BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Report

Note: The Recovery Plan Performance Report will provide the public and Treasury information on the projects that recipients are undertaking with program funding and how they are planning to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner. While this template includes the minimum requirements for the Recovery Plan, each recipient is encouraged to add information to the plan that they feel is appropriate to provide information to their constituents on efforts they are taking to respond to the pandemic and promote an equitable economic recovery.

Each jurisdiction may determine the general form and content of the Recovery Plan, as long as it meets the reporting requirements, and recipients are encouraged to tailor this template to best meet their needs. Use of infographics, tables, charts, pictures, case studies, and other explanatory elements are encouraged.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Brazoria County continues to be actively engaged in a variety of eligible projects to be paid for with ARPA funds that will promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery for Brazoria County, its citizens and visitors alike. All of the $72,696,394 received in ARPA funds has been obligated towards recovery efforts and 73% of the projects are complete and paid.

Progress to date on those outcomes include funding of numerous projects to support and address public health needs and negative economic impacts within the Brazoria County community.

- These projects include:
    - Brazoria County funded PPE for ten emergency medical services providers. Funding was needed to equip first responders so that they can best address pandemic related duties. To further support the public health response, the County funded fleet vehicles for food delivery to homes of elderly community members that were isolated at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was an essential public health intervention for the community. Additionally, a food delivery truck was funded to increase meal delivery capacity to impacted households to reduce hunger and food insecurities among the elderly population in the county. The County also funded contact tracing, the customization and implementation of a software solution that incorporates management of all reportable conditions for Epidemiological purposes, water treatment management, and vaccine management for the Health Department. The need for the software was critical during the pandemic, and was instrumental in helping stop the spread of COVID-19, and continues to benefit the general public within Brazoria County. Additionally, the County provided funding to a behavioral health treatment facility with residential treatment for substance use disorders, to help remedy systemic health and economic challenges faced by the disproportionately affected substance use disorder population as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This agency is the only one of its type within the County and within the 13-county region that provides the same-site medical detoxification and inpatient treatment services for indigent and low-income men and women.

    - Financial assistance provided to local nonprofit organizations who experienced a negative financial impact as a result of the pandemic. One of these operates shelters for domestic violence and sexual assault victims and is a critical resource within the county, the only one of its kind. The agency provides safe housing, two 24-hour crisis hotlines, crisis intervention, and many other services. Another agency operates a job training program to support unemployed or underemployed residents of Brazoria County as a result of the impact of the pandemic. Brazoria County has also provided funding to a food assistance program. This program stores and distributes food to needy families within the County, and needed critical equipment and supplies to continue to address the food insecurity needs for families and individuals of all ages throughout the County.

- Brazoria County has primarily utilized its provision of government services funding to enhance disaster preparedness, support rapid population growth, and improve access to essential services and resources for residents. One key accomplishment, the Emergency Response Preparedness Storage Facility, is equipped to store water, MRE's, and vital equipment, enabling the county to respond quickly and independently to residents in need in the event of a disaster. Many times, state resources are not on-site immediately. The facility allows the County to support its residents more quickly and efficiently without having to wait for outside resources. Additionally, the County purchased two mobile shower trailers, which can be mobile on-site to address hygiene needs during emergencies. Construction was completed this year on the Parks Headquarters building, which features an emergency response facility that can house a mass inoculation clinic, or house public servants responding during a disaster situation. County parks and beaches were a vital outlet for County residents, and those from neighboring counties as well, during the Covid-19 pandemic. Quintana Park, one of the most frequently visited tourist attractions in Brazoria County, sustained substantial damage due to Hurricane Nicholas in September of 2021. During the year, the County obligated funds and awarded construction contracts to implement the planned and designed renovations, which involve demolition of old and damaged structures and rebuilding new, fresh facilities and playground equipment to be enjoyed by the public for many years to come. Brazoria County is assisting the Brazoria County Fire Fighters' Association with the construction of a Fire Training Facility, which includes a classroom and meeting building. The primary purpose of this facility will be to enhance training capabilities not only for the Fire Service but also for all First Responders including Law Enforcement, EMS, and Industry partners. The secondary use of the facility would support housing for first responders during a disaster event or for a COVID testing or vaccination site. The location of the fire field makes it very suitable for a variety of events to support Pandemic response as well as supporting Disaster operations. Construction on our Justice Center expansion project was completed this year. This project meets the growing demand in our Court system and allows adequate spacing for public access. The north end of our county has experienced exponential growth over the past several years. The addition of a County annex in Alvin, Texas benefits the population of residents in that area as they seek to access County services and offices. Our law enforcement radio communication tower in Manvel, Texas is now substantially complete. The previous law enforcement radio communications could not support the geographic area encompassed by the current towers, all of which are in the southern half of the county. There was no communications tower in the northern half of the County at all, which limited law enforcement's ability to respond to emergencies. This new tower will significantly enhance communication and response times for law enforcement and other emergency services, ultimately benefitting the safety and well-being of all residents. The county also used ARPA funds to upgrade network infrastructure and security county-wide, further improving communications and connectivity.

Uses of Funds

Brazoria County's intended and actual use of ARPA funds is designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. The County is committed to employing strategies that maximize programmatic impact and ensure outcomes that are effective, efficient and equitable.

To achieve this, Brazoria County is utilizing ARPA funds to support communities, populations and individuals within its jurisdiction. This is being accomplished through a thorough evaluation of eligible uses, proposed projects, and potential grants to partner entities dedicated to public service in our county.

Brazoria County exercises discretion by carefully selecting eligible projects only after considering their potential to advance equity and enhance preparedness and resilience for future public health emergencies and other disasters.

Brazoria County is promoting the ARPA Expenditure Categories as follows:

1. Public Health (EC 1). Brazoria County has funded PPE to ten emergency medical services providers and conducted contract tracing through two companies. Funding was needed to equip first responders so that they can best address pandemic related duties. Funding was also allocated toward meal delivery vehicles within the county, to reduce hunger and food insecurity among elderly community members that were isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was an essential public health intervention. Further, the County funded contact tracing and a software solution for the health department that incorporates tracking of reportable conditions and vaccine management, all in direct response to stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, within the county, there is one residential substance-use disorder facility that provides medical detoxification and inpatient services. The County provided funding to support safety measures for this vulnerable population.

2. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2). Brazoria County funded multiple programs to support non-profit, for profit, industry and/or individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County has funded two non-profit organizations: one organization operates both a job training program and a food assistance program, and the other operates shelters for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's project list.

4. Premium Pay (EC 4). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's project list.

5. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5). Brazoria County has funded two projects: one to make improvements to drinking water for a local community and one improve and replace water treatment systems at an incarceration facility.

6. Revenue Replacement (EC 6). Brazoria County has conducted an analysis of lost revenue and implemented the below governmental services.

    - Overtime pay for employees conducting contact tracing
    - Purchase of new County vehicles
    - Purchase of playground equipment and improvements
    - Purchase of computer hardware and software
    - Conducting Broadband Feasibility Study
    - County building improvements
    - County parks improvements
    - New County Parks headquarters
    - Digitization of County records
    - Purchase of mobile shower trailers for disaster response
    - Construction of emergency response preparedness facility
    - Construction of law enforcement radio communication tower
    - County Justice Center expansion
    - Quintana Park damage assessment
    - Construction of Fire Training Facility

7. Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters (EC 8). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's project list.

8. Surface Transportation (EC 9). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's project list.

9. Title I (EC 10). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's project list.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Brazoria County is committed to promoting equitable outcomes through its use of ARPA funds. As part of the project selection process, the County has conducted an initial evaluation of equity considerations for each selected project. This includes identifying intended outcomes that address the needs of historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected populations within the County.

To ensure continued alignment with equity goals, the County will incorporate both qualitative and quantitative data to assess progress. These evaluations will be updated and reported during each performance period, demonstrating how the County's approach is advancing equitable outcomes and addressing disparities in access, opportunity, and service delivery.

Equity considerations will remain a key factor in final project decisions, with ongoing efforts to refine strategies based on community feedback, data analysis, and measurable impact

Goals

The County will take care to decide and design its program with equity in mind, and, in part, by following and requiring subrecipients and contractors to follow the Uniform Administrative

Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR Part 200 and the Terms and Conditions of the Treasury's SLFRF assistance. Where projects may be designed to assist individuals or nonprofit organizations, eligibility to receive funds will, in part, be gauged upon income or other factors, such as homelessness, of the ultimate beneficiaries.

Brazoria County has developed projects that provide enhanced services and benefits for all residents. In establishing criteria for these projects, particularly those related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County considered both the geographic and demographic distribution of funding. Special attention was given to ensuring that resources were directed toward traditionally marginalized populations and underserved communities within Brazoria County.

Brazoria County, when sub-granting SLFR funds to third parties, encouraged potential subgrantees to provide a level of evidence required or preferred that ask third party sub-grantees about whether their programs or services are evidence based according to the definition in Appendix 2 of the Compliance and Reporting Guidance. (p. 59) Brazoria County understands that requiring third party recipients to report on whether their programs or services are evidence based will facilitate reporting for the Recovery Plan.

Awareness

Brazoria County has posted the previous Recovery Plan Performance Reports encompassing the periods March 3, 2021 through July 31, 2021, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 on its website at https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/government/american-rescue-plan-local-fiscal-recovery-funds. Prior to the obligation deadline, the County specifically communicated to the non-profit and business communities, as well as industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and individuals, how to access information about the ARPA funding possibilities and how to make comments and contributions to the County's programming decisions and outcomes. Communication efforts included, but were not limited to, providing notices in the jurisdictions' widely circulated newspapers or newsletters, special efforts to identify and involve minority owned businesses, working with local pastors and church leaders to communicate where to find the plan and how to contribute; and other targeted outreach efforts to assure that all of the common ways persons in the community receive information are included.

Access and Distribution

Brazoria County considered existing differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups while developing its ARPA Program. The County took care to identify and rework any administrative requirements that could have resulted in disparities in an ability to complete applications or meet eligibility requirements. Brazoria County was ready and willing to react immediately to help any person or entity who needed assistance filling out the County's Application form(s) and effort were made to develop documents that were simple and easy to understand that were available in English and Spanish. The County provided accessible versions of any applications, forms or documents, and provided reasonable accommodations related to filling out and submitting required information on request.

Outcomes
Where relevant for the policy objective met by the project, Brazoria County is working towards closing gaps, reaching universal levels of services, and/or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, or other equity dimension.

Brazoria County's use of funds prioritizes economic and racial equity as a goal and the program will specify targets intended to produce meaningful equity results at scale, setting forth strategies to achieve those targets. Brazoria County's overall equity strategy will translate into specific services or programs offered in the following Expenditure Category:

> Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2): assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits to address impacts of the pandemic, which have been most severe among low-income populations. This may include assistance with food, housing, and other needs; employment programs for people with barriers to employment who faced negative economic impacts from the pandemic (such as residents of low-income neighborhoods, senior citizens, minorities, disconnected youth, the unemployed or underemployed, formerly incarcerated people, veterans, people with disabilities, individuals with substance-use disorders, victims of abuse or violence); and other strategies that provide disadvantaged groups with access to education, jobs, and opportunity.

Community Engagement

Brazoria County's planned use of funds will incorporate written, oral, and other forms of gathered input that captures diverse feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and the community itself. The County will carry out projects that build community capacity and reach underserved communities.

Where relevant, Brazoria County will include descriptions of how ARPA funds will build the capacity of a community organization to serve people with significant barriers to services, including people of color, people with low incomes, limited proficiency populations and other traditionally underserved groups.

Labor Practices

Brazoria County will use strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects whilst also supporting local economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. Brazoria County will develop projects requiring project labor agreements, use of prevailing wage rates, and the County will promote local hiring.

Use of Evidence

Brazoria County will Identify whether SLFRF funds will be used for evidence-based interventions and/or if projects will be evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. Brazoria County will develop a Learning Agenda or other device and use relevant evidence Clearinghouses to assess the level of evidence for the County's interventions and to support its overreaching evaluation efforts in order to create an evidence building strategy.

Brazoria County understands that this analysis will be applicable to most Expenditure Categories in Public Health (EC 1), Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2) and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3).

Performance Report

Brazoria County understands that this analysis will be applicable to most Expenditure Categories in Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2). PCenter Job Training Program worked to assist individuals within the Brazoria County community whose employment remains impacted as a result of the pandemic. Computers, printers, equipment, and broadband access were needed to set up the program. During the previous period, the Center expended $4,352.23 on desks and chairs needed to set up the job training area. During the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 the Center assisted 66 clients in the Job Training program. 1 client did an online interview and was hired. 40 individuals did resume writing and job search. 11 individuals applied for government assistance, and 14 applied with WorkInTexas.com. Project 2227: Revenue Replacement Women's Center Economic Impact Reimbursement was instrumental in assisting women in escaping and finding resources to help them move past episodes of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. During the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, Women's Center of Brazoria County had 414 clients who utilized the residential/shelter program, 312 clients who utilized the nonresidential program, 77 clients who attended parenting classes, and 48 noncustodial parents who attended court-ordered supervised visitation at the entity's main office. A total of 851 clients benefitted from all the various services offered by the Women's Center of Brazoria County. Project 2238 Pearland Neighborhood Center Food Program received funding from the County in the amount of $59,500 on April 9, 2024. The program, which is engaged in storing and distributing food to families suffering from lack of food and/or food insecurity within Brazoria County, needed critical equipment and supplies to continue to address these needs. During the previous year, the Food Program assisted a total of 714 clients, 93 of which were elderly. To expand food storage abilities, installed new shelving and began the process of acquiring a generator. This program is now complete, but was able to continue serving the county, and has acquired critical equipment which will enable it to continue for years to come.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 2201 ADMIN: Grant Administration Services

Funding amount: $2,170,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: [7.1 Administrative Services]

Project Overview

- *General Administrative services for the management and oversight of ARPA funded Programs and projects. Services provided by consultants, contractors and/or staff and may include public notices, accounting and audit support, disbursement of funds, monitoring, reporting, or any other general administrative or grant management services.*

Development of internal policies and procedures that are compliant with ARPA guidelines which may include procurement, financial management, labor monitoring, oversight of subrecipient awards, etc.

Project 2206 BCESD1: Lifesaving Equipment for Brazoria County EMS District No. 3

Funding amount: $118,925.79

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding used to purchase specialized medical, life-saving equipment such as: (3) chest compression devices and (2) patient stretchers. Manual CPR can put a toll on workers, especially when they work 24/7. An electronic compression device will allow staff to rest in between care, protect them from future infectious disease and ultimately provide better care to patients.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2208 CEMS1: Lifesaving Equipment for Clute EMS

Funding amount: $101,451.00

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding used to purchase the following medical, life-saving equipment for Clute EMS: (2) patient stretchers, (3) laryngoscopes to view the vocal cords and throat, and (1) chest compression device. Electronic equipment will limit direct exposure between staff and patient, providing protection from future infectious disease. In addition, it will provide better care to the patients.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2209 DEMS1: Lifesaving Equipment for Danbury EMS

Funding amount: $97,103.33

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding used to purchase medical, life-saving equipment for Danbury EMS not limited to the following: (3) Lucas chest compression systems to assist with CPR in a patient reducing patient contact during lifesaving therapies, decontamination and patient transfer equipment, including powerlift stretches, warranties and battery packs.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2210 FFD1: PPE for Freeport Fire Department

Funding amount: $137,012.53

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The purchase of two new ambulance units with the capability of advanced air filtration to assist with communicable diseases as life-saving equipment for the provision of health and safety. As such, purchases of ambulance-related medical and personal protective equipment and supplies for the provision of safety from specialized companies.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2211 LJEMS1: Lifesaving medical equipment for Lake Jackson EMS

Funding amount: $92,691.16

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The purchase of specialized medical equipment for the provision of health and safety such as (4) mechanical CPR devices, (4) Desk-Top Battery Charger, (4) External Power*

Supply, (8) Battery Pack, and the maintenance package for the (4) devices. This specialized equipment may include lifesaving medical equipment, PPE, and other emergency services equipment as required for the enforcement of public health orders.

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2212 PNC2: Pearland Neighborhood Job Training Program

Funding amount: $40,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.10 Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers]

Project Overview

- *The project will provide technical and job coaching support to residents of Brazoria County who have lost their jobs due to the impact of the pandemic. Center Staff will interview residents to confirm employment needs and how the pandemic caused their current unemployment status. The County is providing funding to assist with acquisition of equipment, computers, Broadband access, and printing.*

Use of evidence:

- *Post-pandemic, there are many residents of Brazoria County, Texas who are still unemployed or underemployed. The Center plans to serve 75 total residents in about 7 months, roughly 11 per month to mentor and assist impacted residents with locating job opportunities that match their skill levels, create/print resumes, apply for jobs online, register with the Work-in-Texas network, connect online with support agencies, and support service providers to ensure that barriers to employment are addressed so that employment can be attained and retained.*

Project 2217 SCHEMS1: Hospital Equipment for Sweeny Community Hospital EMS

Funding amount: $92,697.95

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The procurement of medical equipment for the provision of the health and safety of that will benefit patients and EMS staff. This equipment will include the following life-saving equipment: (1) automatic compressions devices, (4) video scopes for intubation, (5) CPR ventilators, (5) chairs for patient transfer, (5) sound amplifying device for the detection of weak pulses and breath sounds, and (1) patient EMS transfer machine.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2218 AI2: Fleet Replacement for Actions, Inc.

Funding amount: $303,000

Project Expenditure Category: [1.4 Public Health: Prevention in Congregate Settings]

Project Overview

- *The procurement of 6 fleet vehicles. This project will replace the 6 oldest vans used in the organization's COVID response efforts. The primary function is food delivery to the homes of community's members that were isolated at home during the COVID pandemic, which is an essential public health intervention for the community.*

Use of evidence:

- *These services include both home-delivered meals and healthy meals served in group settings, such as senior centers and faith-based locations. In addition, the programs provide a range of services including nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling. Nutrition services also provide an important link to other supportive in-home and community-based supports such as homemaker and home-health aide services, transportation, physical activity and chronic disease self-management programs, home repair and modification, and falls prevention programs.*

Project 2219 AI1: Meal Delivery Truck Purchase for Actions, Inc.

Funding amount: $65,000

Project Expenditure Category: [1.4 Public Health: Prevention in Congregate Settings]

Project Overview:

- *The acquisition of a food delivery truck in response to the negative economic impact of food assistance to impacted households in the community. The objective of the project is to increase the meal delivery capacity to reduce hunger and food insecurities among the elderly population in Brazoria County. The acquisition of this vehicle will allow service to an additional 125-150 homebound seniors each week in our meals on wheels program.*

Use of evidence:

- *These services include both home-delivered meals and healthy meals served in group settings, such as senior centers and faith-based locations. In addition, the programs provide a range of services including nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling. Nutrition services also provide an important link to other supportive in-home and community-based supports such as homemaker and home-health aide services, transportation, physical activity and chronic disease self-management programs, home repair and modification, and falls prevention programs.*

Project 2221 AEMS1: Emergency Services Equipment for Alvin EMS

Funding amount: $94,376.13

Project Expenditure Category: [1.4 Other Public Health Services]

Project Overview

- *The purchase of lifesaving medical equipment: (1) Stryker patient stretcher, (1) LUCAS CPR device, (1) Lifepack 15 monitor, (1) Stryker patient transfer stair chair, (4) McGrath patient assessment tools for Alvin's EMS. This specialized equipment will be used for the prevention and treatment of Covid-19 patients during medical or emergency services.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2222 AAEMC1: Medical Equipment for Angleton Area Emergency Medical Corps, Inc.

Funding amount: $89,657.52

Project Expenditure Category: [1.4 Other Public Health Services]

Project Overview:

- *The purchase of (2) Stryker patient assessment tools (video laryngoscope), (2) Stryker patient hydraulic stretchers for Angleton Area Emergency Medical Corps, Inc. that will supplement equipment in 2 of their 5 mobile units.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread*

of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.

Project 2223 LR22-15: Broadband Feasibility Study

Funding amount: $113,364

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *The concept and impact of the digital divide is finally under the national spotlight primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without a comprehensive understanding of the root causes of either the lack of infrastructure in a particular region or an understanding of the digital divide impact in a community, a meaningful solution that is uniquely catered to address the broadband gap and the community's needs cannot be developed.*

Project 2224 BP1: Financial Assistance to Brazos Place

Funding amount: $300,000

Project Expenditure Category: [1.4 Public Health: Prevention in Congregate Settings]

Project Overview:

- *Physical plant and infrastructure improvements to a congregate living behavioral health treatment facility. The facility includes 40 residential and 16 detoxification beds which are split evenly between genders in separate wings of the facility. Brazos Place is the only substance use disorder treatment program within Brazoria and the 13-county region that provides same-site medical detoxification and inpatient treatment services for indigent and low-income men and women.*

Use of evidence:

- *Mental illness is highly comorbid in people with addiction and associated with low rates of treatment engagement, retention, and completion. CODs are linked to numerous negative health outcomes and life circumstances, like elevated risk of homelessness, trauma, and self-harm. To close treatment gaps and ensure that people with SUDs and mental disorders achieve long-lasting recovery, educating counselors, supervisors, and administrators about the prevalence and seriousness of these conditions is essential.*

Project 2226 LJVFD1 LJVFD2 LJVFD3 LJVFD4 LJVFD5: Purchase of PPE for Lake Jackson Fire Department

Funding amount: $162,081.00

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview:

- *The purchase of emergency response equipment by Lake Jackson Fire Department that includes CBRNE Hazardous Material Ensembles, Live Motion Tracking with Remote Handoff (reduces in person contact), Lapel Microphone Radio attachments, Structural Firefighting Ensembles, and Rescue Gear Ensembles. The additional ensembles will allow each member of the EMS team to have designated PPE to reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2227 WCBC1: Assistance to Financially Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Funding amount: $150,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations]

Project Overview:

- *The Women's Center of Brazoria County is a nonprofit that suffered a loss in revenue that impacted services to domestic violence victims during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seeking funding assistance to recover programmatic losses.*

Use of evidence:

- *Mental illness is highly comorbid in people with addiction and associated with low rates of treatment engagement, retention, and completion. CODs are linked to numerous negative health outcomes and life circumstances, like elevated risk of homelessness, trauma, and self-harm. To close treatment gaps and ensure that people with SUDs and mental disorders achieve long-lasting recovery, educating counselors, supervisors, and administrators about the prevalence and seriousness of these conditions is essential.*

Project 2230 LR22-2: County Buildings & Building Improvements

Funding amount: $1,158,460.73

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview

- *This project is for various projects throughout County Departments.*

Project 2231 CJWS1: County Jail Water Supply Improvement

Funding Amount: $7,269,103.63
Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project will allow the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office to update and improve the currently outdated and failing Water plant at the Sheriff's Office, which includes the Detention Center. The County Jail has its own water system, which is dated and reaching the limits of its functional life. The project will install new water well controls, a forced draft aerator and tower, a 450k gallon ground storage tank, a 200k gallon elevated tank, a booster pump building with booster pumps and controls, a CL2 building, yard piping, fencing, arsenic removal system, an auxiliary generator, and engineering and other services.*

Project 2233 IG1: Enhancement of Public Health Response Insight Global

Funding amount: $69,037.99

Project Expenditure Category: [1.3 COVID-19 Contact Tracing]

Project Overview:

- *Brazoria County will procure contractors for temporary staffing for the County Health Department to meet need for vaccination technicians, data entry, post-vaccination monitoring, and case investigators and contact tracing experts.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2234 YA1: Public Health Surveillance _ Yes & LLC

Funding amount: $592,871

Project Expenditure Category: [1.3 COVID-19 Contact Tracing]

Project Overview:

- *Contract with a company to facilitate contact tracing in Fall 2021. Data was transferred from a legacy program to a new one, allowing for continued data analysis, tracking of vaccination rates, and case investigations.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2235 DCW1: Rehabilitation of Detention Center Water Treatment

Funding amount: $41,850.73

Project Expenditure Category: [5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment]

Project Overview:

- *Rehabilitation of Detention Center Water Treatment plant, specifically arsenic removal. Our treatment plant is aging and has been close to non-compliance with standards issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for arsenic levels in the drinking water. This project will involve installation of a modern filtration system, which will keep the drinking water clean. This project also includes repairs of the water well at the detention center, which allows that facility access to water. NOTE: The initial phases of this project revealed the need for an entire new system, no further funds were expended on this project, it was replaced with #2231 County Jail Water Supply Improvement.*

Use of evidence:

- *Poor water quality places the public's health at risk. Reducing harmful environmental exposures can improve population health and may contribute to decreases in health disparities.*

Project 2236 TCWT1: Drinking Water and Storage System for Turtle Cove

Funding amount: $270,000

Project Expenditure Category: [5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment]

Project Overview:

- *The Turtle Cove Lot Owners Association will make improvements to a drinking water project that serves a residential community. The treatment system proposal will remove harmful TTHM's from the Turtle Cove LOA public water system, PWS No. 0200062. Additional storage capacity will be added to comply with the TCEQ requirements.*

Use of evidence:

- *Poor water quality places the public's health at risk. Reducing harmful environmental exposures can improve population health and may contribute to decreases in health disparities.*

Project 2237 LR22-8: Purchase/Replacement of County Vehicles & Equipment

Funding amount: $1,676,852.11

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Before this year, many departments within the County had a severely aged vehicle fleet, especially those related to law employment. The project funded a total of 21 police package law enforcement pursuit Tahoes. We also purchased 14 replacement trucks and SUVs for various law enforcement investigative divisions, as well as a cargo van for our SWAT team. Our Parks department and mosquito control also received new vehicles to continue carrying out the duties of their departments. Additionally, we purchased some technology related equipment for various county facilities that allows for greater social distancing and less contact between individuals, which helps mitigate the spread of disease.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2238 PNC1: Pearland Neighborhood Center Food Program

Funding amount: $59,500

Project Expenditure Category: [2.1 Negative Economic Impacts: Household Assistance: Food Programs]

Project Overview

- *The procurement of critically needed equipment and supplies to: 1) store food safely (cold storage, strong shelving units, sturdy tables, etc.), 2) more efficient distribution system (signage to direct larger client pools, equipment for transporting food incoming/outgoing, equipment/software for filing systems for more efficient client tracking), 3) equipment for ensuring client care and safety while awaiting food distribution. With these new tools, the center will be able to acquire the additional food, store it safely and distribute it effectively to the growing numbers of struggling residents of Brazoria County.*

Use of evidence:

- *Post-pandemic, there are many residents of Brazoria County, Texas who are still struggling to provide food for the family due to limited income, emergency hardships or*

personal crisis. The food program currently services 150 beneficiaries per month. It anticipates becoming more efficient with the proposed food program so it anticipates increasing the number served by 20% per month, to 180 beneficiaries per month.

Project 2247 LR22-9: Overtime pay for health department employees

Funding amount: $51,931.69

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This represents overtime pay beginning March 3, 2021 for our County Health Department employees who worked around the clock during the pandemic to perform contact tracing services.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2248 LR22-6: County Parks Improvements

Funding amount: $646,389.25

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Throughout the pandemic, our county parks have served as a vital outlet for recreation and mental health. As such, they have experienced significant wear and tear in addition to the normal wear and tear. This funding is for various repairs and improvements which will restore our parks, and improve them for county residents going forward.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2249 LR22-5: Fingerprint Equipment - Juvenile Facility

Funding amount: $20,022.00

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]
Project Overview:

- *This project is funding for a new fingerprint machine for youth at the Juvenile Detention facility. The old machine was outdated and needed to be replaced.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2250 LR22-4: Detention Center Roof

Funding amount: $914,870.00

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *During an annual inspection of our detention center facility, we were notified that the roof was in desperate need of repair and could not withstand another significant weather event. This funding is the cost of completely replacing the roof on our detention center, which is 25 years old.*

Project 2251 LR22-3: Computer Hardware & Software

Funding amount: $581,262.62

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project is funding the current year hardware and software needs of the County. Budgeted amounts also include funding of watch guard camera systems, and up to date adequate server storage for the needs of these body worn cameras.*

Project 2253 LR22-1: Animal Control Building Remediation & Renovation

Funding amount: $371,500

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Our Animal Control facility has not been renovated or repaired since 1995. There were several factors making the building unsafe for the county staff working there, and for the*

animals. This funding will allow for remediation of unsafe areas, and for some small improvements that will improve the safety and efficiency of the Animal Control operations.

Project 2254 LR22-12: Emergency Preparedness Warehouse for Brazoria County

Funding amount: $3,269,831.81

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Construction of a new pre-engineered metal building of approximately 22,200 square feet to include, but not be limited to, housing emergency commodities, PPE, and bulk storage for the County as a point of distribution center.*

Project 2260 LR22-7: County Parks Playground Equipment

Funding amount: $230,771.32

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Playground equipment experiences quite a bit of normal wear and tear due to it's exposure to nature and weather. Throughout the pandemic, we have seen increases in park visitation due to the spaces being outdoors, and provided much needed outdoor time and recreation, which was much needed. We continue to see record usage of our county parks. Many parks have playground equipment that needs to be replaced in order to keep the equipment safe for park visitors going forward.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2299 CNEMS1: Lifesaving Equipment for Central EMS

Funding amount: $72,778.86

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding will be used to purchase the following medical, life-saving equipment for Central EMS: (3) laryngoscopes to view the vocal cords and throat, and (3) chest compression devices. Electronic equipment will limit direct exposure between staff and patient,*

providing protection from future infectious disease. In addition, it will provide better care to the patients.

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards*

Project 2301 LR22-10: Digitization of County records

Funding amount: $1,999,846.58

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project addresses the digitization and indexing of various County files of multiple Departments under the Records Management Officer. Currently, Department staff must physically access paper files onsite at County archives and facilities. Records are pulled to ensure County operations are uninterrupted, for internal purposes, Commissioners Court, criminal and civil cases, vitals filings, real property filings, public records request, title researchers, genealogy, etc. For example, one identified project will address boxes of Sheriff Fingerprint Documents. There are hundreds of boxes of files that staff must physically access to pull fingerprint records. These records include historical and recent fingerprint captures. This project will ensure the digitization of these original paper files in full color. Also, included is indexing of the digital files by Inmate No. Files are loaded into the County's Document Management System. These fingerprint files are required for all criminal cases and must be extremely accurate. These records will need special handling and color scanning to ensure they meet the requirements set by the courts. Digitizing these critical records will help protect the County employees, law enforcement, and citizens of Brazoria County from potential harm from Covid and other communicable diseases.*

Project 2302 LR22-11: Emergency Management Mobile Shower Trailers

Funding amount: $176,307.51

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *The mobile shower trailers will satisfy a support function need for unhoused shelter residents. Before, during or after a disaster in Brazoria County, sheltering residents may become necessary. Many times, our shelters may not have showers or an adequate*

number of available shower facilities for personal sanitation and mobile shower trailers would solve this critical need. This could also be used for sequestered, essential emergency staff housed in the Brazoria County Courthouse. This request is for 2 mobile shower trailers. The first would be an 8-10 capacity unit and the second would be ADA compliant unit with a capacity of 2. Our last large capacity shelters were open for 47 and 43 days, respectively.

Project 2303 LR22-13: Fire Training Facility – Classroom and Meeting Building

Funding amount: $2,925,441

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *The primary purpose of this facility will be to enhance training capabilities not only for the Fire Service but also for all First Responders including Law Enforcement, EMS, and Industry partners. The secondary use of the facility would support housing for first responders during a disaster event or for a COVID testing or vaccination site. The location of the fire field would make it very suitable for a variety of events to support Pandemic response as well as supporting Disaster operations.*

Project 2304 LR22-14: County Parks Headquarters and Incident Command Center

Funding amount: $9,556,999.39

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This facility will have dual purposes: the main hub for maintenance and support of all County Parks employees, equipment, vehicles, locations and facilities; and incident command space with a variety of uses in a variety of emergency situations. This facility will have 100% redundancy with propane generator power. The incident command area will have space for 60 cots if needed as a shelter either for the public, or for essential personnel responding to a disaster. It is also equipped to serve as a health clinic and/or mass inoculation clinic, with areas for biohazard storage, secure medication storage, isolation room, and mother's room. This facility will allow for Brazoria County to support and outfit its county parks, which are of vital importance to the community, and to stand-ready in case of any type of disaster, with appropriate facilities and capability to meet the needs that arise.*

Project 2305 LR23-1: Brazoria County Justice Center Expansion

Funding amount: $19,867,624

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project will allow the County to serve its growing population with the expansion of its Justice Center. For the past several years, the County's common areas around courtrooms, as well as the courtrooms have been crowded. There is not sufficient space for jury paneling, and most certainly not enough space to allow for any social distancing. This expansion will modernize the function of the courts, and allow sufficient space for the public to access the building. The phase task order for this project includes labor and materials for: exterior and interior masonry, architectural millwork, cleaning the 1940's courthouse exterior, re-roofing the 1976 Courthouse and justice center expansion, fireproofing - including specialty function doors/fire curtains, exterior windows, finishes - acoustical ceilings and treatments, tile, terrazzo floors and painting, sally porte enclosure, detention equipment, holding cell for inmates awaiting court, window treatments, structured cabling, audio-visual, security upgrades, landscaping and irrigation, fire protection cabinets and extinguishers, AED cabinets, bathroom finishes with accommodations.*

Project 2306 LR23-2: Alvin Annex

Funding amount: $8,276,719

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *The new Alvin Annex building will be approximately 28,500 square feet. This will be a replacement building for the Alvin building at 1019 Hood St. and the (2) WIC trailers. The WIC trailers and the Hood St./George St. building is an old, inadequate building that no longer can support the Counties needs or adequately serve the public. The Alvin Annex will house: a tax office substation, Justice of the Peace Pct 3, Place 1, Constable Precinct 3, Juvenile Probation substation, Health Department, WIC Department, County Clerk substation, Sheriff substation, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 (replacing a currently leased building elsewhere), Constable Precinct 1.*

Project 2307 LR23-3: Law Enforcement Radio Communication Tower

Funding amount: $3,560,353.85

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project is to improve the current failing communications infrastructure to the highly populated northern portion of Brazoria County. The current communications system is*

used by Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS and public works. This is the primary source of communication for ALL first responders as well as public works for the county. The northern portion of Brazoria County is the most highly populated area of the county and accounts for well over 50% of all calls for service relating to Police, Fire and EMS. The current communications infrastructure has NUMEROUS areas in this highly populated region that have no radio communications due to no signal. The addition of this tower will create adequate communication capabilities for the region.

Project 2356 QUIN1: Quintana Park Damage Assessment

Funding amount: $498,928

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *County parks and beaches were a vital outlet for County residents, and those from neighboring counties as well, during the Covid-19 pandemic. Quintana Park, which is one of the most frequented tourist attractions in Brazoria County, sustained substantial damage as a result of Hurricane Nicholas in September of 2021. This is the design and initial planning costs for the larger renovation project, which would involve demolition of old and damaged structures and rebuilding up-to-date facilities that can be used by the public for many years to come. We expect to obligate funds for the renovation project by the end of calendar year 2024.*

Project 2461 LR 24-1: Information Systems Infrastructure and Networking

Funding amount: $2,598,597.65

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Brazoria County upgraded security systems and networking infrastructure across new and existing facilities, including the Parks Administration Building and Alvin Annex. This effort also included supplemental cabling and a county-wide replacement of outdated networking equipment to enhance safety, connectivity, and operational efficiency.*

Project 2462 LR 24-2: Sheriff's Office Roadway and Cemetery Pad

Funding amount: $53,059.79

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *The Brazoria County Sheriff's Office is statutorily required to conduct indigent burials. The current burial site at the Sheriff's Office location was nearing capacity. This required the identification and preparation of a new site on property, at a parcel of land not currently accessible due to lack of any sort of usable roadway.*

Project 2467 LR 24-3: Furniture for Justice Center Expansion

Funding amount: $1,758,123.08

Project Expenditure Category: [6.1 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Brazoria County is using ARPA funds to furnish newly constructed County buildings with high-quality, durable, and accessible office furniture. This initiative supports essential government operations and enhances service delivery by creating productive, well-equipped workspaces for employees and the public.*

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