loans through the NJWB to help offset the substantial costs communities face to implement Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) long-term control plans (LTCP).
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Treatment
Funding Amount: $23.988 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 5.10 Drinking water: Treatment
  • Project Overview: The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water.
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Other Water Infrastructure
Funding Amount: $23.988 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
  • Project Overview: The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water.
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Private Wells
Funding Amount: $2.625 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells
  • Project Overview: The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water. There are approximately 8,000 home sales each year that are subject to the requirements of the Private Well Testing Act. It is anticipated that approximately 10 percent of private wells will have exceedances of the applicable standards and will therefore seek treatment or alternative water supply depending on the contaminant. Funding will be used to provide financing to private well owners in order to address and remediate the issues.
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Assessments
Funding Amount: $2.625 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 5.10 Drinking water: Treatment
  • Project Overview: The NJWB provides low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects to help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water.
• Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 13: Greenway Planning, Development, and Remediation
Funding Amount: $21 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP4GPD
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

• Project Overview: This Program will fund the development and construction of a nine-mile-long pedestrian greenway from Jersey City in Hudson County, through Newark, and concluding in Montclair in Essex County. The park will run along the route of a former Norfolk Southern Railway freight line. While the freight trains have long since ceased operating on this route, the old freight rail itself remains an unused lane directly through some of the most populous areas of the State. DEP estimates that fully 16 percent of the State’s population will live within the immediate area of the Greenway, and its path will run through the largest contiguous grouping of QCTs in the State. The Greenway will not only grant access to open greenspace, but will also allow people to move safely and quickly outside the stoplights, crosswalks, and vehicle traffic of the urban environment and will provide enhanced public transit connectivity.

• Link to Project Website: https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/thegreenway.html

• Performance Report:
  • Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 17
  • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Justice40 communities: 5
  • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Overburdened Communities (OBC): 17

Project 14: South Toms River Landfill
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDEP6STR
Project Expenditure Category: 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source

• Project Overview: The Borough of South Toms River will be granted $5.25 million to properly cap and close an inactive landfill.

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of census tracts benefitting from the program: 1
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as Justice40 communities: 0
    • Number of beneficiary census tracts identified as overburdened communities (OBC): 1
    • Medium household income of service area: $89,703
    • Lowest quintile income of service area: $16,501
Project 15: Home Lead Paint Remediation  
Funding Amount: $178.5 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFDHCR4HL  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.20 Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation  
- **Project Overview:** The objective of this DCA Division of Housing and Community Resources program is to provide lead-based paint remediation through encapsulation to low to moderate income families (income low enough to qualify for Title X) through providing a service that is typically unaffordable at those income levels due to the costly work that needs to be done. The assistance that our program provides would focus on closing the gap of the historically underserved communities.  
  - Link to Project Website: [https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/leadsafe.html](https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/leadsafe.html)  
- **Use of Evidence:**  
  - M R Farfel and J J Chisolm, Jr, 1990: Health and environmental outcomes of traditional and modified practices for abatement of residential lead-based paint. American Journal of Public Health 80, 1240-1245, [https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.80.10.1240](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.80.10.1240)  
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $170 million  
- **Performance Report:**  
  - Key Performance Indicators:  
    - Program Status: The program has begun. Tranche 1 of funding for 20 of the 20 grantees has been released and they are in various stages of starting up their program, collecting applications, conducting outreach, and completing units. Additional program data will be provided in subsequent reports.

Project 16: Office of Eviction Prevention  
Funding Amount: $5.5 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFDHCR7OF  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons  
- **Project Overview:** To provide an expansive model in comprehensive and efficient defense against eviction to low-income renter households in NJ by interconnecting two existing, successful, and impactful Department best practices in eviction prevention, namely connecting the Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI) to the Access to Counsel Initiative (ATC) thereby combining safety net services and effective anti-displacement strategies into one stronger wrap-around intervention. In this expansive model, eligible tenants facing or threatened with eviction are paired up with resource navigators for social services support, case management, and immediate problem-solving intervention including flexible direct financial assistance and with access to legal services for brief legal advice or legal representation.  
- **Use of Evidence:**  

• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5.5 million

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

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**Project 17: Enrollment Based Payment Extension**

**Funding Amount:** $48 million

**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

• **Project Overview:** The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on child care facilities by extending the Enrollment Based Payment Program through the Department of Human Services, helping protect an industry vital to sustained recovery. The U.S. Treasury has found that child care providers are a key industry for economic recovery, as access to safe, quality, affordable child care allows families to return to work with confidence. The Program allows child care providers to be confident that their payroll and operational expenses will be met even if new COVID-19 variants or local outbreaks cause sudden, unexpected drops in attendance.

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

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**Project 18: Social Services Advertising**

**Funding Amount:** $5 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDHS2SSA

**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

• **Project Overview:** This program will use public advertising to raise awareness of social services programs that are not reaching the audience they were intended to reach. The advertising will be in multiple languages, will be comprised of television and radio ads, streaming service ads, in-store advertisements through public address systems, social and digital advertising, roadway billboards and mass transit signage, print advertisements, and posters. In order to ensure the greatest impact possible, advertisements will be targeted to the extent possible in the specific medium to help effectively inform disproportionately impacted households and communities of the services and assistance available to them.


• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 19: Mental Health First Aid Initiatives  
Funding Amount: $4.2 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services  
  • Project Overview: This program will fund the creation and implementation of teen mental health awareness and support services. This program will allow DHS to partner with the New Jersey Department of Education to address youth mental health issues.  
  • Use of Evidence: This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.  
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 20: County Area Agencies on Aging  
Funding Amount: $4 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs  
  • Project Overview: The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the senior population by funding additional front-line staff and necessary technology upgrades at Area Agencies on Aging (“Agencies”). These county-level agencies are the first contact for many senior residents for services related to health care support, caregiver concerns, homelessness prevention, benefit assessment, money management, discrimination, accessible transportation, home-delivered meals, and legal issues. The dramatically increased vulnerability of the senior population, combined with the necessary quarantines and in-person facility closures, have exacerbated the existing challenges of senior care.  
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 21: Potable Water Treatment Improvements – New Lisbon/Hunterdon  
Funding Amount: $2.417 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services  
  • Project Overview: The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by funding the repair of critical water systems at behavioral health facilities. The COVID-19 public health emergency delayed many important repairs and upgrades to these facilities, particularly with regard to water purification and distribution systems at those facilities. This Program will fund the three most critical repairs and upgrades necessary at these facilities.  
  • Use of Evidence: This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.  
  • Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 22: Higher Education Peer Counseling  
Funding Amount: $2.4 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services  
- Project Overview: The Program will fund mental health surveys and focus groups at colleges and universities across the State, as well as support the development of a statewide student-led advisory group and regional student-led learning communities focused on campus mental health. The surveys and focus groups will build on previous studies by providing deeper insight into program outcomes and the continuing needs of the student community.  
- Use of Evidence: This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.  
- Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 23: Employer Supports CC&R Agency Support  
Funding Amount: $1 million  
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care  
- Project Overview: The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted households and communities by expanding Community Childcare & Referral Agencies (CCR&R) staffing to increase their capacity to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to employers, thus helping increase the availability of child care services through the Child care Assistance Program to the State's low- and moderate-income residents.  
- Use of Evidence: This project is in the planning phase. Dollar amount allocated to evidence-based interventions will be reported once implementation begins.  
- Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 24: Veterans Haven North HVAC System  
Funding Amount: $2.93 million  
Identification Number: SLFRFDMAVA02  
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons  
- Project Overview: This program will fund the replacement of the deteriorated HVAC system and the renovation of damaged sections of the roof at one of the two 100-bed facilities for homeless veterans operated by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The new HVAC system will ensure the facility remains at a safe temperature and prevent temperatures from reaching 83 degrees or higher which would require the facility to evacuate.  
  - Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vetshavennorth/  
  - Use of Evidence: Ashraf Mimi Elsaid, Hany A. Mohamed, Gamal B. Abdelaziz, M. Salem

- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2.93 million

**Performance Report:**
- Key Performance Indicators:
  - Program Status: This program is 99% completed
- Required Performance Indicators:
  - Number of people or households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 0 (Not Applicable)
  - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0 (Not Applicable)

**Project 25: Increased County Jail Population due to COVID**
**Funding Amount:** $10 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOCICJP
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)
- **Project Overview:** This Program helps fund the additional operational costs of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended quarantine and observational protocols.
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million

**Performance Report:**
- Key Performance Indicators:
  - Number of county facilities implementing CDC-recommended mitigation protocols through this program: 17

**Project 26: Pre School Facilities Construction**
**Funding Amount:** $123.3 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOE3PSF
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.14 Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning
- **Project Overview:** This program will fund the expansion and improvement of full-day early learning services in regular operating districts (RODs) throughout New Jersey. RODs will submit proposals for preschool facility service expansion, prioritized based on the ability to increase available early learning capacity. Proposals will be tiered based on increasing enrollment capacity by at least 10 percent, the ability to increase existing half-day programs into full-day programs, and finally, additional improvements that enhance the quality and effectiveness at expanding or improving early learning capacity. This funding will allow the
New Jersey Department of Education (Department) to continue actualizing the Governor’s goal of making high quality early childhood access available to all New Jersey families.

- Link to Project Website: https://www.nj.gov/education/njpss/universalpreschool/

**Use of Evidence:**


- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $120 million

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

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**Project 27: Educator and Staff Training Initiatives**

**Funding Amount:** $3.465 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOE2EST

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** This Program will distribute $3.3 million between three behavioral health programs to strengthen educator and staff training for supporting youth mental health and education: (1) The Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program will provide coaching services to school districts to support the development of comprehensive school-based mental health systems through a pilot program aligned to the New Jersey Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Services Resource Guide; (2) Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders program will create a statewide training series for school leaders on implementing systemic social and emotional learning (SEL) in schools; and (3) The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign will use a three-pronged approach to address youth suicide that will include training for educators, a youth suicide awareness campaign, and a State conference to generate awareness of risk factors for youth suicide and resources available.

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - The Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program:
  - Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders:
  - The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign:
• Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $3.3 million

• **Performance Report:**
  • **Key Performance Indicators:**
    • Number of school districts participating in the “Enhancing School Mental Health Services Program”: 50
    • Number of school districts participating in the “Implementing Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning for School Leaders” program: 0 (This portion of the program has not yet begun)
    • Number of educators participating in training through “The Statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign”: 0 (This portion of the program has not yet begun)

**Project 28: Overlook Medical Center – Emergency Department Renovation**
*Funding Amount:* $36.75 million
*Identification Number:* This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
*Project Expenditure Category:* 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
  • **Project Overview:** The Department of Health will administer a grant to Overlook Medical Center for the renovation and modernization of their emergency department.
    • Link to Project Website: [https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/emergency-services/overlook-emergency-services.html](https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/emergency-services/overlook-emergency-services.html)
  • **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 29: Capital Health – Satellite Emergency Department Trenton**
*Funding Amount:* $8.4 million
*Identification Number:* This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
*Project Expenditure Category:* 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
  • **Project Overview:** $8.4 million is allocated to the Department of Health (DOH) for distribution to Capital Health to be used towards the Capital Health Satellite Emergency Department - Trenton Program. The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by funding the renovation of the emergency department at Capital Health’s Regional Medical Center in Trenton.
    • Link to Project Website: [https://www.capitalhealth.org/medical-services/emergency-medical-services](https://www.capitalhealth.org/medical-services/emergency-medical-services)
  • **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 30: Inspira Health – Hospital Infrastructure and Workforce Education
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

- **Project Overview:** $5.25 million is allocated to the Department of Health (DOH) for the Inspira Health - Salem Medical Center Program. The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by funding hospital infrastructure and workforce training at Salem Medical Center required to effectively respond to the COVID-19 virus. Some of the upgrades include mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, fire suppression, and electrical systems. The particular focus of the workforce training will be behavioral safety management and de-escalation, allowing staff to better respond to patient stress and manage patients through required COVID-19 isolation and sanitary best practice.

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

Project 31: Cooper University Hospital – Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- **Project Overview:** $5.25 million is allocated to the Department of Health (DOH) to be distributed to Cooper University Hospital for the Cooper University Hospital – Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey Relocation Program. This Program will respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted communities by providing funding to relocate and upgrade the Ronald McDonald House, a pediatric inpatient recovery center, in a qualified census tract.

  - Link to Project Website: [https://www.cooperhealth.org/services/ronald-mcdonald-house](https://www.cooperhealth.org/services/ronald-mcdonald-house)

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

Project 32: Carrier Clinic – Inpatient Behavioral Health Expansion
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** $5.25 million dollars to the Department of Health (DOH) for HMH Hospitals Corporation to be used towards the Carrier Clinic Pediatric Inpatient Behavioral Health Expansion. The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the general public by funding expansions to an inpatient behavioral health clinic.

  - **Use of Evidence:** Alegria M, Nakash O, NeMoyer A. Increasing equity in access to mental health care: a critical first step in improving service quality. World Psychiatry. 2018
Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $5 million

Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 33: St. Peter’s Hospital – Family Health Center
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

• Project Overview: $5.25 million is allocated to the Department of Health (DOH) for Saint Peter’s University Hospital for the St. Peter’s Family Health Center Program. The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted households by funding hospital facilities infrastructure projects that will allow for increased capacity to serve patients at St. Peter’s University Hospital, a medical facility located within a qualified census tract.
  • Link to Project Website: https://www.saintpetershcs.com/Locations/Family-Health-Center

• Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 34: Coriell Institute of Medical Research – New Research Facility
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

• Project Overview: The Program will respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted communities by funding the construction of a medical research facility in a qualified census tract. This Program will fund a portion of the development and construction costs of a new research laboratory on an abandoned commercial property in one of Camden's several qualified census tracts.

• Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 35: The New Valley Hospital – Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness
Funding Amount: $5.25 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

• Project Overview: $5.25 million is allocated to the Department of Health (DOH) to be distributed to New Valley Health to be used towards the New Valley Hospital – Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Program. The Program will respond to the public health impact of
the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by funding hospital facilities and equipment necessary to respond to and adapt to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

**Project 36: Unemployment Processing Modernization and Improvements**
**Funding Amount:** $15.75 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOL3UPM
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

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

- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - **Program Status:** Completed less than 50%

**Project 37: Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Grant**
**Funding Amount:** $7.9 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDOT1SBE
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

- **Project Overview:** The unforeseen emergency of the unanticipated escalation in construction material prices, including steel and lumber, has imposed substantial inequity upon Small Business Enterprises (SBE), which have been awarded contracts or are subcontractors on contracts after public bidding. These inequities have threatened the ability of those contractors and subcontractors to fulfill their obligations under the contracts. This program provides grants to SBES to mitigate these circumstances.

- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - Number of small business enterprises (SBES) served: 11
    - Number of small business enterprises (SBES) located in Opportunity Zones receiving assistance: 1

**Project 38: Inspira Health Acquisition of Salem Medical Center**
**Funding Amount:** $5 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM24IS
**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
• **Project Overview:** The Inspira Health - Salem Medical Center Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by funding hospital infrastructure and workforce training at Salem Medical Center required to effectively respond to the COVID-19 virus. Some of the upgrades include mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, fire suppression, and electrical systems. The particular focus of the workforce training will be behavioral safety management and de-escalation, allowing staff to better respond to patient stress and manage patients through required COVID-19 isolation and sanitary best practice.

• **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators: This program has been completed.

**Project 39: Alexander Hamilton Visitor and Education Center at the Great Falls of the Passaic River**

**Funding Amount:** $4 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

• **Project Overview:** $4 million is allocated to the City of Paterson for the Alexander Hamilton Visitor and Education Center at the Great Falls of Passaic River. The Program will respond to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries by assisting the planned and ongoing transformation of derelict property in a qualified census tract into a visitor and education center, a youth center, a public makerspace, a performing theater, and an associated parking structure.

• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 40: Irvington Park**

**Funding Amount:** $7.5 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

• **Project Overview:** $7.5 million is allocated to the County of Essex for the Irvington Park Program. The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted households and communities by constructing a new multi-use community center. This community center will operate for the benefit of these underserved communities, providing a 3,000 square foot multipurpose community room, a commercial kitchen and equipment, public bathrooms, a reservable conference room, a public classroom with approximately 20 computer stations, public Wi-Fi, and public lockers.


• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
**Project 41: Newark Pedestrianization**  
**Funding Amount:** $6.5 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety  
• **Project Overview:** In response to transportation challenges within the City of Newark, the proposed improvements for the project include installing new or repairing existing ADA-compliant crosswalks, sidewalks, and refuge islands, intersection re-designs, roundabouts at complex intersections, as well as updated traffic signal networks, and protected bicycle lanes. The project’s proposed improvements creating street corridors and intersections that safely accommodate all users of all abilities through the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofitted transportation facilities, enabling safe access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users of all ages and abilities. This project is specifically aligned with the Complete Streets Implementation goals through road designs for new construction and reconstruction built as complete streets, creating multi-modal network connections for pedestrians and bicyclists, designing for the safety of all road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles, and transit users), establishing guidelines for pedestrian, bike, and transit accommodation, design for compliance with all ADA requirements, and anticipating the future demand for walking and biking.  
• **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 42: New Jersey Performing Arts Center – Community Center**  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM27NJ  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)  
• **Project Overview:** $5 million to the New Jersey Performing Arts Corporation (NJPAC) for the Cooperman Center Program. The Program will provide aid to a nonprofit organization operating in a qualified census tract by funding a performing arts, education, and community center in an underserved community. This Program shall increase NJPAC’s ability to serve Newark by helping fund the Cooperman Center, NJPAC’s most significant expansion in its 25-year history.  
  • Link to Project Website: [https://www.njpac.org/about/the-cooperman-center/](https://www.njpac.org/about/the-cooperman-center/)  
• **Performance Report:**  
  • Key Performance Indicators:  
    • Construction Benchmark: Design – 80%

**Project 43: Elizabeth, Storm Recovery Support**  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater  
• **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to the City of Elizabeth for the Elizabeth Storm Recovery Support Program. The Program will make necessary investments in water
infrastructure by funding a redundant power generator at the Verona-Gebhardt Stormwater Pump Station and the rehabilitation of pipes in Elizabeth’s combined sewer system. These augmentations and repairs are a cost-effective means of making the City of Elizabeth’s stormwater system more resilient to the challenges of severe weather.

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

**Project 44: Atlantic County Airport**  
**Funding Amount:** $5 million  
**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM23AC  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality  
- **Project Overview:** $5 million is allocated to the Atlantic County Economic Alliance Project (ACEA) for the National Aerospace Research and Technology Park (NARTP) Program. The Program will respond to the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries by helping fund an aerospace technology and resource hub in an underserved community.
  - Link to Project Website: [https://www.nartp.com/who-we-are/](https://www.nartp.com/who-we-are/)
- **Performance Report:**
  - **Key Performance Indicators:**
    - Construction Benchmark: Design – 30%

**Project 45: Port Liberte Ferry Terminal**  
**Funding Amount:** $4 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other  
- **Project Overview:** This $4 million allocation will fund the operation of the new ferry service at Port Liberte, with a direct focus on low-income accessibility. The ferry will return to operations starting with its most utilized pre-pandemic route from Port Liberte to Pier 11 at Water Street and Wall Street in New York City. The program will also create a port shuttle service throughout Bayonne and Jersey City, including fare subsidies to keep prices affordable for low-income residents. In addition, the Program will fund de minimis capital improvements at the port facility itself by adding shuttle ports, bicycle tie-offs, Citi Bike stations, and general repairs to reverse several years of disrepair. Returning the Port Liberte ferry to operation will help reduce the isolation of Bayonne and Jersey City communities and increase economic opportunities for residents.
  - Link to Project Website: [https://nywaterway.com/PortLiberteTerminal.aspx](https://nywaterway.com/PortLiberteTerminal.aspx)
- **Use of Evidence:** David C. Phillips, Getting to work: Experimental evidence on job search and transportation costs, Labour Economics, Volume 29, 2014, Pages 72-82, ISSN 0927-5371, [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2014.07.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2014.07.005).
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $4 million
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 46: CareWell Health – Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility
Funding Amount: $2 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

- **Project Overview:** $2 million is allocated to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to be distributed to CareWell Health for the CareWell Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program. The Program will respond to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the general public by helping fund the development and construction of a behavioral health center focused on addiction recovery. This center’s target population will be individuals in need of multiple days of treatment with a focus on those suffering additional co-morbidities such as mental or physical disorders.

- **Use of Evidence:** Wakeman, S.E., Metlay, J.P., Chang, Y. et al. Inpatient Addiction Consultation for Hospitalized Patients Increases Post-Discharge Abstinence and Reduces Addiction Severity. J GEN INTERN MED 32, 909–916 (2017). [https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-017-4077-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-017-4077-z)
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2 million

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

Project 47: United in Care
Funding Amount: $1.5 million
Identification Number: SLFRFDRM26UC
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

- **Project Overview:** $1.5 million is granted to United Way of Northern New Jersey which will fund a demonstration of the “hub and spoke” model of child care in which larger center-based child care facilities operate as hubs and small family child care providers operate as the spokes. This will increase capacity and reduce costs which will benefit small businesses and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) residents, disproportionately households of color. This demonstration will be conducted in four communities to show the impact in diverse New Jersey communities (rural, urban, suburban) and to address the disproportionate lack of financial resources to pay for child care in households of color.
  - Link to Project Website: [https://www.unitedwaynnj.org/united-in-care](https://www.unitedwaynnj.org/united-in-care)

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of Registered Family Day Care Centers: 25

Project 48: UH Study and Plan for New Healthcare Facilities
Funding Amount: $52.5 million
Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- **Project Overview:** $52.5 million is allocated to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) for the University Hospital Study and Construction Program. The Program
will respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted communities by funding upgrades and enhancements to a hospital located within and serving a qualified census tract. This Program funds the initial research, design, and engineering work required to determine the most immediate needs of the local population and how University Hospital can implement upgrades to meet those needs in the most cost-effective and timely manner possible.

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

**Project 49: Affordable Housing Production Fund**

**Funding Amount:** $320.25 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing  

- **Project Overview:** $320.25 million is allocated to the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to administer the disbursement of the Affordable Housing Production Fund revenues to provide subsidy financing for projects that are 100-percent affordable and are included in an approved Mount Laurel Fair Share Settlement Agreement. The AHPF allocations will be paired with 4 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to finance an additional 3,300 affordable units by the end of 2025.

- **Link to Project Website:**

- **Use of Evidence:**
  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $305 million

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

**Project 50: State Police – Storage Warehouses**

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

- **Project Overview:** This Program will fund two warehouse locations for the storage of COVID-19 related materials. The COVID-19 public health emergency has required a broad range of responses, and this has in turn resulted in the purchase of a wide variety of equipment and supplies. The State has acquired everything from hospital beds, mattresses, pillows, and blankets, to specialized medical equipment, hot water heaters, and portable showers. Consumable supplies have also been acquired in bulk; gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and similar. With case totals fluctuating and the threat of
additional variants still looming, effective storage of these materials is a key part of the logistics process, allowing them to be safely secured and then quickly distributed to the end users as needed.

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

**Project 51: Motor Vehicle Commission Resident Services Upgrades – Enhanced Digital Driver’s License (EDDL) Cameras**

**Funding Amount:** $7 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM28MV

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

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

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports. Plans to replace 259 existing MVC camera workstations and add 100 additional workstations.

**Project 52: Motor Vehicle Commission Resident Services Upgrades – Security Cameras**

**Funding Amount:** $2 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFDRM29MV

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

- **Project Overview:** This program will update the MVC’s aging security system to ensure that the public facilities people are required to enter are as safe and welcoming as possible.

- **Use of Evidence:**

- Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $2 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of facilities with upgraded security cameras: 4
  - Required Performance Indicators:
• Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 0 (Not applicable)
• Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not applicable)
• Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 0 (Not applicable)

Project 53: Railroad and Bus IT Improvements
Funding Amount: $42 million
Identification Number: SLFRFNJT1ITE
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs
• Project Overview: This program will build public sector capacity through five sub-projects. The first project will upgrade NJ TRANSIT’s back-end I.T. services, allowing staff to work remotely. The second project will upgrade fareboxes on NJ TRANSIT’s bus fleets. The new technology will automate the boarding process, allowing for touchless payments and changemaking, drastically reducing or eliminating the need for drivers to physically pass cash to and from customers. The third project will upgrade fare registers on NJ TRANSIT bus fleets. The new system will increase automation, decrease the need for manual entry from drivers, and thus speed transactions and reduce crowding during the boarding process. The fourth project will upgrade the fare gates at the Secaucus Junction and Newark Airport rail stations. This project will add modern fast-opening fare gates, modernize gate displays to make information clearer, and improve motion sensors to allow faster pass-through, thus improving the flow of riders and decreasing crowding. The fifth project will upgrade the contracting and procurement software to allow for a fully remote process.
• Performance Report: This program is in the planning and procurement phase. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 54: OIT Resident Services Upgrades
Funding Amount: $15 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOIT1RSU
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs
• Project Overview: This Program will fund the New Jersey Office Of Information Technology (OIT) effort to streamline and modernize the State’s technology infrastructure. OIT will procure a SimpliGov license subscription and train State agencies on the implementation of the software. SimpliGov will allow State agencies to modernize their front-end and back-end functions using a low-code or no-code interface, and under OIT’s guidance, will create modern, uniform application processes for various government services. This will ensure that residents are able to navigate application, permit, and submission forms with a uniform look and with uniform locations for content and information. The same process will be used on the back-end, creating a uniform look and feel that will ease friction in passing data between agencies. This will also allow the consolidation of many IT services, as the uniform platform will allow IT staff to serve multiple agencies and multiple systems with a single skill set.
• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators:
    • Number of agencies participating: 15
• The initiative has just formally kicked off as of the week of April 24, 2023. Customer feedback on the kickoff training has averaged a 4.8 out of 5 (with 5 being very satisfied with the training). Initial training has been provided, with more training in planning phases. Workflow templates have been provided to all agencies. Agencies are now also beginning to implement workflows into Production.

**Project 55: HVAC Upgrades – Richard J. Hughes Complex**  
**Funding Amount:** $24 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs  
  • **Project Overview:** $24 million has been allocated to the Department of Treasury to be used for HVAC upgrades at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex.  
  • **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 56: MVC Center in Newark**  
**Funding Amount:** $18.9 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other  
  • **Project Overview:** Treasury intends to use $18 million for the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Center in Newark. This Program will respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on disproportionately impacted communities by funding a renovated and expanded MVC center located within and serving qualified census tracts.  
  • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $18 million  
  • **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 57: HVAC Upgrades – Labor and Workforce Building**  
**Funding Amount:** $7 million  
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)  
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs  
  • **Project Overview:** $7 million has been allocated to the Department of Treasury to be used for HVAC upgrades at the Labor and Workforce Development Building.  
  • **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 58: Former State Buildings Planning Study

Funding Amount: $1 million

Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

Project Expenditure Category: 2.23 Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties

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

• Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 59: Barracks

Funding Amount: $3 million

Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

• Project Overview: The Program will renovate and repair the Old Barracks Museum, an educational and recreational facility located in a qualified census tract. This project will help to commemorate New Jersey’s role in the American Revolution, bring the facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and encourage tourism.
  
  • Link to Project Website: [https://www.barracks.org/](https://www.barracks.org/)

• Performance Report: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 60: Hospital Roof at Garden State Correctional Facility

Funding Amount: $1 million

Identification Number: This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)

• Project Overview: This Program will repair the roof at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility Hospital. This on-site medical facility serves the incarcerated population at the youth correctional facility, including medication distribution, dental services, primary medical care, and surgical procedures. The facility is critical to the health and safety of the incarcerated population, both for the treatment of COVID-19 and other medical needs. The facility’s roof structure was installed in 1960 using EPDM rubber and asbestos fireproofing, and the Department of Corrections has found that the age of the material, the age of existing repairs, the risk of asbestos contamination in the event of failure, and the critical nature of the facility makes replacement of the roof a necessity. A new roof enhances health care capacity by fulfilling a clear threshold requirement for any form of patient care. This
Program will help ensure that incarcerated persons at the Garden State Youth Correctional facility have access to competent, safe, and functional on-site medical facilities.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $606,522
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 61: Resident Services Upgrades – TBD**
**Funding Amount:** $25 million
**Identification Number:** This program is still in the planning stage and will be assigned an identification number upon the submission of a Project and Expenditure Report (PER)
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs
- **Project Overview:** This Program will fund the New Jersey Office Of Information Technology (OIT) effort to streamline and modernize the State's technology infrastructure. OIT will procure a NICUSA license subscription and train State agencies on the implementation of the software.
- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

**Project 62: Worker Experience and Service Delivery**
**Funding Amount:** $3.2 million
**Identification Number:** SLFRFOOI1WES
**Project Expenditure Category:** 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs
- **Project Overview:** This program expands public sector capacity by funding the Office of Innovation's (OOI) effort to begin modernizing the online systems controlling the delivery of benefits, programs, and services. OOI will hire specialist staff and consultants to analyze the systems supporting the State's online systems. OOI will then determine the systems most in need of modernization and develop a solution, including managing software development or procurement as necessary, and will implement that plan on the system.
- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of community organizations that have been contacted for feedback on the State’s online systems: 1
    - Number of programs working to upgrade their systems: 4 (priority for those most overburdened by the pandemic including Unemployment and Temporary Disability/Family Leave Insurance programs)
Project 63: Kean University Science Buildings
Funding Amount: $20 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOSHE5KU
Project Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

• Project Overview: This program will fund a portion of the acquisition and re-development of an existing office building into a community health center. This community health center will be located directly adjacent to the largest grouping of Union County’s Qualified Census Tracts and will be designed to serve that local residents. On-site services will include vaccinations, community health screenings, maternal health services, genetic counseling, and related laboratory testing. In addition, the facility will offer speech therapy, occupational therapy, and other health services based on availability and demand. Finally, the building will include a community counseling center, providing care to the local community as well as training to clinical psychologists and professional development learning for teachers and child care workers working with local populations.

• Performance Report: This program has been completed less than 50%

Project 64: IHE Mental Health Provider Grants
Funding Amount: $15 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOSHE1MP
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

• Project Overview: This program will allow colleges and universities to address varied mental health needs of students on campus. Schools that receive grant awards will have a wide latitude to define their needs and create programs that address them through partnerships with local, state, and/or national providers. Acceptable programs could range from contracts with counseling services to alleviate the impact of short-staffed counseling centers, to informational programs to reduce the stigma of seeking mental health services, to partnerships with organizations that offer yoga or art therapy courses aimed at improving mental health. However, while latitude for programs is wide, institutions will be required to evidence the legitimacy and efficacy of the providers they propose to partner with and show how the services and expertise of those providers will directly benefit the student population.

• Use of Evidence: The program, operated by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, will be collecting evidence-based information from their subrecipients to report in future reporting periods.
  • Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $15 million

• Performance Report:
  • Key Performance Indicators: This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.

Project 65: Telehealth Mental Health Supports
Funding Amount: $10.1 million
Identification Number: SLFRFOSHE3TM
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

• Project Overview: This program offers a free, high quality, and effective telehealth therapy
for college students to alleviate some capacity constraints institutions have faced during the public health emergency. This investment in telehealth offerings will increase support for those with moderate and short-term needs for counseling, psychological, and therapeutic services while allowing institutions to reserve limited in-person capacity for critical needs of students in crisis. In addition, keeping the program free of charge will ensure that mental health services are available to students without the financial ability to seek costly private care. Finally, this program seeks to provide an alternative pathway to services for students who may be reluctant to visit on-campus counseling centers or are otherwise intimidated by the stigmas surrounding mental health services.

  - Dollar amount of the total project that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions: $10 million

- **Performance Report:**
  - Key Performance Indicators:
    - Number of eligible institutions opting into the program: 45 out of 47; 42 have officially held kickoff events to announce program to campus communities (effective date for all services to be offered across all 47 campuses is September 1, 2023)
    - Number of students engaged in the platform: over 800
    - Number of virtual therapy sessions provided: over 1,000

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**Project 66: IHE Mental Health Professional Development**

**Funding Amount:** $1 million

**Identification Number:** SLFRFOSHE2MD

**Project Expenditure Category:** 1.12 Mental Health Services

- **Project Overview:** The program will provide grants to available to colleges and universities to provide professional development opportunities to faculty and staff to build multicultural competencies and increase engagement with students. The program will evaluate and grant applicants based on the content and sustainability of their plans. This program will look for applications that address both the identification of students with mental health needs and responses to students who approach staff with mental health concerns. Additionally, planned training and development should address differences in mental health presentation and needs of minority students. Finally, the program will look for applications that include evidence-based impact evaluations, as well as strategic steps for maintaining and iterating on the plan into the future.

- **Use of Evidence:** The program, operated by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, will be collecting evidence-based information from their subrecipients to report in future reporting periods.

- **Performance Report:** This program is still in development. Performance indicators will be included in subsequent reports.
Project 67: Government Services
Funding Amount: $583.828 million
Identification Number: Not Applicable

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- **Project Overview:** This amount has been allocated to government services which include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. Within this allocation in Fiscal Year 2023, New Jersey invested in a contribution to the Rebuild by Design Project, affordable housing initiatives, local and county government projects, and the preservation and enhancement of Revolutionary War sites, among other eligible uses.