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# State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds **2022 REPORT**

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# **Executive Summary**

San Bernardino County has been working diligently to allocate funds to projects that meet community needs and serve an equitable outcome, meticulously reviewing requests to ensure the \$423.5 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation is spent towards creating unprecedented opportunities to not only rebuild from the pandemic, but to immediately invest in transformative public service projects that will remain far into the future.

In November 2021, San Bernardino County formed its designated ARPA team, with staff undertaking various aspects of the U.S. Treasury requirements associated with the fund. The team has established numerous roadmaps, and procedural tracking and monitoring tools to ensure all project review, selection, and reporting aspects are met.

Furthermore, the County has sought subject matter experts from within the County, as well as consultants, to study and assess the County's needs as it pertains to infrastructure projects and the use of monitoring tools.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, San Bernardino County received the first tranche of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) ARPA funds (\$211,727,977.50). On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the second tranche of funds were transferred to the County (\$211,727,977.50). Thus far, San Bernardino County has budgeted for 39 projects. All projects go through a vigorous review by the ARPA team; the County's goal is to respond to the variety of needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing funds across all expenditure categories and to the numerous and disparate geographical regions throughout the County.

The County has allocated funds into three distinct spending categories and numerous subcategories that align with the overarching goal of rebuilding stronger communities in response to the pandemic. The categories are as follows:

#### Pandemic Response:

To focus on the public health needs of the community and mitigate and prevent further negative impact of the pandemic, the County created the Pandemic Response subcategory. This subcategory is aligned with the guidance and requirements encompassed in U.S. Treasury Expenditure Category (EC), EC 1: Public Health, EC 3-Public Health-Negative Economic Impact Public Sector Capacity, and EC 4-Premium Pay.

An initiative spearhead by the County in this category is the Valley Emergency Operations Center (Valley Communication Center). Through the pandemic, the County has recognized the urgent need to have a centralized location for all its emergency response teams. A centralized facility will enable the County to respond to the continued need of residents, particularly in the Valley area, which incorporates numerous populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Another project undertaken by the County is the Vaccination Incentive Program. To promote safe and healthy communities and workplace, the Vaccination Incentive program was designed to encourage County employees to become vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. The County's goal with this program was to provide incentives to its employees who chose to get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, their family, and communities, and to motivate them to get their vaccines sooner (as proof of vaccination had to be submitted by a specified deadline).

Furthermore, in an effort to encourage employees to return to the office, the County initiated the Premium Pay program. The COVID-19 Premium Pay was used as a mechanism to encourage employees to return to the office to provide in person services to the public including the most vulnerable population across San Bernardino County. These services include, but not limited to, health care, emergency responses, sanitation, behavioral health, social services, and government activities. Employees for the County are considered eligible workers as they provide services to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure of the County operations.

#### Economic Recovery:

San Bernardino County, like the rest of the country, experienced strong negative impact due to COVID-19. To consolidate efforts that address the same goal of bringing economic recovery and support to the county, the County has grouped U.S Treasury EC 2-Negative Economic Impacts, and 5-Infrastructure into one category, Economic Recovery.

The projects undertaken in this category are selected to alleviate the economic impact of the pandemic, the loss of use and maintenance needed for many facilities, and for infrastructure spending. The County observed a spike in park and outdoor facility usages, as places were shut down during the pandemic and outdoor facilities were utilized more. A combination of poor conditions, and added utilization of parks, has highlighted the need for park repair throughout the County. Additionally, the County is investing in park improvements to promote healthier lifestyles, as San Bernardino has one of the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the country, which has only gotten worse throughout the pandemic (according to estimated rates provided by the County's Department of Public Health).

The Bon View Park Field project is one of the initiatives taken on by County. The City of Ontario, in collaboration with the Ontario Montclair School District (OMSD), proposed to make improvements to the baseball field at Bon View Park as a means to increase the use, usefulness, and availability of the park to the students and families. OMSD's plan is to provide coaching using district staff and potentially community partners. Furthermore, through this effort, the City of Ontario and the OMSD intend to expand the availability of a 'beyond the bells' baseball program to students and families in the OMSD. This effort will increase parent and community engagement through re-purposing a community space that is currently under-utilized as a gathering spot and community resource.

Another project undertaken in this category is the Wildwood Creek Basin infrastructure project. This project site is identified in the City's Master Plan of drainage as a suitable location for a local detention basin facility to support the Wildwood Creek drainage system. The proposed basin project is located south of Wildwood Canyon Road and just east of Oak View Drive in the City of Yucaipa. This segment of the creek has little or no channel improvements, resulting in compromised slopes that continue to erode and deteriorate during and after significant storm events. Unfortunately, this has led to damages in the surrounding open space environment. The proposed basin project will not only benefit the surrounding environment by implementing measures to increase erosion and flood control protection within the area, but it will also facilitate groundwater recharge opportunities, improve downstream water quality, help to protect downstream public and private properties from flooding.

#### Government Operations:

The County has been working diligently to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the County. As the primary local government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County has learned the importance of developing the most efficient and effective programs and services for its residents. The Government Operations category aligns with the U.S. Treasury EC 7-Administrative and Other. The County is utilizing this category to plan and execute projects that support all efforts taken through the

SLFRF-ARPA fund. ARPA Administration initiatives and projects includes the ARPA Team establishment by the County. Additionally, it includes contracting with Local Equity, LLC to perform a Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting, to ensure the County's needs are efficiently met.

Furthermore, to ensure proper and accurate tracking and monitoring, the County Administrative Office has contracted with Crowe Software, which is software designed to perform effective accounting and financial oversight.

The chart below provides an overview of the County's current spending plan related to the three categories discussed above.

Additional information and breakdown of categories is provided in the Uses of Funds section of the report.



## **Uses of Funds**

San Bernardino County has approached the planning process by allocating funds into three distinct spending categories, and numerous subcategories. The County's overarching goal is rebuilding stronger communities in response to the pandemic. The below chart provides a breakdown of the categories, and how funds have been allocated. San Bernardino's goal through all of its projects is to promote equitable outcomes and serve the disproportionately impacted communities. As one of the largest counties in the country, the County recognizes its obligation to serve all of its citizens, especially the underserved and unserved communities. Through its projects, the County strives to close the inequality gap in services among historically disadvantaged communities.

Below, please find a breakdown, categories, and distribution of the ARPA fund, set forth by San Bernardino County; the County has a robust and vigilant approach to ensure proper management and distribution of funds through completion.

YEAR 1: \$99.7 MILLION	YEAR 2: \$295.9 MILLION	YEAR 3: \$20.9 MILLION	YEAR 4 (6 Months): \$7 MILLION
Pandemic Response: \$47.6 million *\$47.6M - Pandemic Infrastructure Needs, Employee Vaccine Incentive, Departmental Response	Pandemic Response: \$154.0 million *\$154.0M - Pandemic Infrastructure Needs, Premium Pay, Departmental Response	Pandemic Response: \$2.9 million *\$2.9M - Pandemic Infrastructure Needs, Premium Pay, Departmental Response	
Economic Recovery: \$50.7 million *\$0.3M - Homeless Services & Housing *\$16.5M - Open Space/Healthy Communities *33.9M - Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements *Broadband *Water/Sewer	Economic Recovery: \$137.3 million *\$39.7M - Homeless Services & Housing *\$5.0M - Economic Development Strategy *\$33.5M - Open Space/Healthy Communities *\$59.1.0M - Key Strategic	Economic Recovery: \$15 million *\$5.0M - Homeless Services & Housing *\$10.0M - Strategic Business Partnerships	Economic Recovery: \$5.0 million *\$5.0M - Homeless Services & Housing
Government Ops: \$1.4 million \$1.4M - Administration	*Broadband *Water/Sewer Government Ops: \$4.6 million \$4.6M - Administration	Government Ops: \$3.0 million \$3.0M - Administration	Government Ops: \$2.0 million \$2.0M - Administration

To learn more about the Uses of Funds, as it pertains to each project, please visit the Project Inventory section of the report.

# **Spending Plan – Breakdown**



# **Promoting Equitable Outcomes**

San Bernardino County has been spearheading efforts in identifying projects that promote equitable outcomes in the community. The County has established a thorough process for reviewing projects to ensure the projects selected serve the need of the greater community at large. The County has been using the four U.S Treasury statements: Goal; Awareness, Access and Distribution, and Outcomes as its guiding principle.

As part of its extensive vetting process, the County ARPA team has set forth procedures to collaborate with various departments to pioneer data-driven, data-supported, and evidence-based projects, particularly as it pertains to underserved/unserved communities, as well as disproportionately impacted communities. The team works with Public Health, Behavioral Health, Regional Parks, as well as Cities, Schools, and School Districts and other subject matter experts, to encompass a wide range of projects using a holistic approach.

All projects seek to promote equitable outcomes, bring communities together, and bridge the inequality gap. Furthermore, they intend to serve historically underserved and marginalized communities, and aim to disseminate information so that communities are aware of, and receive equal access to, the services and benefits provided.

With every project, the team is working with the County's fund recipients to establish a streamlined process, to ensure meticulous data collection, tracking, and monitoring, with the mission of adhering to the County's adopted policy direction.

You can learn more about the County's mission and vision and efforts in promoting equitable outcomes with each of its projects, in the Project Inventory section – as there is further elaboration on demographics, goals, awareness, access and distribution, and outcomes.

### **Community Engagement**

San Bernardino County has been working diligently to incorporate community feedback and engagement as it continues to advocate new projects. The County's Board Supervisors have been actively working with their communities to understand their needs and to champion projects that accommodate those needs.

Each Supervisor has approached community engagement with a common goal of dissemination and outreach. The Board members have ensured ARPA funding is a point of discussion when presenting to community groups, such as Chambers of Commerce and other community-based organizations. Supervisors and their chief of staff have reached out to City Managers within their district and had discussions about ARPA Funding and its possibilities in their communities.

District offices have also held ARPA events with members of the public. The provided flyer (to the right) relates to an ARPA event hosted by one of the districts. The roundtable consisted of Supervisor Baca, 5th District, a representative from Rep. Aguilar's staff, San Bernardino County CEO Leonard Hernandez, Jimmy Elrod from the Southwest Carpenters Union, Father Manny Cardoza from Inland Congregations United for Change, Tim Johnson from the County's Housing Authority, Don Smith from SBC Pathways to Housing Network, and Muscov residents Rosa and Angela Loera.

Furthermore, the County has been working thoroughly to

enhance its ARPA website to ensure that the public has full access to all necessary ARPA information. The County's goal is to provide transparency and awareness of its ARPA funding, its spending plan, its projects, and the processes that have been implemented to ensure access to projects for its residents.





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# **Labor Practices**

San Bernardino County has been following all practice guidelines set forth by the U.S. Treasury for incorporating workforce and labor practices. In collaboration with County Counsel, the ARPA team has drafted a contract that entails various aspect of compliance. The County has incorporated all necessary language in its contract and agreements with fund recipients.

Many of the County's projects are still in design and planning; nevertheless, they have all agreed to various labor practices. Through contractual arrangements, all projects enforce the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourage Local Vendor Preference Certification.

Please learn more about each project's approach and detailed description pertaining to Labor Practice in the Project Inventory section, predominantly for Expenditure Category 5.

# **Use of Evidence**

From its onset, San Bernardino County's effort has been in the selection of projects that are evidence-based, data-driven, and validated through studies to have positive outcomes. The County has carefully reviewed every project proposal and has worked to collaborate with its subrecipients to ensure the use of evidence as one of the pillars of its projects. To further support this effort, the County has contracted with several subject matter experts to do feasibility studies, not only to identify the needs in the community, but also validate it through data.

In expenditure categories where use of evidence is mandatory per the U.S. Treasury guidance, subrecipients have furnished data, studies, and survey results to validate the efficiency and expected outcomes they hope to achieve through their proposed initiative and project.

To strengthen the basis for projects, San Bernardino County also utilizes behavioral health and available homelessness data when it relates to specific desired project outcomes. In addition to Infrastructure projects, the County has also identified numerous park projects that meet ARPA eligibility criteria. San Bernardino County has one of the highest rates of Obesity and Diabetes in the country. The need for physical activity, social interaction, and sports is highlighted across its cities. These high rates are more accentuated particularly in underserved areas throughout the County. Through data analysis, Qualifying Census Tract (QCT) maps, and demographic studies, the County has compiled a strong list of projects that will address the needs of its communities.

The County has set forth a robust procedure to establish projects that are evaluated using strong evidencebased tools. Upon receipt of funding request, and while under evaluation, the County meets with the requester to communicate details of the expenditure categories, and the obligations pertaining to the specific project.

The County discusses with every subrecipient the need to fine-tune the data collection process, highlight the U.S. Treasury requirements, and assist in identifying interventions and establish platforms for data collection, compilation of baseline data, and forming a framework for successful collection and execution of data tracking and reporting. Below are a few highlights of evidence-based practices that are being incorporated into projects:

• Parks and Open Space projects have been proposed to promote healthy neighborhood and create safe settings for the community; most of the proposed locations are either within a QCT, within neighboring areas, or serving the residents of a QCT. Open space/parks will especially serve historically underserved/unserved areas. Additionally, the improvement of school facilities and sport fields encourage student to partake in sport activities. Studies verify a direct correlation between sport involvement and enhanced education outcomes; furthermore, per a study published by National Library of Medicine (NLM - NIH) "Past research has frequently linked physical activity and sports participation with improved mental and social well-being in young adults. These relationships are of interest because diagnoses of depression have grown increasingly common among U.S. college students in recent years (American College Health Association [ACHA], 2007), and many students experience symptoms of depression that go undiagnosed and untreated (Suicide Prevention Resource Center [SPRC], 2004).<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, improving park and open space in the community will promote physical activity,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2908331/

which is vital for a County with one of the highest obesity and diabetes rates compared to its surroundings counties and the statewide average, as demonstrated in the below exhibits from 2020 Public Health data. It is projected that 2022 data will have seen a 2% increase from the previous year for obesity.

Even discussed with dishetes	San Bernardino	Los Angeles	Orange	San Diego	Riverside	California
Ever diagnosed with diabetes	%	%	%	%	%	%
Diagnosed with diabetes (2020)	15.7%	12.9%	9.4%	7.3%	13.4%	10.9%
Dady Mass Inday 4 laval (adult anly)	San Bernardino	Los Angeles	Orange	San Diego	Riverside	California
Body Mass Index - 4 level (adult only)	San Bernardino %	Los Angeles	Orange %	San Diego %	Riverside %	California %

• Early Learning projects have been undertaken, tailored to bridge the learning skills in Pre-K to K-3 children; the effort is to engage and improve literacy, utilizing both traditional and digital platforms to engage children in learning activities. Studies support that "Cognitive skills of young children are an important factor in explaining success later-on in life."<sup>2</sup>

Each Project has been carefully studied and selected, and those that meet the criteria are being considered as evidence-based interventions. The County and subrecipients' goal with each project is to bring about positive change within each jurisdiction using effective data-driven learning tools.

*Note: Please learn more about each project's specific Use of Evidence in the Project Inventory section. Please note most projects are in process of being implemented and metrics will be reported in future reports.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf

# **Performance Report**

All projects selected, have gone through an extensive review and vetting process by the County to ensure selection of data driven and evidence-based projects and initiatives. Furthermore, projects are structured to promote equitable outcomes, measurable by their effect in the community and those it serves. Regardless of their expenditure category, San Bernardino County has selected projects that are robust, and validated through data.

Importance of data collection and reporting has been communicated and established with the subrecipients; additionally, the language has been incorporated into the contracts/agreements to ensure proper tracking and continued reporting. Most projects are still in planning and design process, therefore there are currently no performance measures to report. The ARPA team is working with all subrecipients to gather current data, establish proper outcome and output goals, and based on that, begin data tracking and collection.

Moreover, the County has contracted with Crowe LLP, a reporting software, to ensure proper financial reporting as well as data tracking to measure outputs and outcomes. Additionally, the County is considering acquiring new modules to enhance the reporting/monitoring scope through the software in order to simplify reporting and uploading procedures for subrecipients.

Given each project's unique proposal and approach, various methods will be used for collecting and measuring outcome and output data. To learn more about this, please refer to the Project Inventory section of the report.



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# **Project Inventory**

# 1: Public Health

#### 1.7 – Emergency Communication Nurse System

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1011950 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$2,100,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

COVID-19 has been a significant challenge to hospitals. This reached a peak in July 2020, when the healthcare system was overwhelmed by a spike in COVID-19 patients. For example, 911 transport volumes and Ambulance Patient Offload Delay (APOD) during July 2020 exceeded pre-COVID numbers reached in January 2020, a relatively high flu season month. Weeks prior to the COVID-19 peak in July, most hospitals had activated surge plans (principally to open ICU beds) and sought waivers from state-imposed staffing standards. Many hospitals set up tents and temporary shelters to expand capacity of their Emergency Department (ED) often in ED arrival areas. Segregation of COVID-19 patients for infection control purposes consumed bed space in ways that effectively limited hospital capacity. The system was well over capacity and as a result, APOD and response delays were approaching record setting levels.

During a normal flu season, the healthcare delivery system fills nearly to capacity. Bed space is tight and available staffing is absorbed across the region. The overlay of COVID -19 volume with a normal flu season can result in an overwhelmed local (State and National) health care delivery system. Emergency Communication Nurse System (ECNS) was significant in mitigating the extraordinary hospital emergency department volumes that resulted from the 2020-21 and 2021-22 COVID-19/influenzas "twindemic".

Approval for this project was received to provide \$2.1 million in funding for the ECNS program in response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. The ECNS program is managed by the County's CONFIRE, which is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) located in San Bernardino County California that provides dispatch services for 13 fire agencies and one private, non-profit ambulance company. CONFIRE is made up of eight-member agencies: San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD), Chino Valley Fire, Rancho Cucamonga Fire, Rialto Fire, Colton Fire, Loma Linda Fire, Redlands Fire, and Apple Valley Fire. CONFIRE also provides service to Montclair Fire, San Manuel Fire, Running Springs Fire, Big Bear Fire, Victorville Fire, and Needles Ambulance through contractual agreements.

CONFIRE staff uses an evidence-based, medically directed call-taking protocol that enables each emergency medical call to be triaged for potential severity, with responses to be aligned accordingly. This process also provides for life-saving pre-arrival instructions to be given to the caller by the call-taker before emergency responders arrive at the scene.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households, especially those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as it brings services and access to care countywide.

#### Uses of Funds:

This funding assists CONFIRE and SBCFPD with the Nurse Triage Program in CONFIRE's regional dispatch system in response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. CONFIRE's Nurse Triage Program incorporates a nurse element to emergency response calls that allows for the further screening of certain calls. The Nurse Triage Program includes over 200 protocols and assists in identifying potential COVID-19 cases and directing them to appropriate treatment and transportation options. Utilizing nurses with CONFIRE's expanded dispatch capabilities ensures that patients get to the correct treatment site. This proactive approach of installing nurses in a dispatch center provides for the appropriate care and safety measures for all involved.

The program is currently in the initial operation phase of the program. Costs are for labor costs for Registered Nursing staff, consulting services, software license fees, and system support and maintenance to operate the program.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project will help mitigate the significant challenges to hospitals due to COVID-19. It will serve the community in a more organized and timely manner and have an equitable outcome for the community. This program has enabled CONFIRE and SBCFPD to sustain its capability for response to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing the following benefits:

- Decreased hospital Emergency Department volume
- Effective standardized clinical nursing assessments that lead the most appropriate care for each low-acuity patient
- Decreased ambulance transports per year
- Decreased hospital ambulance visits

As noted above, several solutions for these problems were explored and ECNS was identified as a feasible and timely option. As a pre-dispatch tool, the ECNS program needs to be co-located in an emergency medical dispatch center.

The goal of ECNS is to re-direct 911 callers with low acuity complaints (not requiring emergency department care) to the most appropriate healthcare resource to match their needs. This will, in turn, allow EMS and fire department resources to decrease response times to higher acuity calls and decrease the amount of unnecessary ambulance transports to the ED. The following is a brief analysis of the impacts of ECNS on several stakeholders.

A review of 2019 call data indicated that 160,000 calls to 911 had information from which to measure the impact of ECNS in San Bernardino County. The total number of 911 calls for medical assistance is a greater number, but not all call records yielded reliable determinant codes. Based on the information gathered from these calls it was determined that approximately 18,000 calls met the criteria to be included in an ECNS program. Given what is believed to be the most efficient staffing matrix for the program it is estimated that approximately 15,000 calls could be directed to the ECNS nurse. Retrospectively, approximately 4,000 of the ECNS eligible calls were not transported. In these cases, emergency resources arrived at the scene and ambulance transport to a hospital was not required or desired. Some of these people may have gone to their local hospital via their own private vehicle or other means. Assuming this trend continues with the implementation of an ECNS program, approximately 11,000 calls would be directed to more appropriate resources other than ambulance transports.

#### 1.7 – Mount Baldy Cell Tower (Wi-Fi)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012469 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$48,487.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Mount Baldy is a small unincorporated mountain community that straddles the border between San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties. While the population of the community is relatively small (441), thousands of tourists flock to Mount Baldy during the summer and winter months due to its popular ski resort and numerous hiking trails. The steep terrain of the surrounding mountainsides reduces the effectiveness of emergency communications equipment and places residents and visitors at greater risk of injury in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.

San Bernardino County intends to construct a tower upon which public safety communications equipment may be affixed in order to improve cellular coverage throughout the community of Mount Baldy. This project may require additional towers based on the results of a feasibility study.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households, especially those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as it enhances public safety communication services.

#### Uses of Funds:

All components of this project will be funded using the County's SLFRF allocation. The initial phase of this project is to complete a wireless study that will be used to develop a leasing and/or land acquisition plan, depending on the results of the study. Subsequent project activities include environmental permitting and construction of one or more communications towers to allow for the installation of emergency communications equipment. Any elements of this project determined to be ineligible or inconsistent with the SLFRF Final Rule or U.S. Treasury guidance will be paid for using alternative funding sources. County staff is preparing a Request for Proposal to solicit bids for the wireless study.

In addition to enhancing service for emergency communications, the benefit associated with this project is that other cellular providers may be incentivized to begin servicing the community. This will be of great benefit to Mount Baldy residents who currently lack adequate cellular and broadband internet service.

#### 1.7 – Office of Emergency Services Warehouse Lease

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012037 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$18,400,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The San Bernardino County (County) Office of Emergency Services (OES) engaged in the emergency response and emergency protective measures for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic event. The County activated the Operational Area (OA) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at its highest level, to support the countywide response, mitigation, protective measures, recovery, and re-opening efforts.

The EOC has facilitated the procurement of emergency resources including fixed assets, equipment, and supplies, in support of the County's COVID-19 response including but not limited to:

- Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) sites (testing sites)
- Medical Point of Dispensing (MPOD) sites (vaccination sites)
- alternate care sites (ACS)
- non-congregate sheltering sites (NCS)
- Mobile SPOC/MPOD events

The immediate need to efficiently support emergency operations being coordinated and distributed centrally from the OES EOC and OES warehouse for 17 stationary sites, 3 to 6 daily mobile events, and other response needs listed above exceeds the current warehouse space. As demobilization of operations begins the long-term storing of procured fixed assets, equipment, and supplies in a secured location to mitigate the effects of the natural elements, theft, and vandalism far exceeds the capability of OES.

Currently, OES does not have sufficient space available and cannot expand or reconfigure the space to fit the supply within the warehouse. OES is currently utilizing 2 additional warehouses, space for 10 P.O.D.S., and additional space to hold a Reefer trailer from other County entities. As such, OES is requesting funds for leasing warehouse space with approximately 120,651 square feet to store, stage, and process all the procured assets for COVID-19.

As the County continues to demobilize response efforts and focus on recovery, the procured supplies and equipment will need a place to be stored in addition to the already full 3 warehouses and off-site stored equipment. Once acquired the process will begin to consolidate the assets into this new location for storage and the continued support of the County operated testing and vaccination sites. This will also provide an opportunity for OES to respond to any future COVID-19 surges that may occur anywhere in San Bernardino County, without the additional time required to consolidate supplies and equipment from the current storage locations.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19.

#### Uses of Funds:

The total estimated cost for the lease agreement is approximately \$21 million. Of this amount, \$12.8 million

will be for base rent, \$2 million for estimated operation expenses and \$6.2 million in additional costs associated with the lease. The lease term will be for five years and one-month for the projected period of August 2022, through August 31, 2027. The ARPA Covered Period of the lease term has been identified as July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026. The total eligible cost will be covered by the San Bernardino County's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) up to a total amount of \$18.4 million.

In accordance with ARPA guidelines, it is anticipated that a percentage of the lease costs is eligible for funding. The warehouse will provide office space required for the staging and efficient operations to continue an emergency response to support emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The warehouse space will store emergency response and support equipment that will continue to be activated for the COVID-19 pandemic response, as well as during times of emergency impacting the County communities. The warehouse will provide storage space for the prevention, protection, mitigation, preparation, emergency response, threat and hazard recovery services to the County and its communities. In addition, the lease of the warehouse will assist OES in complying with the ongoing COVID-19 response and emergency response guidelines and will increase the County's infrastructure to protect from threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the County.

#### 1.7 – Valley Emergency Operations Center (Valley Communication Center)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012037 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$35,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The pandemic has reinforced the urgent need for the County to have a centralized location for all its emergency response teams. A centralized facility will enable the County to respond to the continued need of residents, particularly in the Valley area, which incorporates numerous populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Encompassing over 20,000 square miles, and with a population of more than 2.1 million residents, it's imperative for San Bernardino County (County) to effectively coordinate large-scale emergency response across multiple agencies and jurisdictions. Using State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), the County intends to construct a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the City of San Bernardino that will replace its existing Valley EOC.

Once constructed, the Valley EOC facility will be a three-story structure with co-located personnel from the County Sheriff's Department, County Fire Department, County Office of Emergency Services, County Information Services Department, CONFIRE (Regional fire dispatch), and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency. Features of the facility include a 150' communications tower, multiple generators for redundancy, service yard, and above-standard structural engineering to withstand major seismic events.

The project is currently in the initial design and engineering phase with an anticipated completion date of April 2025.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households, especially those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as it brings all county emergency services together under one roof, enhancing services and quality of care and services countywide.

#### Uses of Funds:

It is anticipated that the County will fund the entire eligible amount of this project with its SLFRF allocation. This project consists of design, engineering, environmental permitting, and construction activities. Any elements of this project determined to be ineligible or inconsistent with the SLFRF Final Rule or U.S. Treasury guidance will be paid for using alternative funding sources.



#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

From an operational perspective, the enhanced emergency dispatch capabilities of the new EOC facility will provide a significant benefit to disproportionately impacted households and the overall delivery of healthcare in the inland valley region. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, emergency departments at local hospitals were overwhelmed with patients experiencing non-emergent symptoms. Many of these individuals were transported by ambulance, which required EMS personnel to wait with patients until they were admitted to a healthcare facility. This practice reduced the amount of EMS personnel and ambulances in service that could have served more acute patients.

One of the primary reasons non-emergent patients request ambulance transport for medical care is lack of healthcare insurance coverage. Without a primary care physician, uninsured patients rely on emergency departments to fulfill their basic healthcare needs. In many instances, alternative forms of care could be obtained that don't require hospital visits or, at the very least, transport via ambulance.





PARKING COUNT:

Required: 435 stalls including 7 HC stalls

Provided: 435 stalls, including 7 HC stalls plus 10 oversized vehicle parking stalls and 15 visitor parking

Site Plan

A major component of the enhanced dispatch capabilities offered by this project is the recently established Emergency Communication Nurse System (ECNS) partnership between County Fire and CONFIRE. This innovative program allows dispatchers to transfer emergency calls to a registered nurse who can triage patients based on stated symptoms, thereby ensuring ambulances are deployed in a more efficient manner and preserving hospital capacity for more seriously ill patients. In total, the EOC will house 103 emergency dispatchers among the various agencies and departments utilizing the facility.

The existing Valley EOC facility is much smaller than the proposed building, with emergency response personnel dispersed among several buildings due to the lack of a large common area. The new EOC building will dedicate over 6,000 sq/ft for use as a main floor during emergency activations. This is nearly double the space available at the current EOC and will improve command and control capabilities for the Office of Emergency Services.

# **<u>2: Negative Economic Impact</u>**

#### 2.14 – SB County Early Literacy Transmedia Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1011949 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,727,782.50 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.14, Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Transmedia learning is the strategy of designing, sharing, and participating in a cohesive story experience across multiple traditional and digital delivery platforms. Although we have entered an era of media convergence, educators have few opportunities to utilize transmedia to engage young students in the learning experience.

Through a partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance, San Bernardino County families and community members have access to three bilingual mobile literacy programs that support the early literacy (EL) development of children birth - 3rd grade. Parents and family advocates can easily self-enroll in the program through an online registration portal. No single strategy offers a greater return on investment than providing early learners with the tools needed to read proficiently by third grade. The project design is intentionally inclusive, and reaches traditionally underserved populations by focusing on:

- Language support
- Anytime, anywhere access
- Non-threatening Experience for Families
- Inclusive books and curriculum
- Data to monitor impact

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) has expanded free access to the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile learning system from children ages birth to 5 years to include children up through third grade. Data has shown that because of the pandemic, many young learners lacked access to quality early literacy resources and instruction causing gaps in learning. Funding for the project will be used to reimburse SBCSS for one half of the upfront payment made for the expanded access and additional licenses.

The intended outcomes for the project include the following:

- <u>Closing Gaps</u>: Project participation in the Footsteps2Brilliance classroom cohorts is an equityaligned model to provide targeted early intervention support to children in San Bernardino County to improve early literacy development, resulting in overall academic school readiness and improved 3rd grade reading proficiency for historically marginalized and/or underperforming students.
- <u>Universal Levels of Support</u>: Project participation in the Footsteps2Brilliance countywide community group is a comprehensive model to provide broad, scalable early intervention access to children in San Bernardino County to improve early literacy development, resulting in overall academic school readiness and improved 3rd grade reading proficiency for students for all children, ages 0-8, in San Bernardino County.

Progress to date on outcome goals is promising as data collected from Footsteps2Brilliance continues to

show an upward trend in usage and growth in literacy skill proficiency. Early literacy skills are assessed through skill-based games and support reading and school readiness, both of which are key indicators for reading proficiency by third grade. Project staff anticipates continued increases in data supporting outcome goals as the project continues; however, there has been some difficulty communicating the expanded access with families and communities due to the continued impacts of limited in-person convenings as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Transmedia Learning strategy will include the following six (6) components:

- 1. Television programming
- 2. Extension activities via mobile devices
- 3. Push technology platform
- 4. Contests and incentives for countywide adoption
- 5. Social networking platform
- 6. Data analytics

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the whole county, and especially children, as they are one of the groups most negatively impacted by COVID-19. During the pandemic, the lack of in-person education had a large impact on children. Not only was education difficult, but meal programs were initially lacking, and many children did not have access to electronic devices, especially in disproportionately impacted areas.



This project serves the whole county, by bringing services and learning skills to children ages 0-8. It provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and closes the gap in educational disparities.

#### Uses of Funds:

Funding in the amount of \$1,727,782.50 will be used solely to reimburse (SBCSS) for one half of the upfront payment made to Footsteps2Brilliance in the amount of \$3,455,565.00. The initial payment expands the PreK perpetual licenses for the San Bernardino County Early Literacy Transmedia Project for the Footsteps2Brilliance Enterprise App, School Edition, Bilingual Version, Summer Climb, Clever Kids University: Pre-Reader, Clever Kids University: I Can Read ("Programs") to all kindergarten through third grade students, and teachers, administrators, organizations, and families that serve such students in San Bernardino County. The expansion would include providing 117,175 additional licenses for kindergarten through third grade students, as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding Between San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and San Bernardino County.

To maximize programmatic impact and effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes, a marketing campaign is being developed to communicate the expansion of free access to children through third grade. Partnerships with Chambers of Commerce within San Bernardino County are being developed that would allow for Footsteps2Brilliance collateral (e.g., posters, registration cards, etc) to be readily available in local businesses. In addition, a series of monthly family sessions are being developed by Footsteps2Brilliance to support early literacy skill development through the usage of the program at home and is scheduled to launch in July 2022. This opportunity will be marketed to the community through social media accounts and to the local education agencies (LEAs) via email and network communication. Because Footsteps2Brilliance is device agnostic and is provided free to all children ages 0-8 in San Bernardino County, the funds provided for the expansion are being utilized to support school readiness and early learning for all residents, including those traditionally underserved. By providing free access to hundreds of digital books, skill-based games, and early writing activities the project is increasing learning opportunities and supporting positive community outcomes while supplementing resources for families throughout the negative economic impact period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

As referenced above, the intended outcomes of the project promote equitable access to the Footsteps2Brilliance programs, including but not limited to Footsteps2Brilliance School Edition, Clever Kids University: Prereader and Clever Kids University: I-Can-Read. All content within the Footsteps2Brilliance is available to families in both English and Spanish, promoting biliteracy in our youngest learners in San Bernardino County. In addition, the apps are device agnostic, allowing families to use smart phones, tablets, and/or computers of all types with or without internet access. The content in both languages can be downloaded onto devices and utilized easily in areas with limited or no access to Wi-Fi, allowing children to engage in learning activities regardless of connectivity.

Communication and marketing plans to increase awareness across the vast geographic area of San Bernardino County are being formulated and will be initiated in the near future. Strategies to be included are the partnership opportunity with the Chambers of Commerce as described in section 2 of this report as well as the Learn with Me transmedia project with KVCR public television. Both English and Spanish Footsteps2Brilliance content will be utilized in the episodes to highlight for families the resource as well as model how the assets in the programs might be utilized in the home environment to promote literacy. After each episode airs, push technology will be used to send follow up activities to those families in San Bernardino County who are registered users of Footsteps2Brilliance further encouraging usage and increasing literacy skills.

District and site administrators as well as teachers, paraprofessionals, and coaches at each of the LEAs in San Bernardino County will be provided with an opportunity to learn more about Footsteps2Brilliance and opt-in to using it to supplement their Board-adopted instructional literacy materials. Both virtual and inperson family seminars are available free-of-charge at all elementary sites and may be scheduled by the administrators, educators, or family engagement liaisons such as Parent-Teacher Association members. Intended outcomes are focused on closing gaps and universal levels of service for all students.

In order to produce meaningful equity results at scale, the following goals have been set:

- Increase access to early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.
- Increase engagement in early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.
- Increase achievement in early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.
- Increase development of early literacy skills for children ages 0-8 using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.
- Increase achievement in early literacy proficiency for children by 3rd grade as a result of using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.

Strategies that will be employed to achieve the above targets include but are not limited to:

• Collective impact alignment

- Educator capacity development
- Community and family engagement

The equity strategies will be addressed through specific services in the following categories:

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- Continue the targeted cohort model in local education agencies (LEAs), CSPP and Head start classes and Family Child Care Centers (FCCs), as appropriate
- Expand countywide free access to children birth through third grade through the community model
- Support development of biliteracy skills in dual language learners and their families through monthly family workshops delivered in English and Spanish
- Develop Love for Literacy partnership project with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to increase family engagement and literacy skill development for incarcerated individuals and their children

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- Expand partnership with Child Care Resource Center to provide resources and support to make F2B available to families and childcare providers
- Develop partnership with San Bernardino County Expanded Learning programs to provide resources and coaching to make Footsteps2Brilliance available as an after-school resource to provide an extension and continuity of school day learning experiences

Current and planned efforts to promote equity include the following:

- Continue engagement in literacy activities beyond the school year through the continued implementation of the Footsteps2Brilliance Summer Reading Challenge and the Winter Writing Challenge
- Facilitate monthly family workshops in English and Spanish to increase parent capacity to support early literacy skill attainment in the home
- Increase community engagement in literacy-focused collective impact efforts by leveraging community partners as Footsteps2Brilliance Literacy Ambassadors

The intended outcomes for each include an increase in Footsteps2Brilliance usage and proficiency growth in skills as well as an increase in cohort and community student registrations.

San Bernardino County is the largest geographic county in the United States, covering 20,105 square miles. One of the challenges of increasing equity with this project is reaching families in rural communities and small districts. As the project continues, the project staff will engage with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Support team as well as the Small District Support Administrator to share the expansion opportunities with local education agencies serving children in transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade. The SBCSS charter school liaison will also be contacted and given information to communicate with charter schools serving San Bernardino County children.

One hundred percent of the funding for this project will be used to support literacy across the geographic area of San Bernardino County. The table below details the percentage of children in relevant demographic subgroups enrolled in TK-12 programs.

Subgroup	Charter School Enrollment	Non-Charter School Enrollment	Total Enrollment
English Learners	8.6%	16.2%	15.5%
Foster Youth	0.7%	0.9%	0.9%
Homeless Youth	2.5%	5.0%	4.8%
Migrant Education	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students with Disabilities	11.6%	13.1%	13.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	58.2%	70.3%	69.1%
All Students	37,736	360,912	398,648

#### Enrollment by Ethnicity

African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Based Filipino



Ethnicity	Enrollment	Percent
African American	31,309	7.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,454	0.4%
Asian	16,025	4.0%
Filipino	5,231	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino	269,519	67.6%
Pacific Islander	1,452	0.4%
White	59,960	15.0%
Two or More Races	10,405	2.6%
Not Reported	3,293	0.8%
Total	398,648	100.0%

- Enrollment by Ethnicity Chart Data

#### Use of Evidence:

According to the Footsteps2Brilliance Research Summary, the [Footsteps2Brilliance] program is largely based on the following core research-based principles:

- 1. The importance of vocabulary instruction
- 2. The importance of reading comprehension
- 3. The importance of foundational skills development
- 4. The importance of writing
- 5. Addressing the needs of diverse learners
- 6. Parental involvement connecting school to home

Each of the principals above are grounded in evidence-based research.

The Footsteps2Brilliance mobile literacy platform is easily accessible to all families in both English and Spanish. Additionally, it encourages students and families to increase biliteracy skills in vocabulary, reading comprehension, foundational skill development, and writing with respect to the diverse needs of San Bernardino County's bilingual student population.

#### Performance Report:

Output measures:

Enrollment Period	Number of New Student Accounts Created	Percent Increase/Decrease
August 1, 2020-June 16, 2021	3,115	
August 1, 2021-June 16, 2022	6,664	+53.25%

6,664 new student accounts were created between August 1, 2021, and June 16, 2022. The number of new students enrolled in Footsteps2Brilliance apps more than doubled in comparison to the same time frame the year prior. This data shows that the implementation of the initiative continues to remain on an upward trend lending credibility to the project's scalability and sustainability over time.

Additionally, there are currently 29,671 active student users within the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools community model. The 6,664 newly created accounts represent 22.5% of the total active users engaging in literacy activities within the program.

Outcome measures:

Data Point #1

Goal: Increase access to early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the F2B mobile early literacy platform

Measurement: Footsteps2Brilliance program data for number of words read

Enrollment Period	Number of Words Read
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2021	263,037,961
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2022	

Data Point #2

Goal: Increase engagement in early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the f2B mobile early literacy platform

Measurement: F2B program data for the number of hours engaged in literacy

Enrollment Period	Hours of Literacy
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2021	98,560
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2022	123,142

#### Data Point #3

Goal: Increase achievement in early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform

Measurement: F2B program data for the number of books read by children



Data Point #4

Goal: Increase development in early literacy skills for children ages 0-8 using the F2B mobile early literacy platform

Measure: F2B program data for the foundational early literacy skills

	Phonological Awareness					
2021-2022 School Year	Not for the form	71.56% to 79.8% proficiency growth				
	Phonics					
2021-2022 School Year	Man Score Score	69.83% to 75.7% proficiency growth				
	Language					
2021-2022 School Year	An and a second	70.18% to 76% proficiency growth				
Reading Comprehension						
2021-2022 School Year	20 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 7	72.26% to 77.03% proficiency growth				

Data Point #5

Goal: Increase achievement in early literacy proficiency for children by 3rd grade as a result of using the Footsteps2Brilliance early literacy platform

Measure: CA Dashboard 3rd grade ELA CAASPP assessment and English Learner Progress on the ELPAC assessment

Please see the number of students participating in the Footsteps2Brilliance mobile early literacy platform.

The overall number of student accounts continues to increase over time. Data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, or other factors is not available.

Enrollment Period	Number of Student Accounts
October 27, 2016- June 15, 2022	29, 671



\*The State Board of Education approved the use of the ELPAC Overall Performance Level 4 as <u>one</u> of the proficiency criteria for reclassification.

#### 2.16 – Homeless Street Outreach and Engagement (SWAG Homeless Contract)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012041 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$112,945.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.16, Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

ARPA eligible activities include services for populations disproportionately impacted by the public health emergency related to COVID-19. Services to address homelessness such as supportive housing and improved access to stable, affordable housing among unhoused individuals has presented as a solution to address disparities in public health outcomes. According to federal health officials, our nation's homelessness crisis has worsened during the pandemic, as people experiencing homelessness are highly vulnerable to COVID-19 transmission, illness, and severity due to their use of congregate shelters and their high prevalence of underlying health conditions. This is no different within San Bernardino County.

The Homeless Street Outreach and Engagement, Housing Navigation, and Case Management project is an existing, partially ARPA-funded service of a community nonprofit, Social Work Action Group (SWAG). The project provides case management to help clients meet goals, resolve challenges, remove barriers and obstacles, and increase access to housing-related services through direct homeless street engagement and outreach.

SWAG homeless street outreach and navigation services project deliverables include a platform for each client to have access to immediate crisis stabilization services, reductions in client inpatient physical and mental health hospitalization, reduction in the revolving door of incarceration and law enforcement cycles of services. A total of four case managers, six outreach specialists, two project coordinators and one manager are partially funded through ARPA to deliver the program to unsheltered clients.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

COVID-19 had an enormous impact on those experiencing homelessness. The County put its utmost effort toward alleviating this matter. 140 unduplicated clients have been provided services over the last 2 quarters of the contract. 139 households (composed of 138 single households and 1 household with 1 adult and child) have been served.

Race:	Gender:	Income:
2 American Indian, Alaskan Native or Indigenous	52 females	55 reported incomes (with 20
1 Asian or Asian American		clients noting income of
42 Black or African American		\$1,000 or less per month).
1 Multiracial	86 males	_
1 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
91 White		85 individuals reported zero
2 data not collected on	2 other genders	income.

#### Uses of Funds:

Recovery from pandemic related issues is an important part of the SWAG intervention process. SWAG provide case management services intended to increase the social capital of clients and strengthen their

cause to provide positive outcomes despite economic hardships endured as a result of the pandemic. SWAG currently uses funding to center around five main areas, outreach and engagement, housing navigation, tenancy supports/housing retention, case management support, and collaboration. SWAG believes in using funding strategically to strengthen systems of equity within its targeted communities. One main step is to analyze, monitor, assess, and evaluate the data collected through the homeless management information system (HMIS). Partnership with other providers is important in the collection and reporting of promising equitable practices.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

As a member of the local homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), SWAG will participate in future racial justice and equity analysis for the development of equity-based decision making and planning instruments based on the data it has collected to coordinate with other mainstream systems. SWAG is mindful to equip staff and clients with protective supplies (masks, etc.) to support people who remain unsheltered to implement safer social distancing, sanitation, hygiene, training, and harm reduction practices.

According to the Point-In-Time-Count (PITC), Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) are disproportionately affected by homelessness, particularly among unsheltered homeless. BIPOC are affected by homelessness by 3 to 4 compared to their White counterparts. SWAG will continue to engage people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness, in the development of plans to help ensure that efforts are reaching unsheltered people who may be less visible within the community.

Blacks make up only 8% of the population within the County but represent approximately 40% of unsheltered people. In addition, Whites make up 75% of the unsheltered homeless, but if you factor in ethnicity, Latinx comprises two thirds of that population. Also, each year the PITC has noted significant increases in the number of seniors who become homeless. This group also has higher incidence rates of chronic disease, mental health issues, and life-threatening illnesses compared to other age groups.

BIPOC remain a group that still has difficulties in accessing benefits and services. This is due to societal infrastructure that has created distrust in governmental services. Efforts must continue to ensure to these communities that nothing will be done to perpetuate any criminalization, sanctions, or penalization of people for engaging in essential activities of life, while experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

SWAG is intending to review and analyze its current and future data for systems performance enhancements to address the issues of equity, justice, inclusion, and diversity in policy, planning and development, immediately and moving forward.

SWAG identified four measurable goals associated with the project:

- Reduce the homeless top 50 "High Utilizer" of services population by a minimum of fifty percent, which equals 25 individuals.
  - High utilizers of services tend to be individuals who are chronically homeless, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as individuals who have been homeless continuously for more than a year or have had four episodes of homelessness in the past three years and have a disabling condition which impedes their ability to affectively maintain housing. Approximately two-thirds of individuals served by SWAG are BIPOC, and to date one-third of those served have had a positive exit to a longer-term housing solution.
- Assist 50 chronically homeless individuals as identified by the PITC, to exit life on the streets.
  - Of the 101 chronically homeless individuals served, 64 have been identified as BIPOC.
- Provide a linkage to a minimum of 200 medical services to the identified population.
  - All 140 clients are connected to healthcare resources including healthcare coverage.

Provide a linkage to a minimum of 200 substance abuse services to the identified population
 Approximately 10% of clients have been directly linked to substance recovery services.

The clients served through the outreach, engagement and navigation program are primarily households that are eligible for ARPA services due to impacts of the pandemic on households and communities. All the clients served through this project are at or below the 300 percent of the federal poverty limit (FPL) guidelines set for income, with the vast majority of clients at 0-15% of FPL.

In order to address the negative economic impacts associated with the pandemic, SWAG refers and provides the following specific services and/or programs in alignment with the U.S. Department of Treasury final rule related to the State of California SLFRF:

- Food assistance for families
- Emergency housing assistance connection and referrals
- Connection to health insurance coverage
- Assistance to individuals who want and are available to work, including employment connections
- Assistance in accessing and applying for public benefits or services
- Childcare and learning services
- Connections to local education agencies and K-12 homeless liaison services
- Programs and services to support long-term housing security

SWAG will evaluate its data to prioritize its needs through a lens of equity. Data entered in HMIS will be reviewed to guide prioritization decisions to modify the parameters of the program to ensure targeted demographics have equitable access to services. Traditionally disparaged and underserved groups such as BIPOC will continue to be prioritized for equitable access to housing and services. SWAG commits to building equity learning outcomes for its clients, this is achieved through reviewing the implementation of the project and how formative evaluation can correct policies that negatively impact communities of color.

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness released an Equity Action Plan in April of this year to assist planner in the development of policies and procedures for the planning and implementation of programs are built upon effective and equitable innovations, such as Housing First. SWAG will look at the following indicators of success to ensure the promotion of equity, outcome focused indicators of success, with specific measurements developed for positive equitable outcomes among BIPOC marginalized communities within San Bernardino County Central Valley communities, and output focused strategies centered on equity related goals, priorities and strategies moving forward in the implementation of the project.

SWAG will track the type and number of engagements to identify gaps in communities/populations served. SWAG will also engage in regular listening sessions with stakeholders to provide insight into project direction and to keep abreast on how feedback received is utilized and incorporated into formative and process evaluations.

SWAG will adhere to the following steps for the inclusion of racial equity into its efforts:

- Engage affected populations and stakeholders
- Gather and analyze disaggregated data
- Conduct systems analysis of root causes of inequities
- Identify strategies and target resources to address the root causes of inequities
- Conduct race equity impact assessment for all policies and decision making
- Continuously evaluate the effectiveness and adapt strategies to include as part of our policies

#### Use of Evidence:

The County invested the following funding for the Homeless Street Outreach and Engagement, Housing Navigation, and Case Management project, \$1,887,055 in California Department of Social Services Project Roomkey funding and \$112,945 in American Rescue Plan Act funding the Board of Supervisors allocated for homeless services and housing. SWAG has yet to tap into the ARPA portion of this funding as cost have been invoiced solely to Roomkey to date.

SWAG engages in the following evidence-based practices, promising practices and emerging practices for all services related to this project:

- Housing First
- <u>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)</u>
- <u>Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)</u>
- Harm Reduction
- <u>Diversion</u>
- <u>Service Integration</u>

#### Performance Report:

To date SWAG has provided assistance to 140 unduplicated clients.

- Ninety-two of the clients have been identified as BIPOC.
- Approximately 96% or 134 have been identified with a disabling condition.
- Seven as youth have been connected to youth related services.
- Eight as Veterans with connections made to the Veterans Administration Medical Center.
- Forty-four have been exited from the program to a longer-term housing solution.

This program is in process of being implemented; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

#### 2.16 – Pacific Village Phase II

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012309 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$200,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.16, Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

San Bernardino County and its coapplicant, La Barge Industries, created an Interim Housing project under the State of California's Homekey Program by purchasing the Pacific Village Phase I project, utilizing the Homekey Round 1 funds to purchase 6.5 acres of land and trailers for \$3,400,000. This purchase included six (6) permanent buildings, one (1) 3-bedroom/2-bath home, two (2) apartments, an administration building, a dining hall with a commercial kitchen, church facilities, 20 travel trailers, and centralized parking.

The proposed use is for Interim Housing with the possibility of a future conversion to permanent housing dependent upon available funding. The County's goal was to rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and who were inherently impacted by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. The Pacific Village Phase I project opened in March of 2021 and created 28 doors to house and serve homeless individuals impacted by COVID-19.



The next phase of the project will include review and study of various building types and performing predevelopment tasks associated with the Phase II of the Project, including but not limited to architectural/site planning concepts, engineering due diligence, design concepts, preliminary cost estimates, exploring and outlining steps to obtain land use approvals, and conduct environmental clearances.

Quality Management Group provides the property management services and the County provides supportive services.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings assistance and services to the population disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and experiencing homelessness. It improves access to services such as mental health services, food, and supportive services.

#### Uses of Funds:

On April 24, 2022, the County entered into a Consulting and Services Agreement with LBI Pacific II, LLC (Consultant) in the amount of \$196,000. This is the first disbursement of the \$20,000,000 dollars ARPA allocated for the project.

Currently, the County and the Consultant have established weekly meeting to outline the project requirements from the various County departments (Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), Public Guardian, and Behavioral Health). The concept design is in the third iteration of review.

The expected capital expenditure is expected to exceed the \$20,000,000 ARPA allocation. The County plans to leverage funding from multiple County departments and grants (i.e., Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program and Community Care Expansion Program) to support the financial development need and ongoing supportive services need.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

By collaborating with the County co-applicant and County service departments, this project creates a pathway to housing, health, and income stabilization as it promotes equity for individuals experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, it can help them find their unique roadmap to recovery and self-sufficiency to prevent more restrictive conservatorships, incarceration, and unnecessary hospitalization.

As outlined in the 2022 Homeless Strategic Action Plan<sup>3</sup>, the goal is to create 100 unsheltered high utilizers of services assistance to exit homelessness, with 65% entering stable housing and 35% connected to services to support housing and safety. The Project concept design projects to create approximately 106 permanent supportive housing units and 32 Recuperate Care transitional units. This would reduce the unsheltered homeless count by 4.2%.

DAAS is proposing a Recuperative Care Center that will provide temporary housing, nutritious meals, onsite behavioral and medical services, and housing navigation supports for up to 90 days. Pacific Village Center guests will have access to a wide variety of activities designed to promote community integration, socialization, and self-esteem. Additional supports will include, but are not limited to, occupational therapy, job training and assistance in achieving self-sufficiency.

The Recuperative Care Center will include a community gathering area, semi-private rooms, restrooms with showers, administrative offices, and assessment/exam rooms.

Eligible recipients will receive three nutritious meals daily prepared and served in the on-site commercial kitchen/dining hall, intensive case management, supportive social services, and transportation to off-site medical appointments. Residents of Platinum units and recuperative care guests will have access to a full array of on-site services and amenities to foster whole-person wellness. On-site Case Management will provide individuals with a collaborative path to develop a clear plan, secure permanent housing, and sustainable income, including but not limited to assistance applying for Social Security benefits, public assistance (e.g., Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP]), job training and employment opportunities. Additional supports will provide residents with ample opportunities to participate in therapeutic and personal enrichment programs, including but not limited to utilization of licensed clinical therapists for individual therapy, group therapy, and occupational therapy, as well as community-group activities, such as gardening or crafts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> San Bernadino County 2022 Homeless Strategic Action Plan
#### Use of Evidence:

CDH reviewed data provided for the 2020 San Bernadino Count and Subpopulation Survey Final Report, April 2020, that the City of San Bernardino has the greatest number of persons experiencing homeless within the County. Thirty-four percent of the entire homeless population within the County are located within the City of San Bernardino. In 2020, the Point-In-Time Count, counted a total of 3,125 homeless individuals, 1,056 residing within San Bernardino city.



In 2022, 1,027 individuals in San Bernardino County

were identified as chronically homeless. An Office of Homeless Services cost study<sup>4</sup> analysis of data from 2018 to 2019 found the annual average cost of serving homeless high utilizers of services was \$31,873 per person per year while homeless.

The Project currently assists 30 individuals at annual average cost of approximately \$22,608.58 per person per year, with supportive services. Symptoms related to untreated behavioral health conditions make it difficult to engage and build trust, often taking an average of 72 encounters before an individual will agree to an evaluation or treatment.

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count<sup>5</sup> found there were 3,333 persons who were counted as homeless.

## Performance Report:

All San Bernardino County residents will be prioritized and referred through the Coordinated Entry System (CES), based upon vulnerability. The CES is a tool designed to ensure that homeless persons are matched,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Shinn, G. (2020). An Analysis of Chronic and Veteran Homeless Cohorts in San Bernardino County:

Fiscal Impacts and Market Demand for Sustainable Housing Solutions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Count and Survey Final Report

as quickly as possible, with supportive services that will most efficiently and effectively end their homelessness.

The data obtained from CES will allow for continued reporting and collection of demographics of individuals and families being assisted, including mapping and data visualization, and location of services. A periodic evaluation of the CES will provide ongoing opportunities for feedback and prioritizations. Furthermore, the data will allow for tracking, monitoring, and reporting on the utilization of programs and services.

This project is in the design phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.22 – Colton Avenue Bike Path Improvement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012340 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$575,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.22, Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

## Project Overview/Project Description:

In 2008, the Colton Avenue Bike Path was constructed on an abandoned train route. The project is a 2.0-mile-long Class I bike and pedestrian route along Colton Ave. (1.20 mi.) in the City of Colton and Inland Center Drive (0.80 mi.) in the City of San Bernardino. The Colton bike trail segment is located along residential and commercial neighborhood within a designated census tract with low to moderate income percentage ranges from 32.5 to



71.19 percent. The estimated cost of the project is \$575,000 and the project limit is from 10th/G Street intersection to Colton city limit.

The project will upgrade the existing bike path along Colton Ave. especially the landscaping, striping, and signage. Upgrade of bike lane striping and signs is anticipated to enhance the safety of the bike lane crossings on seven street intersections. This trail is the only Class I bike trail in the City of Colton and is heavily used by residents for walking and biking.

The path initially had minimal landscaping and irrigation system that deteriorated over the years and resulted in the path landscaping deteriorating. The City has installed solar powered streetlights from G Street to city limit northeast to the City boundary at a cost of around \$110,000 over the last two years as a means of making the path safe and accessible at night. Even with poor landscaping, the path is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists as a safe route through the City for walking and cycling.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and assistance to households disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The bike path will serve the historically underserved and marginalized groups. The City of Colton is located 60 miles west of Los Angeles. At the 2010 census, Colton had a population of 52,154. According to the 2010 United States Census, Colton had a median household income of \$41,496, with 22.5% of the population living below the federal poverty line.

The age distribution was:
16,671 people (32.0%) under the age of 18
6,360 people (12.2%) aged 18 to 24
14,965 people (28.7%) aged 25 to 44
10,495 people (20.1%) aged 45 to 64
3,663 people (7.0%) who were 65 or older

The racial makeup of Colton was:
22,613 (43.4%) White (13.0% Non-Hispanic White)
5,055 (9.7%) African American
661 Native American
2,590 (5.0%) Asian
176 (0.3%) Pacific Islander
18,413 (35.3%) from other races
2,646 (5.1%) from two or more races
Hispanic or Latino of any race were 37,039 persons (71.0%)

## Uses of Funds:

The proposed project is aligned with ARPA eligibility criteria and will promote strong and healthy communities by encouraging communities to be physically active.

There are many Active Transportation Plan (ATP) projects identified in the City of Colton ATP plan, but this project was chosen for this funding due to its proximity to school, parks, community centers, and shopping centers. Students and residents are frequent visitors of these facilities. It is heavily used in the morning and afternoon. It is anticipated that it will attract significant number of users once the proposed improvements are completed.

The estimated cost of the project is \$575,000. It is estimated that \$508,000 will be used for the construction of the project. Construction will include landscaping, and installation of signs, road markings and striping. Construction of the project is estimated to be completed in six months. Aside from the benefit for the community, the project will generate construction jobs, and will provide extra revenue for local businesses during construction such as restaurant and neighborhood stores.

Project Cost: A. Engineering/Design \$ 47,000 B. Construction \$480,000 C. <u>Contingencies \$ 48,000</u> Total Cost \$575,000

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project will aid the community by enhancing the available recreational paths and cater to the physical and recreation needs of the community especially children.



This project will promote equitable outcomes. According to HUD Low-Mod Block Group Map, the Low-Mod percentage along this bike path ranges from 62.36 to 71.19. The proposed upgrade of the bike path is expected to benefit the underserved and marginalized groups since the landscaping improvement will enhance the aesthetic of the area, and the striping and signs is anticipated to enhance the safety of the bike lane.



## Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to enhance the safety and aesthetic of the area for the benefit of historically underserved and marginalized groups. Based on UC Berkeley – Transportation Injury Mapping System, there were 14 accidents involving pedestrian and bicycle within the ½ mile radius of Alice Birney Elementary School between 2015 and 2021. Three were fatal, two with severe injury, eight with visible injury and one minor injury.

In 2017 general survey of 159 participants for the City of Colton Active Transportation (ATP) Plan, 26% indicated that they use bicycle as a mode of travel preference and 47% for walking. Participants also indicated that 80% prefer ATP improvements near parks, 70% near schools and 40% near community centers. Colton Class I bike trail is situated adjacent to various point of interests such as Alice Birney Elementary School, Chavez Park, Gonzalez and Luque Community Center, and commercial centers.

On the same survey, parents indicated that pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns are the main reason why they don't allow their children to walk and bike to school.

Data on the survey shows that 20 bicycle and pedestrian collisions occurred within 1/2-mile radius of the school. Of these, four were within 1/4 mile from the school, while 18 occurred within 1/4 to 1/2 mile. Of the 20 collisions, 75% were pedestrian related. Three collisions resulted in a fatality or had victims who were severely injured. The remaining 17 collisions had victims that experienced visible injuries or pain.

Summary St	ausucs						
Radius	Fatal	Severe Injury	Visible Injury	Complaint of Pain	Pedestrian	Bicycle	Total
<¼ mi.	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
1⁄4 - 1⁄2 mi.	3	2	7	0	9	3	12
Total	3	2	8	1	9	5	14

Crash List

Summary Statistics

## Performance Report:

Based on the 2017 ATP survey, there are 778 students enrolled in Alice Birney Elementary school. Eightynine percent of those students live within one-mile radius of the school but only 30% walks and less than 2% bikes. It is anticipated that with enhance safety, more parents will allow their children to walk and bike to school. To track and monitor the effectiveness of the improvement especially after the completion of the project, the City can utilize the 2017 ATP survey where parents were polled for bike and pedestrian audit via paper survey. The survey will be mailed to household within 0.50 miles radius of the project. In addition, school administrators and teachers can help in tallying their students for their mode of transportation in going to school. This was done too in the 2017 ATP survey.

This project is in the design phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

# Safe Routes to School Crash Map Viewer

Interactive map and data summaries of bicycle and/or pedestrian crashes around school,

 Types of Crashes:
 Image: Bicycle Image: Pedestrian

 Crash Severity:
 Image: Fatal Image: Severe Injury Image: Other Visible Injury Image: Complaint of Pain

 Years:
 2015 - 2021
 (2020 - 2021 data is provisional and subject to change.)

#### **Alice Birney Elementary**

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## 2.35 – Center Stage Theater Exterior Rehabilitation

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012318 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$300,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Fontana Theater, located on Sierra Avenue in Downtown Fontana, was originally built in 1937 as a one-screen movie theater. The more than 13,000 square foot theater was designed by Carl H. Boller, one of the best-known theatrical architects of his time. After the movie theater closed during the 1950's, the facility was used for various purposes such as an Elks Lodge, a roller-skating rink, a tea shop, and a stationery store.

The Mayor and City Council have committed more than \$10,000,000 in this year's budget alone to begin revitalization efforts for the downtown area. A 5-star award winning chef is preparing to open the doors to a recently restored facility, originally constructed in 1932. A new downtown specific plan is being developed, incentives are being negotiated with multi-family, office, and retail developers to attract them to the area and a new 400 stall parking structure will be under development before year end. All this planning will lead to remaking of the current downtown.



In 2008, after acquiring the property several years earlier, the City of Fontana completed a \$6.5 million dollar renovation and renamed the Fontana Theater "The Center Stage Theater in Fontana". Since that time, the theater has featured Broadway style productions, hosted by TIBBIES Great American Cabaret.

During the prolonged absence of programming resulting from the pandemic, an area of minor moisture intrusion expanded unnoticed, resulting in significant water intrusion damage. The damaged area requires removal and replacement of the materials impacted by

the water and the area of intrusion must be repaired, sealed, and repainted. Due to the prominence of the impacted area, and the length of time between this event and the last resurfacing of the exterior of the theater, remediation efforts will include stucco repair of the entire building and repainting of the entire exterior. Additionally, due to contact with water, several areas of the flooring were damaged. Rather than attempting material and color matching of the 15-year-old flooring, staff intends to remove all carpeting and impacted tile surfaces and replace with new, more current material.

The Center Stage theater will be key to the success of the downtown revitalization. The Mayor and Council have taken initial steps to redesign the theater to accommodate live music. The remaking of the theater will feature a state-of-the-art sound system and interior acoustical modifications designed to rival the best small live music venues in the country. The Mayor and City Council are committed to this revitalization effort and the city has the resources in place to realize their vision. When completed, the venue is expected to house up to 400 guests.

On June 28, 2022, the Fontana City Council accepted \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County of San Bernardino to make interior and exterior improvements to Center Stage

Theater. The city will issue a Request for Proposal to begin construction.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and assistance to the general public, households, as well as assistance to small business impacted and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Center Stage Theater is in census tract 30. The theater is in and is surrounding by low-income neighborhoods. Please see the photo below of the City of Fontana CDBG Map. The green areas on the map are considered low-income census tracts.



This census tract has a total population of 3,158 people in a 0.5 square mile land area. Of this population, 80.4 percent are Latino, and 19.6 percent are non-Latino.



## Uses of Funds:

As city programs continue to re-open, there is a need to rebuild the infrastructure of the facility to accommodate the expansion of new programs post-pandemic. Below is a financial breakdown on how ARPA funding will be utilized.

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	<b>Projected Expenditures*</b>
Remediate and repair moisture intrusion	\$50,000
Re-paint exterior	\$50,000
Additional exterior improvements	\$200,000
Total Expenditure	\$300,000
Total Expenditure	

\*Note: Projected expenditures may differ from the actual costs, but a total amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount as specified above.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The goal of this project is to help support the revitalization of downtown Fontana and attract more people to support local businesses and provide entertainment for the community. The Center Stage theater will be key to the success of the downtown revitalization.

Some events at Center Stage Theater are accessible to the public and other events require a fee for admission. All public programs, services, and events are advertised on the city's website, newsletter, and social media accounts. Also, the city sends out a community book to all residents twice a year. This community book informs residents about updates, programs and services offered by our community services department.



The evidence of disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people of color is overwhelming. Further, the

impact on downtown businesses is similarly beyond dispute. The ARPA fund will provide a unique opportunity to invest in a downtown of a majority minority city. The City believes this investment will help spur economic development and create more jobs in the community.

## Use of Evidence

According to the American Planning Association<sup>6</sup>, downtowns are more than retail, commercial, service, and work centers. They are the symbolic centers of cities and are unifying forces for their communities. These are the reasons cities across the country are committing resources, both financial and human, to bring them back to economic health.

Downtowns have traditionally been the sites where community civic, cultural, and entertainment amenities are located. Downtown is also where community heritage and cultural pride is celebrated. Successful downtowns attract and retain museums, sports stadiums, theaters, and performing arts centers, and capitalize on the location of civic buildings to ensure they enhance their communities.

## Performance Report:

Please see the below statistics for 2022:

- Stargazers' Productions has hosted 14 productions for the calendar year
  - More than 1,400 people have attended these shows which included but was not limited to: We are Family, the Marvelous Wonderettes, the Chipper Lowell Experience.
- Center Stage has hosted a monthly Chamber luncheon for a total of 6 meetings for 2022.
   More than 350 business partners have been a part of the Chamber luncheons this year.
  - The City of Fontana has hosted Special Events at Center Stage including Silent Disco, Noches Con
- The City of Fontana has nosted Special Events at Center Stage including Stient Disco, Noches Cor Ritmo, Dance Fontana, and the Miss Fontana Pageant Co-Sponsorship event
  - $\circ$  800 participants attended a City of Fontana event this calendar year.

City staff keeps track of all walk-ins, phone calls and emails of people who inquire about Center Stage Theater. For special events that are open to the public, city staff counts the number of people who attended each event and files monthly attendance reports. City staff estimates that as a result of the project, Center Stage Theater will experience a 10-20 percent increase in the number of people and organizations who visit and rent the theater. City staff will continue monitoring this to measure the results of the project. The city will also continue filing monthly attendance reports.

This project is in the planning phase; and being completed; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9142015//

## 2.37 – Bloomington High School: Baseball & Softball Field Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012332 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,800,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

Bloomington High School is located in the heart of the City of Bloomington, approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles South of the 10 freeway/Cedar interchange. The main purpose of the project is to promote outdoor exercise by providing Bloomington students and the community better opportunities & access to quality outdoor recreational spaces to improve their mental wellness. To accomplish this objective, the project will be converting the Bloomington High School varsity baseball and softball infield from natural grass to synthetic turf system, and to add outdoor lighting for these fields. These proposed improvements will reduce the amount of field downtime for regular maintenance



and repairs or during inclement weather and make the playfields available for use during nighttime as they currently do not have outdoor lighting. No work has been performed yet as School District and County are still finalizing the agreement.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

#### Uses of Funds:

Over 61% of the families with kids attending Bloomington High School qualifies for free and reduced lunch. This project when completed, will provide the Bloomington community, including Colton Joint Unified School District students, additional outdoor venues to use and improve their mental wellness through outdoors exercise and alleviate the negative impacts caused by the pandemic. Approximately \$400,000 will be used for the design, engineering, surveys, agency approval, and other project soft costs during the initial planning phase. The remaining \$1.4M will the allocated towards the actual construction and installation of the infield improvements and the outdoor field lighting.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the recent census data, over 84% of the residences in Bloomington are of Hispanic or Latino origin with average median household income of \$62,680. The Bloomington community is identified by CalEnviroScreen as disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. Bloomington lacks the public spaces and amenities compared with neighboring cities such as Rialto and Fontana, as much of the surrounding residential zoned properties or open fields have



or are in the process of being converted into logistic warehouses or truck storage yards.

By implementing the proposed improvement, the Bloomington community will have more direct access to qualify outdoor recreational fields for outdoor exercise. These improved field will also provide additional venues for the community and/or local agency the opportunity to expand their youth sports program and provide added opportunities for kids to participate in organized sports.

## Use of Evidence:

Studies by Center for Disease Control revealed that black and Hispanic children displayed a number of risk factors related to childhood obesity. Some of the risk factors included increased rate of depression and rapid weight gain. One of the goals of this project is to promote outdoor exercise for youths in the predominately Hispanic/Latin community in order to alleviate the negative impacts to their mental wellness caused by the pandemic, which also affects their academic performance. According to National Library of Medicine, evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness has direct correlation to improve academic performance. Other studies have shown that sport, among other factors, can be responsible for the wellbeing of adolescents' life, contributing not only to their physical health but to a better socialization. Sport activities also has a potential to contribute to problem solving and the enhancement of life quality of individuals and communities

## Performance Report:

Each community group, the approximate number of participants, and the duration of use of the varsity and JV varsity fields will be tracked continually through our facility use application process. District may also consider entering into a joint use agreement with local agency for organized youth sport program usage. Hours of use for outdoor field lighting will also be monitored and tracked on a regular basis. Based on the most recent data, 330 hours of community use for the baseball and softball fields were logged during the 2019/2020 school year (fields were closed during the pandemic period from mid-2019 through mid-2021) by just one organization – Bloomington Little league. With the improved field and addition of lighting, our goal for this project is to increase community field usage by 20% within the first year of project completion.

This project is in the design and planning phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.37 - Bloomington Joe Baca Middle School: Soccer Field Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012334 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,150,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

Joe Baca Middle School, serving 7-8 grade students, is located directly north of 10 freeway between Cedar Avenue and Riverside Avenue interchange. The main purpose of the project is to promote outdoor exercise by providing the students and the community better opportunities & access to quality outdoor recreational spaces to improve their mental wellness. To accomplish this objective, the project will be converting a portion of the existing playfield from natural grass to synthetic turf field, and to add outdoor lighting for the synthetic turf field. These proposed improvements will reduce the amount of field downtime for regular maintenance and repairs or during inclement weather and make the facility available for use during nighttime as the campus currently does not have outdoor field lighting. No work has been performed yet as School District and County are still finalizing the agreement.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

## Uses of Funds:

Over 67% of the families with kids attending Joe Baca Middle School qualifies for free and reduced lunch. This project when completed, will provide the Bloomington community, including Colton Joint Unified School District students, additional outdoor venues to use and improve their mental wellness through outdoors exercise and alleviate the negative impacts caused by the pandemic. Approximately \$285,000 will be used for the design, engineering, surveys, agency approval, and other project soft costs during the initial planning phase. The remaining \$865,000 will the allocated towards the actual construction and installation of the synthetic turf improvements and the outdoor field lighting.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the recent census data, over 84% of the residences in Bloomington are of Hispanic or Latino origin with average median household income of \$62,680. The Bloomington community is identified by CalEnviroScreen as disproportionately burdened by multiple sources Bloomington lacks the public spaces and amenities of pollution. compared with neighboring cities such as Rialto and Fontana, as much of the surrounding residential zoned properties or open fields have or are in the process of being converted into logistic warehouses or truck storage By implementing the proposed improvement, the Bloomington yards. community will have more direct access to qualify outdoor recreational fields for outdoor exercise. These improved field will also provide additional venues for the community and/or local agency the opportunity to expand their youth sports program and provide added opportunities for kids to participate in organized sports.



## Use of Evidence:

Studies by Center for Disease Control revealed that black and Hispanic children displayed a number of risk factors related to childhood obesity. Some of the risk factors included increased rate of depression and rapid weight gain. With slightly over 92% Hispanic/Latina student population at Joe Baca Middle School in the 21/22 school year, one of the goals of this project is to promote outdoor exercise for youths in the predominately Hispanic/Latin community in order to alleviate the negative impacts to their mental wellness caused by the pandemic, which also affects their academic performance. According to National Library of Medicine, evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness has direct correlation to improve academic performance. Other studies have shown that sport, among other factors, can be responsible for the wellbeing of adolescents' life, contributing not only to their physical health but to a better socialization. Sport activities also has a potential to contribute to problem solving and the enhancement of life quality of individuals and communities.

## Performance Report:

Each community group, the approximate number of participants, and the duration of field use will be tracked continually through our facility use application process. District may also consider entering into a joint use agreement with local agency for organized youth sport program usage. Hours of use for outdoor field lighting will also be monitored and tracked on a regular basis. Based on the most recent data, 790 hours of community use of the existing play field were logged during the 2019/2020 school year (fields were closed down during the pandemic period from mid-2019 through mid-2021) by 2 youth soccer league organizations. With the



improved field and addition of lighting, our goal for this project is to increase community field usage by 20% within the first year of project completion.

This project is in the design and planning; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.37 – Bon View Park Little League Field

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012336 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$300,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Ontario, in collaboration with the Ontario Montclair School District (OMSD), proposed to make improvements to the baseball field at Bon View Park as a means to increase the use, usefulness, and availability of the park to the students and families.

The state of the baseball fields at Bon View Park did not allow for any use of the field. To combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated public health and economic impacts, the City of Ontario and OMSD planned to provide baseball and baseball related activities to Ontario families through this restoration project. The city has two little league entities that have practice facilities and fields, Eastern Little League and Western Little League. However, there is no little league entity that practices within 2.5 miles of an OMSD School (Homer Briggs Parks to Oaks Middle School). Use of Bon View Park would cut the distance to the nearest OMSD school to less than 1 mile or a 60% decrease in distance benefiting students and families. Below is the project schedule and key accomplishments during this reporting period:

Start Date	<b>Completion Date</b>	Description	Status
4/11/2022	4/13/2022	Environmental Testing for Snack Shack	Completed
4/23/2022	4/28/2022	Removal of grass in outfield and infield	Completed
4/30/2022	5/8/2022	Begin leveling of field	Completed
5/1/2022	5/5/2022	Clean up bull pens and replace broken wood panels	Completed
5/4/2022	5/8/2022	Quality fence	Completed
5/9/2022	5/16/2022	Irrigation preparation and fertilize	Completed
5/11/2022	5/15/2022	Remove old concrete pad where restroom used to be and pave back with asphalt	Completed
5/16/2022	6/15/2022	Grade and install asphalt in the dirt area behind dugouts	Completed
5/17/2022	5/18/2022	Sod Installation	Completed
6/3/2022	6/3/2022	Groundbreaking Ceremony	Completed
6/6/2022	6/14/2022	Remediation	Completed
6/16/2022	7/5/2022	Out to Bid - Rebuilding of the Snack Shack	Pending

Below are photos of some of the work completed during this reporting period:



Bon View Park Sporting Field Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 3, 2022:



## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as the Bon View little League field is surrounded by qualified census tracts.

Listed below is general information of OMSD student enrollment during the 2020-2021 school year and student demographics based on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 data:

020-2021 OMSD Student Enrollment:

- 19,286 students in grades TK-8.
- 22 Elementary Schools, 4 K-8 schools, and 6 comprehensive middle schools.
- 32 total schools with an average enrollment of 603 students per school.

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 OMSD Student Demographics:

- Total student population 19,286
  - o Hispanic/Latino 18,927
  - Black or African American 693
  - o Asian 455
  - White 642
- Number of students (Socio-Economically Disadvantaged) 18,875
- Number of students receiving Free or reduced lunch 16,854 (87%)
- Unduplicated Pupil Count 17,097 (89%)
- Number of English Learners 5,174 (26.8%)
- Number of Foster Youth 125
- Students enrolled in after school program 1,760
- Student participation in after school athletics programs:
  - Middle School (2019-20)
    - o Soccer- 120
    - Basketball- 77
    - Flag Football- 147
    - Track and Field- NA
  - Elementary (2019-20)
    - o Soccer- 312
    - o Basketball- 257
    - Track and Field- NA

## Uses of Funds:

The funds are being used in the improvement of the baseball field and the snack shack, as well as the purchase of equipment including water fountains, scoreboard, public address system, field drags, and player equipment. The improved ball field and amenities will allow students and families to make use of the field for future baseball programs and events.

The following is the list of projected expenditures that will be funded by the ARPA Fund:

Expenditure Type	Projected Expenditures
Snack Shack	\$150,000
-Downstairs – Equipment Removal	
-Downstairs – Interior Upgrades	
-Upstairs - Upgrades	
-Exterior Upgrades and General Cleanup	
-Purchase of equipment inside/around Snack Shack	
Ballfield	\$150,000
-Initial gopher eradication process	
-Infill and level out the low spots (Outfield)	
-Add decomposed granite/brick dust (Infield)	
-Remove old wood framing and rebuild/clean up bullpen	

-General Cleanup	
-Remove concrete slab from old restroom building and replace with new	
asphalt/concrete	
-Repair/replace missing drain cover	
-Purchase of equipment: Scoreboard, Public Address System, Utility	
Vehicle, Field Drags, Industrial Rakes, Pitcher "L" Screens, and Player	
Equipment.	
Total Expenditure	\$300,000

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Since the baseball field was essentially unplayable due to its condition, the field has gone unused for many years. Note that during the second half of the 2019-2020 school year and most of the 2020-2021 school year, students went on virtual/distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City has been diligently renovating the field over the past 6-9 months and due to the continuous COVID-19 pandemic, no OMSD students have participated on the field. Therefore, OMSD is unable to provide any participation number at this time.

Below are some photos showing the current condition of the interior of the snack shack. Renovation scheduled to begin in July of 2022:



## Use of Evidence:

The OMSD conducted a study within the school district to gather feedback from parents and students if improving the baseball field and launching baseball programs at the Bon View Park would improve education and health among students. The results showed that by engaging parents and students in various baseball programs and events at the park/field not only will benefits the OMSD families, but also it will foster community engagement that was not made possible before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To increase the use of the field and student participation, OMSD's plan is to provide coaching using district staff and potentially community partners such as Chaffey College baseball team and little league partnerships. Coaches will do weekly and/or monthly skills clinics for students in the basics of baseball such as throwing, catching, fielding, base running and hitting. This will potentially lead to the creation of an intramural baseball program. This intramural program will be open to all students in Grades 4-8 (in line

with the current district athletics guidance). Teams will be created based on region, and tryouts will be held to identify student ability and create teams of equal skill levels.

Through this effort, the City of Ontario and the OMSD intend to expand the availability of a 'beyond the bells' baseball program to students and families in the OMSD by increasing program involvement by 10% yearly and increasing the number of students offered extended day learning programs 100% of the total eligible student population in the 2022-2023. This effort will also increase parent and community engagement through re-purposing a community space that is currently under-used as a gathering spot and community resource, especially this is needed for communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to rebuild community engagement.



Furthermore, OMSD plans to use the facility at Bon View Park as a part of a larger Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) that will be implemented district wide. The goal of this program is to offer beyond the bells and weekend enrichment and academic activities for students and families. OSMD is committing to increasing the number of offerings to students and families in the areas of academic (language arts and math), STEM, music, and the arts, social emotional, wellness and sports activities.

The current projection is to offer ELOP to 100% of the school district's unduplicated student population (foster youth, low income, and English learner) both middle school and elementary school by the end of the 2022-2023 school year and in subsequent school years. All in all, this approach intends to help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn that has hit the socio-economically disadvantaged population the hardest such as some students and families in the OMSD.

Date Range	Task	Needs
August 2021 - March 2022	• Work with City to plan and renovate the Bon View baseball field	<ul> <li>Meeting with City of Ontario</li> <li>Park Walkthrough</li> <li>Schedule and begin improvements</li> </ul>
March 2022 - April 2022	<ul> <li>Determine field use priorities between City and District</li> <li>Gather stakeholder input</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Implementation plan</li><li>Stakeholder meetings</li></ul>
April 2022 - May 2022	• Develop potential skills clinics and identify weekday and weekend dates to hold clinics.	<ul> <li>Coaches</li> <li>Busing</li> <li>Meals</li> <li>Dates</li> </ul>
May 2022 – June 2022	• Review planned implementation and make staffing and budgeting adjustments as needed.	<ul> <li>Annual budget review</li> <li>Council approval of Funding Agreement and acceptance of funds.</li> </ul>

Implementation timeline:



## Performance Report:

Going forward, participation number will be tracked by OMSD Activities Director who will be collecting rosters of players from all school campuses and quantifying the number of players/interested players to assist in determining how the school district will expand the program in the coming months and years. OMSD plans to advertise and use the ball field during summer and other holiday breaks as well.

Furthermore, Behavioral Health data provided below demonstrates the ever



increasing on Mental Health needs amount youth, and the need for facilities/projects that promote and healthy lifestyles, especially those stressed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unduplicated counts for Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) adult clients residing within the City of Ontario show an increase for the year beginning in March 2020, while the unduplicated counts of youth clients for that same period decreased. The decrease in youth clients can potentially

Count of Mental Health Clients Residing within City of Ontario							
Age GroupMar-18Mar-19Mar-20MTD							
Adult	1,504	1,547	1,712	1,544			
Youth	1,367	1,424	1,217	1,008			

be explained by the fact that many youth clients are referred through school programs. Since schooling was predominantly home based, referrals may have decreased.

Mental health services for adults were slightly down overall during the year starting in March 2020, particularly in crisis services (combined Emergency Crisis Services and Crisis Intervention) which decreased by 21%. For that same period, crises services for youth also decreased; however, other mental health services increased, particularly case management, which increased by 81%, resulting in a net increase of services.

Adult Mental Health Service Counts							
Service Type	<b>Mar-18</b>	Mar-19	<b>Mar-20</b>	Mar-21 YTD			
Case Management	1,800	2,118	1,982	910			
<b>Emergency Crisis</b>	145	287	356	268			
Fee for Service	1,067	1,071	1,217	563			
Crisis Intervention	1,014	1,340	930	859			
MH Med Admin	1,885	2,199	1,565	1,003			
MH Medications	4,215	4,399	4,850	3,011			
MH Services	11,100	13,435	13,309	8,181			
Other	171	258	115	128			
Grand Total	21,397	25,107	24,324	14,923			

Youth Mental Health Service Counts							
Service Type	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21 YTD			
Case Management	1,220	1,533	2,772	1,590			
<b>Emergency Crisis</b>	27	57	58	47			
Fee for Service	250	228	244	173			
Crisis Intervention	758	707	188	492			
MH Med Admin	579	503	434	211			
MH Medication	1,008	918	1,016	631			
MH Services	20,065	19,892	21,269	13,262			
Other	591	425	588	468			
Grand Total	24,498	24,263	26,569	16,874			

While DBH clinics were open for business throughout the period of the public health order and telehealth visits widely available, penetration rates 1 among Medi-Cal beneficiaries for the West Valley region where Ontario is located were lower. This may be due to an increased number of beneficiaries coupled with a decline in those served in Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021. In contrast, the retention rate of existing Medi-Cal beneficiaries in that region increased appreciably during that same period.

Residence Region: West Valley	Medi-Cal Beneficiaries		Clients	Served	Penetration Rate	Clients Retained	Retention Rate
FY 2018-2019	161,131	20.5%	5,500	14.3%	3.4%	4,296	78.1%
FY 2019-2020	161,762	21%	5,224	14.4%	3.2%	3,884	74.3%
FY 2020-2021	172,620	21%	4,791	15.7%	2.8%	4,007	83.7%

<sup>1</sup> Penetration rate and retention rate are calculated by dividing the number of clients served by the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the County.

A review of diagnosis trends for new DBH clients indicated that for adults, Anxiety and Substance Use Disorder diagnoses increased for the year beginning in March 2020 while other diagnosis rates decreased or resemble trends from the prior year.

	Adult Mental Health Dx Counts			Adult Mental Health %				
Diagnosis (Dx)				Mar-21				Mar-21
Categories	<b>Mar-18</b>	Mar-19	Mar-20	YTD	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	YTD
Anxiety	114	147	184	148	7.58%	9.50%	10.75%	9.59%
Behavioral	1		1		0.07%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%
Child/Adolescent	6	4	3	1	0.40%	0.26%	0.18%	0.06%
Encounter	3	18	12	8	0.20%	1.16%	0.70%	0.52%
General	117	140	97	55	7.78%	9.05%	5.67%	3.56%
History	15	23	8	1	1.00%	1.49%	0.47%	0.06%
Intellect								
Disability				2	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.13%
Mood	561	666	617	486	37.30%	43.05%	36.04%	31.48%
Personality	4	3	6	1	0.27%	0.19%	0.35%	0.06%
Physiological		1	3	1	0.00%	0.06%	0.18%	0.06%
Psychosis	389	473	498	430	25.86%	30.58%	29.09%	27.85%
Socioeconomic	39	29	13	7	2.59%	1.87%	0.76%	0.45%
Substance	170	190	322	268	11.30%	12.28%	18.81%	17.36%
Unspecified	24	35	19	30	1.60%	2.26%	1.11%	1.94%

Overall, diagnosis for youth were reduced due to the reduced numbers of youth entering treatment for the year beginning March 2020. Trends among youth diagnosis show an uptick in Anxiety and Encounter while the remaining diagnosis areas declined or remained stable.

	Youth Mental Health Dx Counts			Youth Mental Health %				
Diagnosis (Dx)				Mar-21				Mar-21
Categories	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	YTD	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	YTD
Anxiety	270	342	312	315	19.75%	24.02%	25.64%	31.25%
Child/Adolescent	159	186	114	92	11.63%	13.06%	9.37%	9.13%
Encounter	61	84	111	42	4.46%	5.90%	9.12%	4.17%
Mood	437	488	339	264	31.97%	34.27%	27.86%	26.19%
Socioeconomic	126	162	83	73	9.22%	11.38%	6.82%	7.24%
Behavioral	6	1	4	7	0.44%	0.07%	0.33%	0.69%
General	38	33	30	27	2.78%	2.32%	2.47%	2.68%
History	1				0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intellect Disability				1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%
PDD	2	2	3	2	0.15%	0.14%	0.25%	0.20%
Personality	12	9	3	10	0.88%	0.63%	0.25%	0.99%
Physiological			1		0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	0.00%
Psychosis	10	20	12	9	0.73%	1.40%	0.99%	0.89%
Substance	13	10	11	7	0.95%	0.70%	0.90%	0.69%
Unspecified	2	5	1		0.15%	0.35%	0.08%	0.00%

Note: Encounter may involve an examination for health reasons, encounter pertaining to abuse, need for counseling concerning sexual behavior, other risk behavior, problems related to lifestyle, problems related to sleep, problems related to social skills, problems related to functioning.



The ARPA funding for this project is targeted toward traditionally marginalized communities. OMSD plans to utilize the facility at Bon View Park to expand the availability of a 'beyond the bells' baseball program to students and families in the OMSD. The baseball program will also be a part of a larger ELOP that will be implemented district-wide and be offered to 100% of the school district's unduplicated student population. Such program will promote healthy childhood environments and racial equity. OMSD plans to advertise and use the renovated ball field during the school year, summer, and other holiday breaks. OMSD will also implement a comprehensive tracking mechanism for student participation of the improved ball field in determining how they will expand the program in the future to reach its goal.



This project is almost completed; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.37 – Cypress/Knopf Community Center Rehabilitation

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012319 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$750,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Fontana strives to provide all residents with high quality parks and afterschool programs. To accomplish this goal, the city is working to make further financial investments in older parks and community centers. Some of these parks and community centers are in low-income minority neighborhoods. In North Fontana, the city is experiencing rapid growth in housing development, and has built newer parks to accommodate the increase in population.

The Cypress Knopf Neighborhood Center offers lifelong learning and enrichment classes, special event toddler for residents. programming, rentals neighborhood events, non-profit organization rentals and special needs programming. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this neighborhood center would host over 65,000 participants annually. During the pandemic the neighborhood center has had limited operational hours and has only hosted a few neighborhood events. Fontana staff estimates that after the improvements, there would be an increase of 15% in use or 74,750 participants annually.



Below are photographs of the current condition of the neighborhood center and areas where ARPA funding will be invested:





Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Cypress Knopf Neighborhood Center is in census tract 28.03. This neighborhood center serves and is surrounded by low-income neighborhoods. Please see the photo below of the City of Fontana CDBG Map. The green areas on the map are considered low-income census tracts.

This census tract has a total population of 3,974 people in a 0.4 square mile land area. Of this population, 83.1 percent are Latino, and 16.9 percent are non-Latino.



## Uses of Funds:

The goal of this project is to increase safety, equitability, and usage of Cypress Knopf Neighborhood Center in a predominately minority low-income neighborhood. On June 28, 2022, the Fontana City Council accepted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County of San Bernardino to make improvements to the neighborhood center. The city will issue a Request for Proposal to begin construction. As city programs continue to re-open, there is a need to rebuild the infrastructure of the facility to accommodate the expansion of new programs post-pandemic. Below is a financial breakdown on how ARPA funding will be utilized:

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*
Interior Painting and New Doors	\$45,000
New Flooring	\$75,000
Build New Restroom for Tiny Tots Daycare	\$125,000
Kitchen Remodeling	\$128,000
Stage Re-finishing and New Front Reception	\$62,000
Counter	
Restroom Remodeling	\$135,000
New Roof	\$180,000
Total Expenditure	\$750,000

\*Note: Projected expenditures may differ from the actual costs but a total amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount as specified above.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Cypress Knopf Neighborhood Center is essential for the growing population of Fontana. The neighborhood center offers quality programming and special events at an affordable price for all local residents. The unique services offered complement the needs and lifestyles of all Fontana's residents from children and teens to parents and senior citizens. The facility features a multi-purpose room, Tiny Tots room, the Josephine Knopf Hall and is home to a community garden plot and horseshoe field. The center hosts a variety of classes and programs including:

- Health and Fitness classes
- Martial Arts Classes
- Leisure activities
- Self-enhancement activities
- Above the Limits: Special Needs Program
- Tiny Tots

The city's primary goal is to give all Fontana children and families access to high quality parks, afterschool programs and community centers. The city's goal for this project is to increase the number of kids who participate in city youth programs at the neighborhood center and enhance their quality of life. This ARPA funding project gives the city the opportunity to invest in a low-income neighborhood and provide the area youth with a park that is equal or if not better than the newer parks in the city. The city believes that improving this neighborhood center will help benefit the health and wellbeing of the entire neighborhood.

Cypress-Knopf Neighborhood Center events are accessible to the public and can be utilized by all children and families. The city advertises and offers various programs for residents at a low cost. All programs and services are advertised on the city's website, newsletter, and social media accounts. Also, the city sends out a community book to all residents twice a year. This community booklets residents know about updates, programs and services offered by our community services department.

The City of Fontana remains firmly committed to advancing academic success, strengthening support, and building and sustaining youth programs for the Latino and minority communities and the special needs population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, census tract (28.03) consists of an 83.1 percent Latino and a 16.9 percent non-Latino population. Upgrading and repairing this neighborhood center is needed to ensure the youth have a healthy and safe modern facility. This investment will help expand the existing resources and opportunities to over 600 people with special needs.

## Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>7</sup>, parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones.

## Performance Report:

Connected by a gated courtyard and lawn area, the Cypress Knopf Neighborhood Center provides residents with enrichment, educational, resource, and recreational experiences. The onsite amenities include multipurpose rooms, classrooms, warming kitchens, lobby, gated lawn and courtyard, and administrative workstations. Key annual activities hosted onsite for community members include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Private Bookings & Facility Rentals
  - More than 250 private bookings accommodating approximately 17,500 community members.
- Summer Camp
  - Providing 8 weeks of Summer Camp for approximately 400 enrollees.
- Special Needs Programming
  - Monthly events offering social-recreational, resource and referral, and inclusivity for 135 members and their extended families, hosting approximately 600 community members annually.
- Recreation-based Preschool Programming
  - Monthly sessions offered for community members ages 3 5 to encourage education and preparation to transition into kindergarten.
- Community Classes
  - Providing martial arts, fitness, gymnastics, and dance classes to approximately 1,000 enrollees.
- Seasonal Events
  - Special events, such as Easter, Halloween, and Thanksgiving, providing approximately 2,000 community members with enrichment experiences.
- Administrative Support of Adjacent Community Garden, Horseshoe Pits, and General Fontana Community Services Department Activities
  - Administration interaction with over 20,000 community members to support parks and recreation activities.

City staff keeps track of all walk-ins, phone calls and emails of people who inquire about the neighborhood center and programs the city is offering. The city keeps records of "enrollees" or the "people who paid" to be part of a certain program. For special events that are open to the public, city staff creates a sign-in sheet and will count the number of people who attended each event. City staff also files monthly attendance reports and accounts for every person that interacts with the neighborhood center. City staff estimates that as a result of the project, Cypress Knopf Neighborhood center will experience a 10-15 percent increase in the number of people who enroll in city programs and interact with the neighborhood center. The city will

 $<sup>^{7}\</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html$ 

continue to utilize our park monitors and staff to monitoring inquires, enrollment, rentals, and event attendance to measure the results of the improvements. The city will also continue filing monthly attendance reports.

This project is in planning phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.37 – Elizabeth Davis Park Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012331 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,890,594.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

Elizabeth Davis Park is a 6.34-acre park that serves the surrounding community with basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic shelters, a softball field, and a playground. The age of Elizabeth Davis Park and the lack of investment and inadequate resources have led to extreme deterioration and dilapidation of the park facilities, not offering the most conducive outdoor recreational outlets for our communities. It became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, that our community did not have safe and equal access to recreational areas such as parks or open spaces. By improving Elizabeth Davis Park, we can mitigate negative impacts of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments and outdoor recreation and socialization.

Through the 2020-2021 timeframe, the parks in Colton saw significant increase in community leisure usage by the community who sought outdoor space to exercise, socialize and improve their mental health, in an unstructured manner. The high usage and increased damage/wear and tear was paired with deferred maintenance due to limited staffing and lack of City revenue to offset improvements.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.



Davis Park is located within a designated census tract 66.03. While the park itself may not fall into a QCT, it is less than 500 feet from 66.04 which is a QCT and it is over a two-mile walk to the nearest park in any direction, even neighboring cities.

According to the California State Parks - Community fact finder tool, within a quarter mile, there are 524 people "in poverty" and approximately 40 households without access to a vehicle. Within 0.5 of a mile, the demographics include even more disadvantaged households and even into severely disadvantaged community. Pre 2020 Census demographics estimate 65% of Colton residents identify as Hispanic/LatinX and 84.4% of the overall student population of 22,561 is socioeconomically disadvantaged, the pandemic has added to the financial issues.

## Uses of Funds:

The \$1,890,594 investment would be allocated direct and indirect cost of remodeling and improving the existing park amenities which would include but are not limited to: upgraded restrooms, new scoreboards, water fountains, trash receptacles, graffiti management, a dog park, new park amenities (benches/tables/fixtures), surface improvement to tennis courts, ADA compliance and security cameras and lighting.

In the short term, it will combat the effects of COVID by providing safe and secure locations for families and individuals to meet, socialize, and participate in healthy activities. It will improve lives of Colton Residents for a long time to come as a space for outdoor activities and programing and well-maintained parks provide higher home values and community pride.



#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Davis Park is located directly next to Paul J. Rogers elementary and due to its proximity is highly used by the youth and families in the area. This project will promote an equitable outcome by improving a park that is a staple site for a community disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. It will create and provide a healthy outdoor location for community to gather, and it promotes a healthier lifestyle; additionally, it will encourage nearby schools to hold educational and community building events.

## Use of Evidence:

The overreaching goals are to provide

- Provide a safe and engaging park which will provide resilient and multi-functional spaces for wide-ranging recreational outcomes.
- Provide safe, attractive, universally accessible, and inclusive, and inviting green spaces.
- Preserve and protect nature and biodiversity, provide green infrastructure, and deliver climate positive outcomes.



As noted by the National Parks & Recreation Association, use of Parks improves mental health and quality of life. More time spent in parks and green spaces can help individuals fight against mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and stress. Making sure that all people have access to parks and outdoor programming is a critical way to increase these positive effects on health and quality of life for your community.

## The Facts:

- People living more than 1 kilometer away from a green space have nearly 50 percent higher odds of experiencing stress than those living less than 300 meters from a green space. Respondents who do not report stress have more than 50 percent higher odds of visiting a green space at least a few days a week than those reporting stress. Results also showed that the more often respondents visited green spaces, the less stress they experienced.
- Several studies have confirmed that separation from nature is detrimental to human development, health and wellbeing, and that regular contact with nature is required for good mental health.
- Physician-diagnosed depression was 33 percent higher in the residential areas with the fewest green spaces, compared to the neighborhoods with the most.
- People who lived in close proximity to natural space had significantly improved mental health up to three years after their move. Compared to pre-move mental health scores, individuals who moved to greener areas had significantly better mental health recorded three years after the move.



- A strong body of evidence suggests that physical activity in green spaces has stronger mental health benefits than physical activity in non-green spaces.
- Use of green spaces is associated with decreased health complaints, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, reduced stress, improved general health perceptions and a greater ability to face problems.

## Performance Report:

Currently, the park is utilized on a limited basis by the community due to the poor condition, with no park reservation requests and no scheduled city events such as the Egg Hunt or Movies in the Park.

After renovation:

- Park reservations for birthday parties and other family gatherings will increase to at least, 50 events per year.
- City sponsored events will return at least four times per year, with over 500 participants per occurrence
- City coordinated classes for tennis and basketball will return on a regular basis.
- Girls Youth Softball will return for at least one season per year
- Casual drop in usage will increase to 50-100 users per day for physical exercise, youth playground usage and general community involvement.

This program is in process of being implemented and metrics will be reported in future reports. Participation data will be gathered for all activities via registration or visual inspection.



# California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

#### Project ID: 107111 Coordinates: 34.0815, -117.3410 Date: 1/18/2022

This is your project report for the site you have defined. Please refer to your Project ID above in any future communications about the project.

## PROJECT AREA STATISTICS

County	San Bernardino
City	Colton
Total Population	6,469
Youth Population	1,730
Senior Population	811
Households Without Access to a Car	40
Number of People in Poverty	524
Median Household Income	\$66,557
Per Capita Income	\$20,459
Park Acres	6.53
Park Acres per 1,000 Residents	1.01

#### PROJECT AREA MAP

#### REPORT BACKGROUND

The project statistics have been calculated based on half mile radius around the point location selected. Only park acres within the project area's half mile radius are reported.

Population and people in poverty are calculated by determining the percent of any census block-groups that intersect with the project area. The project area is then assigned the sum of all the census block-group portions. An equal distribution in census block-groups is assumed. Rural areas are calculated at a census block level to improve results.

Median household and per capita income are calculated as a weighted average of the census block- group values that fall within the project area. More information on the calculations is available on the methods page.

**Demographics**—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2014-2018; Decennial 2010 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks—California Protected Areas Database 2020a CFF adjusted (6/2020) - more information at <u>http://www.CALands.org</u>. Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are defined further in the 2015 SCORP (pg. 4).

Users can send updated information on parks to SCORP@parks.ca.gov

## 2.37 – Family Resource Center Rehabilitation

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012321 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$775,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center (Family Resource Center) is a 10,000 ft.2 facility located in the southwest portion of Rancho Cucamonga. The building was originally acquired by the City of Rancho Cucamonga from the County of San Bernardino in 1979. Formerly a community center and senior center, the Family Resource Center was established in 2008 to address the unique needs of the area residents. Programs offered at the Family Resource Center focused on creating equitable services aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities.

Beyond the impacts of the pandemic and loss of services, prior to receipt of the ARPA funding, there was a very real danger that the community would lose this valued resource due to the deterioration of the building and its systems. Among the improvements required to ensure this vital community resource remains available, are the replacement of the heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems including ventilation to mitigate COVID-19 and other communicable disease transmission, replacement of the flooring, installation of lighting for energy efficiency and safety, community kitchen improvements, new interior and exterior paint and courtyard improvements for outdoor gatherings and activities. Upon completion of the rehabilitation, the goal will be to restore and expand upon the services offered prior to the onset of the pandemic to support strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

General repairs, improvements to, and equipment replacement at the Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center to include replacement of the heating and air conditioning systems with ventilation to mitigate

COVID-19 and other communicable disease transmission, replacement of flooring, installation of energy efficient lighting, community kitchen improvements, interior and exterior paint, and courtyard improvements for outdoor gatherings. With these improvements, the programs offered at the Family Resource Center can continue to focus on creating equitable services and aim at reducing racial/ethnic disparities.

To date, the rehabilitation of the RC Family Resource Center has not commenced. It is anticipated the project will begin in Winter 2023/Spring 2023.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

The Family Resource Center is in census tract 21.05, and adjacent to tracts 21.03 & 21.07. Although not located in



a QCT, the center serves communities designated as "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" dur to its proximity to 9.03, 13.05, 15.03, 15.04 and 16.00 make it conducive to serving those that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

According to the California State Parks Community Fact Funder Tool, within a half mile of the Family Resource Center there are approximately 906 individuals (15% of the population) at or below the poverty line; 40 households without access to a car; 596 seniors; and 1,407 youth. Within this same area are two schools, a low-income senior congregate living complex and one neighborhood park.

The community in the surrounding area is 72% nonwhite and 50% Hispanic or Latino. In the area immediately adjacent to the Resource Center, 268 households are below the poverty level, 632 households have someone with a disability, and 407 individuals are without health insurance.



## Uses of the Funds:

Upon completion of the planned improvements funded by ARPA, the RC Family Resource Center can continue to serve as the hub for a variety of services and public communication for those disadvantaged and disproportionately impacted in the community and surrounding region, mitigating the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City anticipates offering the following upon completion of the improvements:

Family Resource Center Facility Improvement Costs (estimated*)	
Heating & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement	\$171,200
Repaint Exterior and Interior	\$137,800
Replace Flooring	. \$273,500
Interior Courtyard Improvements	
Lighting Replacement	\$21,300
Kitchen Improvements	. \$102,300
Total Improvement Costs	

City funds up to \$80,000 have been earmarked for project management and contingency.

- Vaccine and Testing Site
- PPE & Testing Supply Distribution
- Emergency Operations Center / Emergency Shelter
- Isolation & Quarantine Support
- Support for local schools (1 Elementary School & 1 Middle School within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile)
- Support Low-income Senior Congregate Living Facility (across the street)
- Support for small businesses and non-profits (enhance the current offering)
- Behavioral Health Care (e.g., support groups, counseling)
- Community Intervention Programs
- Food Pantry
- Tutoring

- Annual Thanksgiving and Holidays Food Drive & Give-Away
- Back -to-School Backpack Drive & Give-Away •
- Youth & Family Recreation Classes •
- Senior Recreation and Social Service Programs
- Community Gatherings (Birthday parties, Quinceaneras, Weddings) •
- ESL, Literacy & Adult Education Classes •
- **Religious Services** •

Prior to the pandemic, the Family Resource Center was the hub for social services, recreation classes, family gatherings and community special events in a disadvantaged area of Rancho Cucamonga and region.

The Family Resource Center served as a portal for dozens of non-profit social service agencies offering a variety of free services including a food pantry, clothing closet, free hygiene bags, emergency relief for shelter, assistance for those at risk of being unhoused and utility assistance by Community Connections. Workshops and mental health services were hosted by Humanity Center 4 Change. Free tax service for seniors was offered by AARP. Other vital





services, workshops and partnerships were hosted by local school districts, San Bernardino County Departments of Behavioral Health, Aging & Adult Service, Public Health and Children Services, Girl Scouts, Woman on the Move, American Cancer Society, Al -Anon, Toastmasters, Healthy RC, Northtown Housing & Community Development Corporation. In calendar year 2019, 4,230 individuals & families received assistance (Baby Products, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Hygiene Bags, and more) and approximately 6,000 more participated in a variety of other social service programs (support groups, counseling, tax assistance, etc.). Additionally, 152 individuals participated in health and fitness classes.

The onset of the pandemic, and subsequent closure of the facility, eliminated all but the most critical of these services: the weekly food pantry, holiday food drives and giveaways, and back-to-school backpack giveaway. To mitigate the loss of services due the pandemic and expand opportunity to those in the community that were disproportionately impacted, the City installed a 24/7 Library Vending Machine in 2021. More recently, the Family Resource Center has served as a COVID-19 testing and vaccination site for the region.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project promotes an equitable outcome as it revitalized one of the key resource centers in the area, bringing awareness and access to its residents and the neighboring QCT. Resource Center is immediately adjacent to and within 2 miles of areas of the community designated as



"Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged". To address disparities and achieve equitable outcomes,

the programs and services previously offered at the RC Family Resource Center were purposefully designed with those communities in mind, providing additional social support, free and low-cost services, opportunities for the community to gather and celebrate, recreation programs and health & wellness classes.

With the ARPA funded rehabilitation and re-opening of the RC Family Resource Center, the City will reintroduce and expand upon services that we removed as a result of the pandemic. Building on the strong sense of community and established partnerships with non-profit and other organizations that are deeply rooted in the community, the City will facilitate the delivery of low-cost and free services. Example of those services include:

- Food Assistance
- Utility Assistance
- Immunization Clinics
- Wellness Clinics
- Mental Health Counseling and Support Groups
- Financial Wellness Counseling/Workshops
- Tutoring
- ESL Classes
- Literacy Programs/Classes
- Parental Support
- Job Training / Education
- Housing Counseling / Support

- Tax Assistance
- Vaccination Clinics
- Life Skills
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Health Insurance Counseling
- Grief & Bereavement Support
- Immigration & Naturalization Support
- Job Fairs
- Small Business Support
- Caregiver Support
- Health Fairs
- Employment Support/Training

In addition to the variety of support services, the RC Family Resource Center will serve as the center for the community for recreation and health & wellness programs promoting physical and mental wellbeing for individuals of all ages. Providing these programs directly in the community where those that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic addresses equal access and disparities while promoting equitable outcomes. Examples of classes that may be offered include:

- Aerobics / Stretching
- Dance / Ballet / Folklorico
- Engineering Camp
- Creative Writing

- Robotics
- Art
- Video Game Design
- And many more...

Critical to the success of reducing the disparities and creating equitable outcomes is promoting the services that would be available and eliminating those barriers to access. Solutions presented to promote and remove those barriers include:

- Direct and in-person promotion of programs and services, including utilizing the voice of community leaders and influencers.
- Distribution of print and digital promotional materials in Spanish and other languages as necessary).
- Targeted outreach directly to the community at their residence, places of worship, local businesses, and schools (etc.).
- Offering multiple means of registering for program or eliminating the need to register if possible.
- Offering low-cost or free services.
- Providing financial assistance for participation in fee-based recreation and wellness programs.

• Providing assistance for the completion of forms.

## Use of Evidence:

Numerous published studies and surveys have gaged the effectiveness and importance of Community Centers – as they serve bring a sense of belonging and community among residents. Additionally, having Community Centers available to residents, makes access to services convenient, as well as raises awareness. Furthermore, it promotes healthier social, mental, and physical health.

Especially in today's climate, as communities are gradually shifting back into normalcy, community centers will serve as resources to disseminate information about services, but also encourage residents to partake in events and activities.



## Performance Report:

Upon completion of the ARPA funded rehabilitation of the RC Family Resource Center, the City will once again be able to offer the previously described programs and services. In measuring the effectiveness of the programs that will be offered in the newly rehabilitated RC family Resource Center, the City will utilize relevant key indicators.

**Key Indicators** 

- Clients Served
- Enrollment / Program Rosters
- Pre-service Questionnaire / Survey Results
- Post-service Questionnaire / Survey Results
- Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

While participation levels may not return to pre-pandemic levels initially, the City will seek to increase participation levels every year, especially by those individuals living in those identified "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" areas.

For the years 2018 and 2019 respectively, the RC Family Resource Center served 17,241 and 13,746 clients.


With the launch of the programs following the completion of the Rehabilitation, the City will work closely with the partners delivering the services to implement effective methods to measure performance and success in achieving established goals. To date, with only historic output measures to evaluate program effectiveness, there are no outcomes measures established. Participation data will be collected through registration and attendance records.

Project Demographic Distribution:

Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center - Map



#### REPORT BACKGROUND

The project statistics have been calculated based on half mile radius around the point location selected. Only park acres within the project area's half mile radius are reported.

Population and people in poverty are calculated by determining the percent of any census block-groups that intersect with the project area. The project area is then assigned the sum of all the census block-group portions. An equal distribution in census block-groups is assumed. Rural areas are calculated at a census block level to improve results.

Median household and per capita income are calculated as a weighted average of the census block- group values that fall within the project area.

More information on the calculations is available on the methods page.

Demographics—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2014-2018; Decennial 2010 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks—California Protected Areas Database 2020a CFF adjusted (6/2020) - more information at <u>http://www.CALands.org</u>, Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are defined further in the 2015 SCORP (pg. 4).

Users can send updated information on parks to SCORP@parks.ca.gov



SCORP Community FactFinder is a service of the California Department of Parks and Recreation www.parks.ca.gov SCORP Community FactFinder created by Greeninfo Network www.greeninfo.org in consultation with CA Dept. of Parks and Rec





### 2.37 – Guadalupe Field Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012335 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$995,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Guadalupe field is in the Westside community of San Bernardino. This is a 2.25-acre park that serves the community with a baseball field, picnic tables, and barbeque grills. As one of the oldest parks in the city of San Bernardino it is extremely dilapidated yet remains highly used.

Over the years, lack of investment and inadequate resources have led to extreme deterioration and dilapidation of park facilities, not offering the most conducive outdoor recreational outlets for our communities. It became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, that our community did not have safe and equal access to recreational areas such as parks or open spaces. By improving Guadalupe Field, we can





help our community mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments, outdoor recreation, and socialization.

Renovating parks and recreation centers including playgrounds, baseball diamonds, gymnasiums, and outdoor basketball courts will help the violence intervention and prevention program engage and provide services to disconnected youth.

Throughout the City, in neighborhoods with high crime rates and economic hardship, the Violence Intervention and Prevention program, in collaboration with other community-based agencies, City departments such as the parks department, and the County Public Health Department, can turn parks into vibrant community centers— safe-spaces for all residents.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19, and also bring assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

#### Uses of Funds:

The City of San Bernardino is developing a holistic strategy, investing ARPA funds in parks, community assets and neighborhoods that are low-income and addressing issues of disconnected youth with the goal of intervening before they are recruited by gangs and/or enter the criminal justice system.

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*
Renovation of building including ADA accessibility	\$200,000
Upgrading field lighting the LED	\$100,000
Replace Fence	\$240,000
New bleachers with dugout shades	\$100,000
Renovating, laser-leveling and reseeding field	\$250,000
New Score Board	\$15,000
General Park Amenities	\$10,000
Consultant services for design	\$80,000
Total Expenditure	\$995,000

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project will promote an equitable outcome by creating a safe environment for gathering and provide families and residents a sense of community. Guadalupe Field is located within a designated census tract. The population in the area is predominately Black & Hispanic and majority come from a multi-generational gang family - meaning grandma or grandpa are or were in gangs. Gangs are associated with at least two-thirds of all the homicides in San Bernardino. Most homicides in San Bernardino involve group members as either victims or suspects or both (at least 66% and up to 81%). These incidents involve robberies (6.9%), domestic violence (4.1%), the drug



trade (4.1%), and human trafficking (1.4%) but most are personal disputes (67%) (SB City Problem Analysis 2018).

69% of the City's population has a HS Diploma, whereas only 12% have a BA or higher (Census 2020).



The overwhelming majority of San Bernardino City youth express difficultly learning in a hostile school setting and are not attached to prosocial activities afterschool or weekends. Safe and affordable recreation activities for youth and young adults such as sports is one of the community's longstanding requests.

The potential to improve a baseball field presents the City with an opportunity to design recreational activities for disconnected youth at risk of entering the "school to prison pipeline" or worse—premature death. A groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony will give the City and County of San

Bernardino an opportunity to re-engage residents through a traditional service provision.

#### Use of Evidence:

Sports, cultural enrichment, and reactional activities such as field trips have been primary prevention tool for decades. Using Parks and Recreation as an intervention strategy has proven successful by connecting families to services, increasing trust between residents and local government, providing access to

educational resources, and reducing violence. Reference provided to programs in other Cities.<sup>8,9</sup>

Parks in the City of San Bernardino have the potential to serve as resource hubs for our community and are critical to a holistic violence intervention strategy.



#### Performance Report:

In an effort to monitor the impact of the improvements directly and indirectly associated with this project, and measure the outcome, the City will track and measure:

- Number of reservations for field use
  - o Tracked by Parks and Recreation
- Increase in weekend general park use
  - To be measured by establishing a count on 2 weeks before construction and counting on 2 weekends (of similar type- summer or fall, in or out of school) after construction is complete
- Number of complaints about field
  - Tracked by Parks and Recreation

This project is still in development and planning and therefore there are no performance measures to report; data will be reported in future reports.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.lagryd.org/summer-night-lights-2021-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news-releases/pasadena-parks-after-dark-programs-announced/

## 2.37 – International Healing Garden Construction

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012333 <u>Funding amount:</u> \$2,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Rialto Unified School District will use the proceeds of this contract to construct the International Healing Garden. The International Healing Garden will be a 2.668-acre garden with 2 full size classrooms. This facility is intended to increase school programs, outside of the classroom learning experiences, and programs available for students with special needs. Classes will be offered to increase awareness around healthy mental, emotional, and physical lifestyle choices and habits. The academic instruction at this facility would focus students as well as the community at large on local climate vulnerabilities, promote climate resiliency, community awareness about the green economy and develop shared identity around the stewardship of water, air, and land.

Furthermore, community health indicators pre-COVID indicated that we were in a public health crisis invoked by food insecurity and obesity rates, Rialto has the highest obesity rates in the county which impacts rates of chronic disease. In Rialto USD we believe that a strong community serves all its members and we have been steadily working to be a bridge to improve the quality of life for our students and their families. We are committed to both the personal and environmental health and overall wellness of our students and community.

These public health issues already constituted a crisis, but they have been compounded by the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19. To better serve our families, we aim to support and empower our families and the larger community through the Rialto USD International Healing Garden.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It will also bring assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

The Cities of Rialto, Colton, Fontana, and San Bernardino are located within San Bernardino County with a total population of 588,681. The total enrollment for Rialto Unified School District is 26,437. The Opportunity Zones Database has designated the region as a "low-income community." Regarding housing and living arrangements, the average median gross rent is \$1,213.00. The average median household income for the four cities is \$58,527.00. The average poverty level for all four cities is 17.75% in comparison to the US average of 9.2%.

The racial demographics for all four cities consist of 69.25% Hispanic or Latino, 10.9% Black or African American, 4.7% Asian, 4.3% of two or more races, 75% American Indian and Alaska Native and 0.13% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander. Veterans represent a total of 16,928 for all four cities. Census Tracks within the Rialto USD service boundaries range on the Pollution Burden Percentiles between 49-91.

According to the 18-19 data, the four communities that make up Rialto Unified School District have been greatly impacted by high unemployment rates of 4.34%. The average of persons without health insurance that are under the age of 65 are 11.3%, with 7.22% living with a disability.

#### Uses of Funds:

Funds received from this grant are intended to be towards the construction of the International Healing Garden. It is intended the \$2 million award will be 100% used for the construction of the facility. The objective of the International Healing Garden is to provide a physical location to support environmental civics, physical and mental health. The COVID 19 pandemic required the school district to offer learning through the distance learning model in which students learned from home using a virtual classroom.



The students and families of Rialto USD experienced trauma in various forms during distance learning. As students and families resumed in-person instruction the need for physical and mental health became evident in schools. The learning loss coupled with personal traumatic experiences such as loss, abuse, meal insecurity, homelessness, has exacerbated the need for adequate and accessible mental health supports. The construction of the International Healing Garden is in congruence with the school districts efforts to restore physical and mental health. Within the school day the district has invested millions into a robust social-emotional program, which includes licensed therapist, wellness centers, a health clinic, food distribution and a clothing closet (Kindness Connection). The International Healing Garden would provide the space to extend services to our students beyond the school setting, providing a harmonious space in congruence with its intent.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Rialto USD serves an at-promise community, rich in racial diversity. Access to affordable mental and physical health can be challenging. All our District schools have been identified as Title I schools, therefore, through the services offered at the International Healing Garden, more students and their families will have access to mental and physical health. Rialto USD is at the planning stage of this project, once construction is finalized, the district will be able to report on the success of the program.

The ARPA aligned goals of our project include:

- Supporting awareness and personal empowerment of community members around behavioral health, and certain public health and safety concerns.
- Addressing educational disparities through a new learning service and outdoor learning resource to better service and address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students and students in the larger San Bernardino County.
- Promote healthy childhood environments, by enhancing services for child welfare- involved families and foster youth; and
- Raise awareness around environmental justice and climate resiliency topics in the San Bernardino region

The purpose and objectives of the Rialto USD International Healing Garden Project is to:

- Create a regional climate network that promotes community health and wellness.
- Inclusively educate families in the larger San Bernardino region, about our local climate vulnerabilities and promote climate resiliency.
- Promote community awareness about the green economy and develop shared identity around the stewardship of water, air, and land.

Rialto USD's Board of Education on 10/23/19 passed Resolution No. 19-20-26 Commitment to Environmental Sustainability, which codified a partnerships committed between Education Services (educators. counselors and administrators), Business Services (grounds, nutrition services and maintenance and operations) and Student Services (child welfare, attendance, safety and security). In the past 3 years, Rialto USD has won multiple Gold and Green Achiever awards from the California Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools which lead to the US Department of Education recognizing the district with the Green



Ribbon Award. These environmental sustainability successes were evidence of a strong collaborative environmentally focused leadership team- STEM CARES (STEM Cultivates Active Responsible Environmental Stewards) which consisted of representatives from each of the departments listed above as well as students and community public and private partners.

One of the key projects of this group is the advancement of awareness of locally relevant issues to inspire students to think globally and act locally to improve their health and wellness which also improves their community. Rialto USD has embraced its role as a climate leader for the community and experiential learning collaborations connected to classroom instruction and teacher professional development have led to committed partners within the community and in the region. It is for this reason this project area was identified.

Additionally, it is in alignment with the expansions recommended by the Sixth Assessment Report by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which warns that climate change has reached a "code red for humanity" and *Gov. Newson's Executive Order N-10-19, 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, 2015 Environmental Goals and Policy Report, Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, and AB2621.* The project will advance the regions integration of: (1) community based water resilience strategies to better prepare for drought and new flood patterns, (2) increase vegetation and teach community

members about vegetation's role in air quality management strategies, (3) support landscape-scale approaches to conservation and ecosystem mitigation that accounts for multiple benefit, (4) promote awareness and preparedness for the green economy, and (5) encourage civic engagement by educating the community and empowering local voice.

The Rialto USD International Healing Garden Project would transform 2.668 acres of current field space into a dynamic state of the art net-zero facility (project map attached), including multiple on-site facilities which include but are not limited to:

- 2 full size classrooms/ public gathering spaces with flexible seating, collapsible dividers and technology features
- Kitchen
- Restrooms with low flow "flushies" and fixtures
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Water conservation and reclamation informational displays
- Bioswales, flood mitigation and aquifer recharge stations
- Model international gardens
- Ecotherapy gardens designed to demonstrate sensory supports for students with special needs
- Model community agriculture projects
- Pollution prevention strategy informational displays

This facility is intended to increase after school programs, outside of the classroom learning experiences, and programs available for students with special needs. The projected annual participation includes our 25,000+ students and community members including those of the East Valley SELPA, which is a regional collaborative special education local planning area whose purpose is to support local school districts as they provide for the needs of special education students. It will also be open to the public in partnership with our public-private partners, with the intention of increasing awareness around healthy mental, emotional, and



physical lifestyle choices and habits. The academic instruction at this facility would focus students as well as the community at large on local climate vulnerabilities, promote climate resiliency, community awareness about the green economy and develop shared identity around the stewardship of water, air and land. Rialto USD plans to measure effectiveness through collecting usage data and community involvement surveys. This data will include collecting demographics data to ensure equitable access to the community.

#### Use of Evidence:

The Rialto community is an emerging population challenged by poverty. Research shows that students and families that have access to mental health services through their schools are more likely to receive services. The International Healing Garden will primarily be used for student fieldtrips to attend activities and classes around the topic of mental and physical health. In the evening and weekends, the Rialto families will also have access to activities and classes to promote mental health. Community awareness of programs will be done through written communication, social media, and local advertisement. Activities and classes will be offered at no cost, or at a nominal fee to cover program cost.

Mental health awareness has grown over the last twenty years. In school districts, mental health services became part of the continuum of services for the whole child. The COVID pandemic exacerbated the need for mental health supports; isolation for over 18 months required the school district to evaluate its mental health program. The school setting is natural access point to mental health related services as students attend daily. A study performed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that adolescents are more comfortable receiving health care services in school-based clinics.

The importance of these supports was further evidenced by the publishing of various resources by the U.S. Department of Education, including, Supporting Child and Student, Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health Handbook. This handbook was coupled with an emphasis in the American Rescue Plan's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief program funding (ARP ESSER) to provide mental health supports.

The district recognizes the need to provide students with social skills, leadership, self-awareness, self-regulation, and many other strategies. The district continues to be committed to the wellness of the whole child. The district employed 38 full-time mental health professionals (Applied Behavior Analysis Specialist, Therapeutic Behavior Strategist, Emotional Health Therapist, and Student Success Strategists) to provide access to students beyond the traditional model of support with a school counselor and/or psychologist. The mental health professionals offer an array of services that include- Psychoeducational Social Emotion Learning groups, 1:1 Skill Building, Aggression Replacement Training, Self-Regulation Training, Transition Supports, Collaborative Community Partnerships, and ongoing supports to students with specific supports.

The district created "Wellness Centers" at each of is 10 secondary school sites. These classrooms were modified to provide a calm space for students to access mental health related services. However, to better serve students the district found it needed additional spaces for students to nourish their mental health. The confidentiality of services becomes challenging in a school setting, as the location of the "Wellness Center" is widely known. A student attending a class or a session in the "wellness" room can lend itself to ridicule and gossip. The idea for the International Healing Garden stemmed from the need to have additional spaces to continue the work being performed at the schools, extending the access to services beyond the school setting and school hours. The International Healing Garden is a standalone location that would provide safe and confidential access to mental health services for students and the community. The need for these services is evidenced by the district's current commitment to student mental health.

#### Performance Report:

The district had a groundbreaking ceremony in the Fall of 2021 and approved the architect contract during the June 2022 board meeting. The project is in the design phase; therefore, the district will not have usage data until the completion of the construction.

Once construction is finalized the district will be able to report on the success of the program. The district will maintain logs that will track daily use of facility. An event calendar and event agendas will be maintained to ensure facility is supporting community physical and mental health services.

Data and metrics will be reported in future reports.

### 2.37 – Jack Bulik Park Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012320 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,545,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Fontana strives to provide all residents with high quality parks and afterschool programs. To accomplish this goal, the city is working to make further financial investments in our older parks and community centers. Some of these parks and programs are in low-income minority neighborhoods. In North Fontana, the city is experiencing rapid growth in housing development and has built newer parks to accommodate the increase in population.

The goal of this project is to increase safety, equity, and usage of Jack Bulik Park in a predominately minority low-income neighborhood. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, all parks and community programs were closed. On June 28, 2022, the Fontana City Council accepted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County of San Bernardino to make improvements to the park. The city will issue a Request for Proposal to begin construction.

The decision to build and enhance the playground and baseball fields prioritizes the health and



wellbeing of Fontana youth. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, most other normal socialization has been halted or restricted for them such as school, sports, enrichment activities and contact with other children. The improvements to the playground and baseball field are essential to childhood development and is how children develop function, cognitive abilities, gross motor skills and healthy sleep patterns. This park is utilized by households that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic; many households in this community are below the Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or receive federal assistance that would qualify them as negatively impacted.

Jack Bulik Park has been identified for renovation due to its location in the city, its overall age, and usage. Public Works and the Community Services Departments have assessed and prioritized city parks that need revitalization and this park has been evaluated as a top candidate to receive attention. The extent of the improvements to Jack Bulik Park currently include replacement of the existing playground footprint as well as a shade covering for the new playground features. Additional improvements include the replacement of the seven existing electronic scoreboards for each of the respective baseball/softball fields. The current electronic scoreboards are weathered and unreliable and need replacement. The playground improvements will consist of new slides, climbing features, educational components, ADA components to accommodate the individual abilities of all children.

Jack Bulik Park is home to some large city-wide events throughout the year, including Dodgers Dreamfield Special Needs Clinics as well as Baseball Clinics serving over 1,000 people. Most of the attendees for these events walk from the local neighborhoods to take part in the festivities.

Below are photographs of the current condition of the park and areas where funds will be invested:



In the current health landscape, and slowly recovering from the pandemic, the community is more eager than ever to take part in recreation opportunities. Coupled with capital improvements, Jack Bulik Park, could see as much as a 35% increase in registration for the youth baseball organization and a 25% increase in foot traffic to the park annually. The surrounding community would be extremely energized and appreciative of improvements to their local, neighborhood park.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also brings assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

According to the US Census Bureau, Jack Bulik Community Center is in census tract 31.02. The park is surrounded by low-income neighborhoods. Please see the photo below of the City of Fontana CDBG Map. The green areas on the map are considered low-income census tracts.

This census tract has a total population of 4,927 people in a 0.5 square mile land area. Of this population, 89.9 percent are Latino, and 10.1 percent are non-Latino.



#### Uses of Funds:

Below is a financial breakdown on how ARPA funds will be allocated:

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*	
Installation of 12 Baseball Dugout Shade Structures	\$60,000	
Installation of 7 Baseball Scoreboards	\$35,000	
Installation of 14 Baseball Spectator Area Shade Structures	\$1,050,000	
Installation of new ADA Inclusive Playground Structures and Rubber Playground Safety Surfacing	\$400,000	
Total Expenditure	\$1,545,000	

\*Note: Projected expenditures may differ from the actual costs but a total amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount as specified above.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This is a direct investment in a predominantly minority community. The City of Fontana selected this park to receive ARPA funding to ensure that all residents had access to good parks and community programs. In North Fontana, hundreds of new homes have been built along with new parks to accommodate the growing population. The desired outcome of this project is to provide this area with a park that is equal to ones in newer areas of the city.

The city's primary goal is to give all Fontana children and families access to high quality parks, afterschool programs and community centers. The city's goal for this project is to increase the number of kids who utilize the park and baseball field and enhance their quality of life.

Events at Jack Bulik Park are accessible to the public and can be utilized by all children and families. All programs, services, and events are advertised on the city's website, newsletter, and social media accounts. Also, the city sends out a community books to all residents twice a year. This community book informs residents about programs and services offered by the community services department.

The City of Fontana is committed to advancing academic success, strengthening support, and building and supporting youth programs for the Latino and minority communities and the special needs population.

#### Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>10</sup>, parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise, away from busy streets and commercial zones. The city believes that this project will make these positive impacts in the community.

### Performance Report:

Jack Bulik Park is the home location to various local baseball & softball organizations. These organizations service up to 1,000 registered participants, utilizing all of the fields Monday-Friday from 5pm-9pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8am-5pm for practices, games and local and regional tournaments. With a baseball season on the horizon, the fields will be utilized as effectively as possible. The current home league currently offers scholarships to as many as 100 children within the local community to provide baseball opportunities for those in need.

Below is data about other activities that take place at Jack Bulik Park:

Rental groups

- General Public
  - 30 Rentals Annually
  - 3500 estimated attendances
- Register of Voters
  - Every other year
  - o 15 Dates
  - o 1500 estimated attendance
- Walk-in Traffic
- General Public
  - During Operation Hours
  - Annual Attendance 3500
- Internal Meetings/Trainings
- Community Service Events
  - 15 Dates annually
  - o 1500 estimated attendance

Park monitors visit each park daily and document park usage. The city also keeps records on the number of permits issued for groups that reserve the baseball fields. For special events that are open to the public, city staff creates a sign-in sheet and will count the number of people who attend each event. City staff also files monthly attendance reports and accounts for every person that interacts with the park. City staff estimates

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{10\ https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html}{2}$ 

that as a result of the improvements, Jack Bulik Park could see as much as 35% increase in registration for the youth baseball organization and a 25% increase in foot traffic to the park annually. The city will continue to have our park monitors and staff record inquiries, rentals, and event attendance. The city will also continue filing monthly attendance reports to measure the results of the improvements.

This project is in the development and planning phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

## 2.37 – Oro Grande Community Center/Park Improvement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012322 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$888,811.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Oro Grande is a small town located in the San Bernardino County. With a population of 1,432 people and just one neighborhood, Oro Grande is the 707th largest community in California.

County Service Area (CSA) 42 owns the Oro Grande Community Center (Community Center). The Department, on behalf of CSA 42, provides construction, operations, and maintenance support services to the Community Center. Over a period of several years, the Community Center has deteriorated to the point that it is now beyond repair and has been abandoned. The building has also become an issue for the community with frequent incidents of graffiti and vandalism. These incidents require department employees to secure and repair the site, increasing the concern for the health and safety of these employees. As a result, the Department decided the Community Center should be demolished.

The project will consist of two phases. Phase 1 consisted of demolishing the dilapidated structure onsite and properly disposing of all construction materials to make room for the park revitalization phase. Phase 2 consists of repairs to existing sports courts, replacing the damaged playground, installing a fitness court and overall revitalization of the park area. The project will help get the community active again and out in the sun to play and work on a healthy lifestyle after 2 years of lock down and isolation. The design for the project will be complete quarter 1 of 2023, and the completion of the project will be September 2023. This project will help the community get back into a healthy lifestyle while keeping the park safe and up to date.



#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also brings assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

#### Occupations and Workforce:

Unlike some towns, Oro Grande isn't mainly white or blue collar. The most prevalent occupation for people in Oro Grande is a mix of both white- and blue-collar jobs. Overall, Oro Grande is a town of service providers, sales and office workers, and construction workers and builders. There are especially a lot of people living in Oro Grande who work in maintenance occupations (20.33%), sales (8.32%), and personal care services (6.65%).



### Setting & Lifestyle:

The town is relatively quiet. Oro Grande has relatively fewer families with younger children, and/or college students. This makes Oro Grande a quiet place to live overall.

### Oro Grande Demographics:

In Oro Grande, just 8.48% of people over 25 hold a college degree, which is very low compared to the rest of the nation, whereas the average among all cities is 21.84%.

The per capita income in Oro Grande in 2018 was \$19,086, which is low income relative to California and the nation. This equates to an annual income of \$76,344 for a family of four.

Oro Grande is an extremely ethnically diverse town. The people who call Oro Grande home describe themselves as belonging to a variety of racial and ethnic groups. People of Hispanic or Latino origin are the most predominant group in Oro Grande, accounting for 46.5% of the town's residents, White makes up 43%, followed by Black or African American. Ancestries of people in Oro Grande include German, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, and English.

#### Uses of Funds:

The American Rescue Plan Act funding for this project will help the community by giving kids and adults a safe place to exercise and play within their community.

The Project Management and Inspections is estimated to cost \$52,576, environmental \$100, geotechnical engineering work \$20,000, construction (Fitness Equipment, Playground Demo, New Playground, Flat Work and Signage, Landscape/Irrigation, Fencing, Basketball Court Repairs, Electrical and Lighting work, Demolish Community Center) \$816,135. This brings the project total to an estimated \$888,811.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Due to the location and income gap for the Oro Grande area this project will give the community a needed addition of outdoor recreation and exercise equipment to keep adults and kids entertained and healthy year-round, and promote an equitable outcome, serving the communities needs now, and years to come.

- Offer low-income families a safe active environment to play sports and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- The project will be open to all the community to use as soon as the work is completed allowing all ages and demographics to get back into a healthy lifestyle playing and exercising outside in the sun and fresh air after years of lockdowns and restricted access to venues.

#### Use of Evidence:

Many Americans live sedentary lifestyles, especially today. Parks and fitness courts help provide places for community members to get outside and be active, encouraging a healthier lifestyle.

Studies have linked parks to increased aerobic exercises. Local green spaces spurred a 25.6% increase in people getting active at least three times a week. Incorporating outreach with a new recreation area led to 48.4% in exercise with a subsequent rise in aerobic capacity of 5.1%.

The wellness benefits extend past encouraging better physical health, parks and recreation areas can also help improve mental health. Increasing green space nearby by only 10%, led to a decrease in health complaints. Simply viewing nature-inspired scenery led to reports of less fear and anger and more considerable attention and peacefulness.

This project will give this low-income community access to needed exercise equipment and playgrounds.

#### Performance Report:

The community Center has not been used by anyone for years due to the structure being vandalized frequently and taken over by the homeless population. The newly designed park will give the community an open area to play and exercise within the community. The new features will increase the use of the property exponentially.

The use of the park will be monitored by operations staff maintaining the property and taking notes of attendance while onsite for maintenance. The staff will enter data into data sheets to track attendance during different times of the day when staff is onsite. Operations staff will track all data and supply the data to the in future reports.

This project is in development and design phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.





## 2.37 - Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012327 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,487,400.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Lake Gregory Regional Park has a shortage of restrooms, especially after the removal of restrooms required for the Lake Gregory Dam Improvement Project. The Department wants to provide ample, accessible restrooms surrounding the lake to serve the local community and tourists visiting the Park. This project will provide for a prefabricated restroom with two (2) unisex stalls that will benefit Park staff, their concessionaires, and guests.

### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It will also bring assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Crestline has 14.4% of its population living beneath the poverty level. Since it is free to walk around the park and costs to utilize the park amenities are low, it is a viable option for low-income families for outdoor recreation and summer vacation opportunities.

### Uses of Funds:

The proposed restroom is a prefabricated building. The building costs \$370,935, and \$42,857 on-site work from the contractor. This project location requires new utilities be brought to the property from the city utilities and sewer main located in the street some distance from the property line. All planning and design will be for the placement of the restrooms and corresponding planning for the renovation of the walkways to provide accessible access. Construction costs include all costs for the prefabricated units and all work associated with installation of the restrooms and renovations to all corresponding walkways and landscaping to make ADA accessible.

Lake Gregory Regional Park (Park) is located in the community of Crestline, CA which is home to approximately 11,229 residents and welcomes approximately 28,000 tourists each year. Tucked in the cool cedar and pine forest of the San Bernardino Mountains, the Park offers an ideal location for year-round outdoor recreation and leisure activities, motion picture and commercial filming, and large-scale community events in close proximity to both the high desert and Inland Empire. The Park includes 4.3 miles of non-motorized hiking and biking trails, a dog park, and an 84-acre lake for swimming, fishing and many other water activities.

Nestled inside the Park, San Moritz Lodge provides a unique venue for weddings, receptions, and corporate and community events. This spacious venue can accommodate large groups offering both indoor and outdoor space for just about any function.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the appeal of outdoor recreation, increasing the number of people who visit the park daily. With the removal of a restroom during a previous dam restoration project, the need for clean, well maintained restroom facilities is crucial in providing for the ability of tourists and locals alike to enjoy the park facilities.

The proposed project will create a new restroom adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce building within the Lake Gregory Regional Park leasehold. This restroom will be accessible to park visitors and community members, including those experiencing homelessness.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

- Goal: According to the 2019 Census report, Crestline has 14.4% of its population living beneath the poverty level. Since it is free to walk around the park and costs to utilize the park amenities are low, it is a viable option for low-income families for outdoor recreation and summer vacation opportunities.
- Awareness: The Crestline Community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live and recreate within the community. Having an additional accessible restroom facility will serve to reduce the use of restrooms within businesses by non-customers and will provide an additional restroom in a place that does not currently have a viable restroom facility.
- Access and Distribution: The proposed project would offer an accessible restroom facility available for use by anyone, regardless of by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions.
- Outcomes: Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase to health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

Use of Lake Gregory Regional Park directly impacts small local businesses. There are 17 restaurants, primarily familyowned, within a three-mile radius of the lake. Other local amenities include antique stores, a bowling alley, an escape room, specialty & gift shops, and several bakeries. Increased use of the park improved correlates to economics for these local businesses.

This project will bring equity for its residents as well as businesses serving the area. The community of Crestline is



highly dependent on tourism. Installation of this restroom facility will both offer a clean and safe facility for consumers to utilize while hiking, bicycling, or just visiting the park, but will also promote tourism and bring economic value to struggling small business owners in Crestline and the nearby communities.

#### Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to increase customer satisfaction and provide for clean, sanitary restroom facilities to accommodate for the increasing number of park visitors created in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Park Pulse poll conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) asked 1,013 Americans ages 18+ what's important to them when choosing a vacation destination.

Most Americans take local park and recreation amenities, such as parks, trails, beaches and botanical gardens and museums, into strong consideration when planning a vacation.

- 58% of Baby Boomers prefer areas with scenic views and wildlife.
- Areas that offer recreation options for kids and adults are important among Gen X'ers and Millennials.
- A significant number of Americans prefer areas that are pedestrian-friendly and easily walkable.
- Nearly half of all Americans say they prefer vacation destinations that are secluded and relaxing.

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Furthermore, in regards to restroom facilities: A new survey commissioned by Cintas Corp. has found that nearly three-quarters of Americans (74%) say dirty restrooms would cause them to have a negative perception of a business. According to an article in Recreation Management it states, "in a more populated park area, restroom facilities are more than a bonus—they're a necessity. Especially when you consider that a park's usage can be influenced by the availability of a restroom".

#### (C)2022 Recreation Management

#### Performance Report:

The park is currently maintained and operated by Lake Gregory Community Recreation Company. As part of their dedication to service provision they offer a satisfaction survey on their website. One of the main complaints voiced by visitors and community members is the lack of adequate restroom facilities. The goal of this project is to mitigate this negative feedback and provide for adequate restroom facilities from the expanding number of park visitors.

To measure performance and impact of improvements, Regional Parks will be implementing a survey to collect park patrons' responses in areas of satisfaction and areas where we can improve. The plan in to post signs with QR codes that will bring visitors to the online survey questions. This project is still in development and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report, data will be reported in future reports.

Note: Projects 2.37 – Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline and 2.37 – Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot have the same Project Identification Number as they are one project, and reported as one project on the Quarterly Project and Expenditure report, however for monitoring, they are tracked individually, and therefore, on the Recovery Plan, they are reported separately, with two write-ups, as their scope of work and project timelines differ.

## 2.37 – Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012327 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,551,600.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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### Project Demographic Distribution:

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### Uses of Funds:

The proposed restroom is a prefabricated building. The building costs \$370,935, and \$42,857 on-site work from the contractor. This project location already has an existing infrastructure for utilities and sewer on site and does not require off site work with utility providers. All planning and design will be for the placement of the restrooms and corresponding planning for the renovation of the walkways to provide accessible access. Construction costs include all costs for the prefabricated units and all work installation of associated with the renovations restrooms and to all corresponding walkways and landscaping to make ADA accessible.



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The proposed project will create a new restroom adjacent to the San Moritz Lodge building within the Lake Gregory Regional Park leasehold. This restroom will be accessible to park visitors and community members, including those experiencing homelessness.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

- Goals: According to the 2019 Census report, Crestline has 14.4% of its population living beneath the poverty level. Since it is free to walk around the park and costs to utilize the park amenities are low, it is a viable option for low-income families for outdoor recreation and summer vacation opportunities.
- Awareness: The Crestline Community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live and recreate within the community. Having an additional accessible restroom facility will serve to reduce the use of restrooms within businesses by non-customers and will provide an additional restroom in a place that does not currently have a viable restroom facility.
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This project will bring equity for its residents as well as businesses serving the area. The community of Crestline is highly dependent on tourism. Installation of this restroom facility will both offer a clean and safe facility for consumers to utilize while hiking, bicycling, or just visiting the park, but will also promote tourism and bring economic value to struggling small business owners in Crestline and the nearby communities.

## Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to increase customer satisfaction and provide for clean, sanitary restroom facilities to accommodate for the increasing number of park visitors created in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### Performance Report:

The park is currently maintained and operated by Lake Gregory Community Recreation Company. As part of their dedication to service provision they offer a satisfaction survey on their website. One of the main complaints voiced by visitors and community members is the lack of adequate restroom facilities. The goal of this project is to mitigate this negative feedback and provide for adequate restroom facilities from the expanding number of park visitors.

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## 2.37 – Speicher Memorial Park

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012341 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$950,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Speicher Memorial Park is in the Eastside community of San Bernardino. Over the years lack of investment and inadequate resources have led to extreme deterioration and dilapidation of recreational facilities, not offering the most conducive outdoor recreational outlets for our communities. It became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, that our community did not have safe and equal access to recreational areas such as parks or open spaces. By improving Speicher Memorial Park in the City of San Bernardino, we can help our community mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments, outdoor recreation, and socialization.

To improve and update the lighting, baseball fields, landscaping, and infrastructure by demolition / replacement of existing buildings and replacement of bleachers and fencing. This will in turn aid the community by enhancing the available recreational spaces, catering to the physical and recreation needs of children.

Furthermore, renovating and staffing parks and recreation centers including playgrounds, baseball diamonds, gymnasiums, and outdoor basketball courts will help the violence intervention and prevention programs engage and provide services to disconnected youth.



#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It will also bring assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

## Uses of Funds:

The City of San Bernardino is developing a holistic strategy, investing ARPA funds in parks, community assets and neighborhoods that are low-income and addressing issues of disconnected youth with the goal of intervening before they are recruited by gangs and/or enter the criminal justice system.

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*
Demolishing and replacing existing building	\$250,000
Upgrading field lighting the LED	\$240,000
New bleachers with dugout shades	\$100,000
General Park Amenities	10,000
Renovating, laser-leveling and reseeding field	\$250,000
Consultant services for design	100,000
Total Expenditure	\$950,000

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project will promote an equitable outcome by creating a safe environment for gathering and provide families and residents a sense of community. Speicher Memorial Park is located within a designated census tract. The population in the area is majority Hispanic, though the diversity is high, with a rating of 88 on a scale of 1-10011. There is significant gang activity in the area, and most homicides in San Bernardino involve gang members as either victims or suspects or both (at least 66% and up to 81%). The overwhelming majority of San Bernardino City youth express difficultly learning in a hostile school

setting and are not attached to prosocial activities afterschool or weekends. Safe and affordable recreation activities for youth and young adults such as sports is one of the community's longstanding requests.

The potential to improve the baseball field presents the City with an opportunity to design recreational activities for disconnected youth at risk of entering the "school to prison pipeline" or worse—premature death. A groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony will give the City and County of San Bernardino an opportunity to re-engage residents through a traditional service provision.



<sup>11</sup> USA Today Diversity Index

#### Use of Evidence:

Sports, cultural enrichment, and reactional activities such as field trips have been primary prevention tool for decades. Using Parks and Recreation as an intervention strategy has proven successful by connecting families to services, increasing trust between residents and local government, providing access to educational resources, and reducing violence. Links to programs in other Cities. <sup>1213</sup>

Parks in the City of San Bernardino have the potential to serve as resource hubs for our community and are critical to a holistic violence intervention strategy.

#### Performance Report:

In an effort to monitor the impact of the improvements directly and indirectly associated with this project, and measure the outcome, the City will track and measure:

- Number of reservations for field use
  Tracked by Parks and Recreation
- Increase in weekend general park use
  - To be measured by establishing a count on 2 weeks before construction and counting on 2 weekends (of similar typesummer or fall, in or out of school) after construction is complete
- Number of complaints about field
  - Tracked by Parks and Recreation



This project is still in development and planning and therefore there are no performance measures to report; data will be reported in future reports.

<sup>12</sup> https://www.lagryd.org/summer-night-lights-2021-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news-releases/pasadena-parks-after-dark-programs-announced/

## 2.37 – Veterans Park Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012342 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$530,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Fontana strives to provide ALL residents with high quality parks and afterschool programs. To accomplish this goal, the city is working to make further financial investments in our older parks and community centers. Some of these parks and programs are located in low-income minority neighborhoods. In North Fontana, the city is experiencing rapid grown in housing development and has built newer parks to accommodate the increase in population. The goal of this project is to increase safety, equitability, and usage of Veterans Park in the predominately minority and low-income area. On June 28, 2022, the Fontana City Council will consider accepting the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County of San Bernardino and approve the project for Veterans Park. Once the City Council approves the project, the city will issue a Request for Proposal to begin breaking ground and construction.

The extent of the improvements to Veterans Park currently includes the complete replacement of the existing playground footprint as well as a shade covering for the new playground features. Additional improvements include the replacement of the existing electronic scoreboards for each of the respective baseball/softball fields. The playground improvements will consist of new slides, climbing features, educational components, and ADA components. The current electronic scoreboards are weathered and unreliable and will be replaced.

Veterans Park has been identified for renovation due to its location in the city, its overall age and usage. Veterans Park is in the heart of Fontana. This area is a more established portion of the city that contains high density housing, proximity to local schools and public transportation. Both the city's Public Works and Community Services Departments have assessed and prioritized all city parks and concluded that Veterans Park is a top priority.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It will also provide assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

These funds are going to a predominately low-income area. According to the US Census Bureau, Veterans Park is in census tract 32, which is considered low income. The park serves its surrounding low-income neighborhoods.

This census tract has a total population of 4,424 people in a 0.5 square mile land area. Of this population, 80.1 percent are Latino, and a 19.9 percent are non-Latino.

Please see the photo below of the City of Fontana CDBG Map. The green areas on the map are considered low-income census tracts.



All data points have been identified within a 1/2 mile radius of the park

Total population	6,510
Youth population	2,056
Senior population	564
Households w/out car	85
Number of people in poverty	1,396
Median household income	\$58,604
Per capita income	\$18,357
Park acres	23.44
Park acres per 1000 residents	3.60

## Uses of Funds:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all city parks were closed, and the youth were unable utilize any recreation activities such as little league or soccer. This had a major impact on the overall health and wellbeing of the youth who would utilize the park for exercise or physical activity. Now that we are recovering from the pandemic, the city is beginning to experience an increase in the number of people using the park. As a result, the city desires to make the following improvements:

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*
New playground installation to include:	
ADA inclusive structures and equipment,	\$500,000
rubber safety surfacing, and shade features	
New ballfield scoreboards	\$30,000
Total Expenditure	\$530,000

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Not only is this a direct investment into a majority minority community, but this project will also ensure equitability by making ADA improvements that will accommodate the individual abilities of all children.

The city's primary goal is to give all Fontana children and families access to high quality parks, afterschool programs and community centers. The city's goal for this project is to increase the number of kids who utilize the park and baseball fields and enhance their quality of life. This ARPA funding project gives the city the opportunity to invest in a low-income neighborhood and provide the area youth with a park that is equal or if not better than the newer parks in the city. The city believes that this project will help benefit the health and wellbeing of the entire neighborhood.

Veterans Park is accessible to the public and can be utilized by all children and families. All programs, services, and events are advertised on the city's website, newsletter, and social media accounts. Also, the city sends out a community book to all residents twice a year. This community book allows residents know about updates, programs and services offered by our community services department.

In the northern area of the City of Fontana, hundreds of new homes have been built in addition to new parks to accommodate the increase in population. The desired outcome of this project is to provide this area with a high-quality park that will allow an older neighborhood to have a park that is equal to or if not better than the newer areas of the city.

### Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>14</sup>, parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones. The city believes that this project will make these positive impacts in the community.

#### Performance Report:

Veteran's Park is the home location various local baseball & softball organizations that utilize the ballfields. In the past, Veteran's Park was home to a girls' softball organization that coordinated local leagues and regional tournaments. While successful and thriving for a couple decades their decline was accompanied by the parks equal decline. In 2019 a new vibrant youth baseball organization moved into the park about. The organization was servicing up to 600 registered participants, utilizing many of the fields Monday-Friday from 5pm-9pm and Saturdays from 8am-5pm for practices, games, and local and regional tournaments. COVID limited all respective sports programming, however, with a new spring season on the horizon – the fields will be utilized as efficiently as possible. The current home league currently offers scholarships to as many as 50 children within the local community in order to provide baseball opportunities for those in need.

Additionally, Veteran's Park is the home to city-wide events throughout the year. The City collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to offer a carnival event called Fontana Days in May of each year that sees over 7000 local residents over a 2 day period. Additionally, a few local churches provide an Easter Day

 $<sup>^{14}</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html \label{eq:space}$ 

event that hosts over 1000 members of the community. Most of the attendees for these events walk from the local neighborhoods to take part in the festivities.

The City currently employs park monitors who visit each city park daily. Park monitors document park usage and report any maintenance issues. The city will continue documenting park usage. To the right is data collected from the park monitors for Veterans Park.

In addition, the City of Fontana maintains records on the number of city permits issued at all city parks and recreation facilities. To the right are the number of permits issued for the baseball field and facility at Veterans Park:

Year	Number of Visits
2020	2,929
2021	6,045

Year	Number of
	permits issued
2020	110
2021	195

Park monitors visit each park on a daily basis and document park usage. The city also keeps records on the number of permits issued for groups that reserve the baseball fields. For special events that are open to the public, city staff creates a sign-in sheet and will count the number of people who attend each event. City staff also file monthly attendance reports and accounts for every person that interacts with the park. In the current health landscape, the community is more eager than ever to take part in recreation opportunities. Coupled with capital improvements, Veteran's Park, Veterans Park could see as much as a 10-15% increase in registration for the youth baseball organization and a 10-20% increase in foot traffic to the park annually. The city will continue to have our park monitors and staff record inquires, rentals, and event attendance. Finally, city will also continue filing monthly attendance reports to measure the results of the improvements.

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report, metrics will be furnished in future reports.

# 3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

## **3.3** – Vaccination Incentive

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012038 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$10,047,451.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 1.1, COVID-19 Vaccination

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Vaccination Incentive program was designed to encourage County employees to become vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. the County intends to provide incentives to its employees who choose to get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, their family, and communities; also, to encourage and motivate them to get their vaccines sooner.

### Project Demographic Distribution:

The population encompasses all San Bernardino County (County), San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, and San Bernardino County Special District Department employees. Estimated population size is 24,000 employees.

Over 50% of employees across the County leveraged the Vaccine Incentive program. This included testing and vaccination clinics, expansion of rapid testing, distribution of PPE, contact tracing operations & COVID-19 mitigation in congregate settings. Furthermore. The program is designed to provide ARPA funded program costs to be reasonable and allocable in an equitable manner by serving the entire County employees with the same not-to-exceed amount per person.

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19.

#### Uses of Funds:

The incentive is to provide up to 32 hours of leave time, (a maximum of \$480 per employee funded by ARPA) to all eligible employees who receive the COVID-19 vaccine and provide verification. Employees must submit proof via digital upload, of completed COVID-19 vaccination dose regimen of a World Health Organization approved vaccine, such as Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson.

This incentive program commenced in October 2020 and continued through May 20, 2022 (i.e., last day to submit proof of vaccination).

## **3.4 – Purchase of County Fire Trailers**

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012312 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$120,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 3.4, Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

In partnership with the Sheriff's Department, County Fire houses Firefighter Suppression Aides (FSAs) at the Glen Helen Fire Camp. These employees make up the "Camp 6" and "Camp 7" hand crews within County Fire's Wildland and Aviation Division.

Basic living facilities are provided at the Fire Camp, such as, beds, restrooms, and showers for over 40 employees. Use of these facilities typically peaks during the summer and fall seasons when wildland fires are most threatening and frequent. Due to COVID-19 and the County's desire to provide resources for proper hygiene, privacy, and distancing, we have ongoing needs to provide expanded shower and restroom facilities.

To mitigate the need, approval was received to purchase a Toilet-Shower-Laundry trailer using ARPA funding. The trailer is an 8' x 30' - 8 Station Toilet-Shower-Laundry Trailer, which includes 6 Bathroom/Shower Stations and 2 Laundry Stations for the use by seasonal fire personnel. These trailers will be used by staff when they return from deployment to a fire as they are preparing to respond to another emergency. The trailer will allow fire camp personnel to practice good hygiene and physical distancing as currently facilities do not minimize risks associated with the pandemic.

#### Uses of Funds:

Purchase Order #4100245668 was issued in the amount of \$120,512 on 4/26/22. This amount includes estimated freight charges that have not been finalized at this time. The trailer production has an approximate 9-month lead time for manufacturing and has not yet been received.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This purchase will promote equitable outcomes in the local communities. Although this is a movable trailer, it will be in Glen Helen which serves the underserved and adversely affected areas of Muscoy and Bloomington. Muscoy's at-risk population includes 836 households with disability, 830 residents age 65+, and 21% of households below the poverty level. Bloomington's at-risk population includes 1,175 households with disability, 1,483 residents 65+, and 13% of households below the poverty level. The increased availability of shower and laundry facilities will expedite service delivery to these underserved and adversely affected areas by enabling fire camp personnel and firefighters to prepare for their next deployment where no hard facilities exist. This will ensure that staff is available to serve the local community in this underserved area.

Currently, the Fire Camp facility needs are temporarily being met through a potable trailer lease program. However, the purchase of the trailers will mitigate the need, and will enable the Fire District to reduce its costs over time.

# 4: Premium Pay

## 4.1 – COVID-19 Premium Pay

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012316 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$53,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 4.1, Public Sector Employees

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

COVID-19 Premium Pay was used as a mechanism to encourage employees to return to the office to provide in person services to the public including the most vulnerable population across San Bernardino County. These services include, but not limited to, health care, emergency responses, sanitation, behavioral health, social services, and government activities. Employees for the County are considered eligible workers as they provide services to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure of the County operations.

The Premium Pay was designed and developed with eligibility parameters that ensure a balanced financial support for those who provided essential services to the community at-large including low wage earners. This incentivized and compensated frontline essential workers who risk their lives to provide essentially critical services.

The project established an ad hoc Premium Pay Incentive not to exceed \$2,000 dollar per employee to certain assignments-classifications who meet the following criteria in accordance with the Final Rule.

- Must have reported to the worksite between April 9, 2022, and June 30, 2023. For the purpose of the COVID-19 Premium Pay, worksite does not include teleworking from an employee's residence.
- Have regular, in-person interactions with patients, the public, or coworkers.
- Have regular physical handling of items that were handled by, or are to be handled by, patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work.
- May not be volunteers.
- The funding for the payment must be reimbursable under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Due to the restrictive nature of the ARPA funds the COVID-19 Premium Pay will not be subject to the Grievance Procedure article of the MOU.

#### Uses of Funds:

#### Incentive/Payment

#### Payment #1 (2022-23):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 640 hours at a worksite between April 9, 2022, and July 29, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about August 24, 2022.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 320 hours but less than 640 hours at a worksite between April 9, 2022, and July 29, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about August 24, 2022.

#### Payment #2 (2022-23):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 640 hours at a worksite between July 30, 2022, and November 18, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about December 14, 2022.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 320 hours but less than 640 hours at a worksite between July 30, 2022, and November 18, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about December 14, 2022.

#### Payment #3 (2022-23):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 640 hours at a worksite between November 19, 2022, and March 10, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about April 5, 2023.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 320 hours but less than 640 hours between November 19, 2022, and March 10, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about April 5, 2023.

#### Payment #4 (2023-24):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 640 hours at a worksite between March 11, 2023, and June 30, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about July 26, 2024.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 320 hours but less than 640 hours between March 11, 2023, and June 30, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about July 26, 2024.
## 5: Infrastructure

### 5.1 – Chino Airport Groundwater Remedial Action Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012040 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$20,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview/Project Description:

The County is in the process of implementing an Interim Remedial Action Plan for groundwater contaminated by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) proximate to its County-operated Chino Airport.

The project consists of constructing wells and pipeline to feed the water pulled from wells to the treatment plant for processing. The primary constituents of concern, perchloroethylene/trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP), have established maximum contaminant levels of 5 micrograms per liter (ug/L) and 0.05 ug/L, respectively. These chemicals present health concerns at very low concentrations within the aquifer, and as such, removal occurs at relatively low total mass but provides full remediation necessary to meet water quality standards. At initial levels of 10 ug/L and 3.5 ug/L and assuming steady levels for the first 30 years of operation followed by a relatively linear reduction in contaminant levels within the aquifer, the estimated mass removed over the project life is 2,150 pounds of TCE and 750 pounds of 1,2,3-TCP.

The Project will eliminate contamination from three contaminated and two threatened CDA wells, which represents 17% of the total number of wells supplying CDA's system. These wells supply 2,024 AFY (acrefoot per year). The granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system is anticipated to have a useful life of 50 years thereby enabling treatment of this groundwater over that period, thus recovering a total of 101,200 acre-feet over the project life. In addition, the sustainable management of the basin under the direction of the Chino Basin Watermaster (CBW) will also ensure ongoing operation of the Chino I Desalter and basin-wide availability of groundwater supplies into the future. Over the project life, the Chino I Desalter will supply 710,000 acre-feet of potable water to the region. Over the 50-year projected useful life of the project, the groundwater extraction system will result in reduction of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) remaining within the aquifer by 90% to 95%.

- The treatment facilities construction commenced July 26, 2021 and is estimated for completion on July 26, 2022.
- Extraction well construction is estimated to commence September 2022 and be completed by March 31, 2024.
- Pipeline construction is estimated to commence September 2022 and be completed by July 1, 2023

#### Uses of Funds:

As per the engineer estimate, phase 1 of the project: Onsite pipelines and well equipping will cost \$6,6367,779. Drilling/Well Construction onsite is \$2,445,258, Onsite Fiber Optic communications is \$876,524. This will bring phase 1 total to \$9,689,561. The engineer estimates for phase II of the project: Drilling/Well construction offsite is \$4,961,263. Offsite Pipelines will cost \$1,975,924. Offsite well equipping is \$5,136,000. This should bring the total for phase II of the project to \$12,073,187. These are construction costs projected to be covered by the ARPA funds. \$20,000,000 of ARPA funds will be used

to cover the construction of Phase I and II of the project. The remaining costs will be covered by the County General Funds or sources other than ARPA.

The funds used for the project will pave the way for contaminated water to be and processed so it can be used for multiple different applications which helps California dramatically especially during a long-term drought.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Chino I Desalter provides drinking water to Jurupa Community Services District, Santa Ana River Water Company, and the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and Ontario. This project will bring equity to the community, it will promote healthier environment and life for its residents.

Preliminary calculations based upon the 2018 census estimated an approximate population of 60,357 people living within Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) in those services areas that will directly benefit from the project through removal of the potentially carcinogenic contaminants from the Chino Basin and from the availability of clean drinking water.

The project is in the City of Chino, County of San Bernardino ("the County") as shown to the right (Project Location Map). The project treatment system will be located at the Chino I Desalter (approximate coordinates: 38°58.1'N, 117°39.2'W). Existing extraction wells are located on Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) property and new extraction wells will be located on the Chino Airport



Property, as illustrated on Attachment B, Proposed Well Layouts. Desalter operations are being conducted to improve water quality and basin hydraulic control and this project supports these long-term efforts.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and Local Vendor Preference Certification.

The team involved with the Chino Airport Groundwater Remedial project maintain the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to bring this project to completion, while ensuring proper planning and management through the course of the project. The consultant, Tetra Tech, was selected as a result of a competitive procurement, and has demonstrated knowledge in the areas of groundwater monitoring and testing and maintains relationships with stakeholders involved in the remediation plan, such as the County, Chino Desalter Authority and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board). The County team is comprised of staff knowledgeable about the history of the plume project, and clean-up and mitigation response, including the County's Director of Airports, and County Counsel staff. Real Estate Services Department- Land Acquisition and Project Management staff will utilize their experience for property acquisition, and construction matters, respectively. This is a mandated project that is supported by the



# County Administrative Office, including funding and policy direction. $_{\rm ATT\,B}$

## Summary of the Remedial Investigations

- 20 areas of concern (AOC) investigated during the Remedial Investigations
- Remedial Investigation Goals

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- » Develop recommended interim remedial alternative
- » Support feasibility study activities
- Soil Risk Evaluation Contaminants of concern (COCs) in soil not detected at levels that pose a human health risk that would require cleanup
- Soil Gas Risk Evaluation Vapor intrusion from groundwater does not pose an unacceptable health risk both on-site and off-site
- Groundwater Investigations
- » General water chemistry and natural biological degradation (MNA)
- » Prado Reservoir lake bottom survey
- » Off-site private production well survey
- » Shallow soil gas confirmation sampling





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#### **5.1 – Calico Wastewater Treatment Project**

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012039 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,412,351.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Department of Public Works - Special Districts (Department) provides water treatment and sewer system design, construction, operations, and maintenance support services to the Regional Parks Department (Regional Parks), which includes Calico Ghost Town Regional Park (Calico).

Calico is an old West mining town that has been around since 1881 and was abandoned in the mid-1890s after silver lost its value. The town that once gave miners a good living lost its hustle and became a "ghost town." Walter Knott purchased Calico in the 1950's architecturally restoring all but the five original buildings to look as they did in the 1880's. Calico



received State Historical Landmark 782 and in 2005 was proclaimed by then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to be California's Silver Rush Ghost Town.



Calico is visited by people from across the country and from all over the world. Along with its history and attractions, Calico Ghost Town has shops, restaurants and offers camping, hiking, and off-roading.

Calico treats a peak flow of about 30,000 gallons of wastewater per day using a septic tank system. Treated wastewater from the septic tank system is conveyed into a percolation basin for final disposal. The operation and treatment of wastewater at Calico is regulated by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB). LRWQCB informed Regional Parks that it must commit to

providing an advanced wastewater treatment system for Calico to protect the groundwater. In response, Regional Parks issued a letter to LRWQCB on February 6, 2019, agreeing to construct an advanced wastewater treatment system to decrease the nitrogen concentration level to less than 10 milligrams per liter prior to discharging flow into the existing percolation basin.

This project is currently in construction phase of the advance wastewater treatment system that will decrease the nitrogen concentration level to less than 10 milligrams per liter prior to discharging flow into the existing percolation basin. When completed, the advanced wastewater treatment system will divert existing wastewater flow from the septic tank system into Calico's new wastewater treatment system which will allow for the existing septic tanks to be available as an emergency backup system.

#### Uses of Funds:

The project will increase capacity of wastewater treatment for Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, providing the opportunity for expansion of current businesses and development of new businesses within the park.

Expansion and/or new development of businesses promotes and supports equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic economic downturn in this remote Regional Park.

This project consists of Phase I, Water Treatment Project, and Phase II, Wastewater Treatment Project. The total project construction and contingency budget is \$2,386,711, of which \$1,412,315 will constitute ARPA funding and the remaining \$974,396 by savings achieved from the completion of the Calico Water Treatment Improvement Project Phase I. Therefore, the ARPA funds are being utilized for the construction of the Phase II portion of this project which will increase capacity and quality of the wastewater treatment for the Calico Ghost Town Regional Park.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Calico Ghost Town Regional Park is located in a remote region of the Calico Mountains within the Mojave Desert area of San Bernardino County, CA. The project will expand sewage treatment service to this remote Regional Park which provides recreational services.



Sewage capacity expansion will provide the availability for development and expansion of local businesses within the park. This promotes and supports the recovery of the localized regional businesses from the impacts of the pandemic. Recreational and other business recovery and expansion in the local region of the park will also increase job opportunities for residents who live within the area of this remote Regional Park. Subsequently, stimulating the local economy of the surrounding area and providing overall economic recovery of the region as a whole.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.



## 5.1 – Camp Switzerland Sewer Lift Station

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012330 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Department of Public Works - Special Districts (Department) provides water treatment and sewer system design, construction, operations, and maintenance support services to the Regional Parks Department (Regional Parks), which includes Camp Switzerland Regional Park (Camp).

Lake Gregory in Crestline, California, a peaceful lake, and popular summer escape in San Bernardino County, has a swim beach, small water-slide park, and fishing areas. A concession at the no-wake lake rents paddle boards, pedal boats, rowboats, and sailboats. Trails meander up and down the pine and cedar forested ridges around the lake, and lead to picnic tables and lakefront benches. Lake-goers can shop and dine in the tiny alpine-themed town of Crestline, and then rent a chalet, stay at a lodge or camp in the area.

County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors voted to approve Lake Gregory Community Recreation Company (Company) as new Concessionaire for Lake Gregory Regional Park. The Company will be constructing new campgrounds which will include the following services:

- San Moritz Lodge to be open daily, excluding Christmas Day.
- Parking lots to remain open year-round.
- Boat docks shall be accessible March 1 through Dec. 31 annually.
- The swim area shall be in operation Memorial Day through Labor Day annually.
- Camp Switzerland shall be in operation year-round once development and construction is completed.
- Trails and fishing shall be offered year-round.
- The Senior Lunch Program shall operate year-round at the San Moritz Lodge.

The new campground development has created the need of a sewer lift station system to service the sewage conveyance from the new campground which will be located at a lower grade than the currently existing gravity main sewer lines at the top of the hill grade.

This project will construct a redundant dual pump/dual pipe sewer lift station system to move sewage from the low point of the camp to existing gravity feed sewer lines on existing dirt road on tad at top of hill grade. When completed, the system will service the planned new cabins and camp site, ensuring adequate capacity of sewage transport to the existing collector pipe for proper disposal.

The project will accommodate the new campground recreational services within Camp Switzerland Regional Park, providing the opportunity for the increase in recreation activities that will stimulate local business and revenue. The project will also promote expansion of current local businesses and the development of new businesses within the region of the park. Expansion and/or new development of businesses promotes and supports equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic economic downturn which all recreational facilities and areas have suffered thru.

#### Uses of Funds:

The total project construction and contingency budget is \$2,000,000, which is fully funded by ARPA funding. The funds will be used for design, management, and construction of a Sewer Lift Station that will service the new Camp Switzerland Campgrounds.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Camp Switzerland Regional Park is located across the 138 highway and down the hill from the lake, tucked among the pines. The project will provide new sewage conveyance service to this remote Regional Park which provides recreational services.

Sewage service for this park will provide the availability for development and expansion of local businesses around the park, due to the increase in recreational business generated by the new campground. This promotes and supports the recovery of the localized regional businesses from the impacts of the pandemic. Recreational and other business recovery and expansion in the local region of the park will also increase job opportunities for residents who live within the area of this remote Regional Park. Subsequently, stimulating the local economy of the surrounding area and providing overall economic recovery of the region as a whole.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

## 5.2 – Twentynine Palms Sewer Projects

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012326 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.2, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Incorporated on November 23, 1987, the City of Twentynine Palms encompasses 53.75 square miles and has grown from a population of 11,000 at incorporation to nearly 30,000 today. Twentynine Palms serves as a gateway community to the nearly 800,000-acre Joshua Tree National Park on the south and the 1,100-square-mile Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Combat Ground Center (MCAGCC) on the north, as well as the Mojave National Preserve, Amboy Crater, Route 66, and other desert destinations.



The City of Twentynine Palms is almost entirely on septic systems to dispose of wastewater in the City. In 2016, a City Wastewater Master Plan was adopted. The Wastewater Master Plan is designed to identify and describe the potential facilities that would be required for a centralized sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant to replace the septic systems currently in place. A new centralized system would include the area of the City of Twentynine Palms and the unincorporated areas around the City.

#### Uses of Funds:

The planning to deliver the goals of the Masterplan began in 2021. The planning and engineering include, but not limited to, design of the sewer collection and main line trunk for a Phase 1 approach to the citywide project. The location and design of wastewater treatment facility, environmental for the sewers and treatment plant, outreach, and financial analysis are all within this initial phase. Pandemic and Economic recovery are tied to a wastewater treatment facility, growth, and development, primarily with housing, cannot happen without a sewer system. The outcome of the planning and engineering effort is to access State of California Water Grants for Wastewater; the City is a Disadvantage Community and there is \$365M for septic to sewer conversions. The Phase 1 project is estimated to cost approximately \$75M. A feasibility Study has been completed. Preliminary Design of the Collection System and Environmental Analysis has started with completion expected in September 2022.

The City of Twentynine Palms (City) is seeking qualified firms (Consultant) to submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for providing engineering and design services for Project Phoenix (Project). Services to be provided including civil and traffic engineering, landscape and irrigation design, utility engineering

and coordination, permit acquisition, preparation of contract documents, and services during construction associated with the development of a 11.2-acre mixed used project in the downtown area of the City.

The ending development plan proposed for the Project includes a 71-unit senior housing facility, a 14,000 square foot multi-purpose building, a package wastewater treatment plant, public parking lots, and associated sidewalks, paseos, roadways, street, landscaping, and lighting improvements. The Project area encompasses approximately 11.2 acres in downtown Twentynine Palms. It lies south of Twentynine Palms Highway (State Route 62) and runs south, approximately mid-block, between State Route 62 and Cactus Drive. The project is bordered on the west by Desert Queen Avenue, and on the east by Cholla Avenue.

The City intends to utilize the \$1,000,000 ARPA fund towards the design of the sewer and wastewater treatment plant. The request for funding is for the design of the sewer project, that includes a wastewater treatment plant. It will protect the water supply with constructing a Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection system. Once constructed, the wastewater treatment plant will assist in identify areas experiencing COVID-19 community infections. As for economic impact, the City is working on getting "shovel ready", to assure access to funds in 2023; this is substantial funding, that will reduce the economic burden for the community that is disadvantaged.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The City of Twentynine Palms is a Disadvantage Community (DAC) by State of California standards, so there will be an equitable outcome.

The goal with this project is to subsidize the DAC for the Sewer project that will support our disadvantage community; Subsequently, over the next six to twelve months, the City will start performing outreach for the community to inform them of the



project and this funding source; All of the DAC for the Phase 1 approach of the project will receive access to the funds to build the sewer and wastewater treatment facility; Lastly, the outcome goal is to provide universal levels of service throughout the DAC in the Phase1 area of the project.

#### Labor Practices:

The task we are currently performing is professional services (engineering). The City procured these services with Statements of Qualifications (SOQ). The Construction portion of the project will be procured with public procurement standards, and paying prevailing wages, with a Request for Proposals (RFP).



## 5.6 – Big Bear Flood Mitigation Storm Drain

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$8,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Community of Big Bear experiences flooding during rainstorms and snowmelt runoff in the vicinity of Country Club Drive and Fairway Drive. Country Club Drive and Fairway Drive are unpaved roads. Records dating back as far as the 1970's indicate this area is well known for experiencing flooding issues. These streets in particular are at a relative low point in a large watershed tributary. Because of this, the Bluewater Channel adjacent to Big Bear Airport acts as an earthen channel, collecting some flows from nearby homes and roads.

The existing channel bottom is compacted earth and conveys drainage flows from nearby roadways towards and adjacent to airport property. Unfortunately, the existing Bluewater Channel does not allow sufficient recapture of surface runoff and instead overflows onto the airport run/taxiway.

Construction of the bioswale will manage and recapture stormwater, provide a greater level of flood protection for the public and properties within the area, and minimize the impact of flooding. Additionally, the bioswale will incorporate the natural environment with an engineered system to protect and restore the natural water cycle. The bioswale will reduce sediment that is currently picked up from the dirt roads by sufficiently slowing storm flows to allow the sediment to settle within the bioswale.

Sediment capture improves water quality by reducing nutrient concentrations of flows. Big Bear Lake is listed on the 303(d) list for nutrients; the County and the City of Big Bear currently implement Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for the lake. The bioswale will remove up to 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tons of sediment per year from entering the Lake. In addition, the bioswale will promote the infiltration of naturally treated and filtered flows.

#### Uses of Funds:

Funds were awarded during 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. The County has moved forward with completing project design, survey, and environmental permitting for the project.

The County will utilize ARPA funding to complete engineering design, conduct environmental permitting, and reconstruct the Bluewater Channel adjacent to Big Bear Airport. The resulting rocklined/vegetated bioswale will



capture stormwater, snowmelt runoff, and sediment; reduce flows from nearby homes and roads; and maximize infiltration during low lake-level periods.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The project will benefit a community where the household median income is \$50,069, which is less than the county median income of \$65,761 and the state median income of \$70,672.

#### Labor Practices:

The County adheres to the federal aid process when and where required, including, but not limited to, competitive bidding for contracts, compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, and invoicing with documentation. back-up In addition, the County adopted a five percent local preference policy in the evaluation of bids and proposals to provide a



competitive advantage to local businesses and encourages the participation of Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBE) in County procurements. However, when there is conflict between County policies and requirements imposed by the federal government as a condition of receipt of federal funds, the federal requirements prevail.

The County is complementing its engineering design and survey teams with the addition of local firms specializing in environmental design and project surveying. This complementary workforce addition initiates in late June 2022.

Flood Conditions:



Dry Conditions: Blue Water Channel) Spring 2022):



### 5.6 – Prado Park Well Replacement

<u>Project Identification Number: 1012310</u> <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$0.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Located in the Chino Valley basin where San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties connect, Prado Regional Park is a one-stop recreational paradise. It has over 2,000 acres of outdoor recreation and adventure offering, fishing, camping, hiking, biking and nature trails, splash pad, disc golf and outstanding picnic facilities are just a sampling of what this park has to offer.

Prado Lake is an 82-acre lake located in Chino, CA. It is heavily used for recreational activities such as fishing, kayaking, boating, and canoeing. Each summer this body of water is often negatively affected by algae. The lake is fed by reclaimed water. Water from the lake is also used to irrigate the green areas of the park. Due to the high amount of algae and sediment within the lake, the irrigation system is often blocked with this debris making it unusable for this purpose.

This project proposes the inspection and activation of existing water wells throughout the park as potential sources of water to improve irrigation throughout the green areas of the park and ensure a healthy landscape for park visitors, wildlife, and flora/fauna. Uses of Funds:

The project is for the inspection of the existing well sites throughout the park for viability of use and activation.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the 2021 ESRI Census report, Chino has 9.4% of its population living beneath the poverty level. Since the costs to utilize the park amenities are low, it is a viable option for low-income families for outdoor recreation and summer vacation opportunities.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

## 5.6 – Water Basin Spillway Project (Chino Spillway Project)

Project Identification Number: 1012337 Funding Amount: \$300,000.00 Project Expenditure Category: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Chino Basin Water Construction District (CBWCD) located at 4594 San Bernardino Street in the City of Montclair in the State of California was founded to help protect and preserve the Chino Groundwater Basin (CGB) for the San Bernardino County communities that rely on it as a water source. CBWCD was formed as a special district in 1949 to increase regional water supply, by recharging the Chino Groundwater Basin though the operation and maintenance of large-scale percolation basins. These largescale percolation basins capture stormwater runoff that would otherwise be lost and allow it to be stored underground for later use by area water providers. The capture and recharge process allows the San Bernardino County communities to decrease reliability on imported water from either the Colorado River or Northern California via the State Water Project which are both under extreme drought.

The CBWCD is the owner of the Montclair Basins Nos. 1 through 4 (See Figure 1) and the Project is imperative to our community as no future stormwater can be captured and percolated until this repair occurs. The CBWCD will be the Lead Funding agency for the Project.

The existing Montclair Basins are adjacent to and east of San Antonio Creek on properties owned by the CBWCD in the City of Montclair. The San Antonio Creek flood channel provides 100-year flood protection to the communities that it passes through, provided that the Montclair Basins and other flowby basins located on it are working to capacity. The Project would repair and improve the existing spillway between Montclair Basins Nos. 1 and 2 by bringing it up to code via Department of Water Resources Division of Dam Safety. The existing spillway between Montclair Basins Nos. 1 and 2 was initially damaged in 2011, with substantially more damage occurring in 2017 from imported water supplies entering the facilities too fast causing additional damage and erosion to the inlet structure and spillway. See below pictures for the damage Montclair Basin spillway.



Observed spillway slab settled through action of water flowing under concrete.

Water flowing over spillway, into holt in concrete

Water flowing through hole, beneath spillway slab, and exited on side of channel midway down slope

The Montclair Basin No. 2 spillway damage included a hole in the spillway discharge channel concrete lining, cracking with vertical displacements of substantial portions of the concrete channel and some subgrade flows were observed. After 2017, CBWCD declared the spillway non-operational to avoid further structural damage. The spillway structural issues reduce the maximum water detention level in Basin 1 by over eight feet, which translates to approximately 56 acre-feet per year (AFY) of recharge loss. One acre-foot is equal to 325,850 gallons or enough for 2 households for an entire year.

The Montclair Basin spillway repair was delayed due to the pandemic and obtaining the ARPA funds along with some local funding as allowed this project to start after a 3-year delay.

During this annual period, CBWCD completed:

- The project plans, specifications and estimate for the project.
- Finalized contract for CBWCD Construction Manager.
- Finalized contract for Labor Compliance consultant.
- Advertised the Montclair Basin Spillway Project.
- Conducted a Pre-Bid Site Review with potential contractors.



- Obtained three competitive bids from Engineering & Environmental Construction, Jeremy Harris Construction, Inc. and Zusser Company, Inc.
- Evaluated all three Contractor bids to confirm compliance to the bid documents: and
- Provided the Notice to Award to a local low bidder: Engineering & Environmental Construction.
- The work to be completed by the Contractor and their subcontractor will begin in late July 2022 and will continue for approximately two to three months. This award to a local Contractor will future assists the Southern California region's economy and provides a water project to assist the area during drought.
- The proposed repair and improvement of the existing spillway will prolong the useful life of the facility for another 50 to 75 years and allow 56 AFY of stormwater, dry weather flow, or imported water for recharge which will be enough to provide 112 households with water for an entire year.
- No noteworthy challenges have occurred as CBWCD is working with local partner (Inland Empire Utilities Agency) to secure additional funding locally from Metropolitan Water District and started to conduct bird surveys as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

#### Uses of Funds:

The funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) will assist CBWCD to pay for the scope of expenditures from the selected Contractor to furnish and install the following Items 1) through 6) and from the Construction Manager to provide Item 7) listed below:

- 1) Low Pressure Grouting (grouting plan preparation and implementation, core holes, core hoe grouting assemblies; grout pipe installation under culvert, grout pipe grouting assemblies);
- 2) Clearing the construction area which includes grubbing of natural materials and stripping of any items in the construction zone.
- 3) Demolition (Montclair Basin No. 1 intake structure and Montclair Basin No. 2 inflow spillway structure).
- 4) Montclair Basin No. 2 inflow spillway subgrade (soil) development and finish grade compaction fill.
- 5) Concrete Structures (Montclair Basin No. 1 intake structure and Montclair Basin No. 2 inflow spillway channel and stilling basin) and
- 6) Riprap at the base (bottom) of Montclair Basin No. 2 inflow spillway channel.
- 7) Construction management activities will primarily involve services to oversee the completion of the Project; to communicate and control schedule; and deal with contract issues during construction. Construction management activities will include items such as coordinating and attending the preconstruction meeting; manage the delivery of permit and contract required documentation; attendance at weekly coordination meetings during construction; managing contract change orders and contract compliance obligations during construction; reviewing progress and final Contractor payment requests; and managing post-construction project closeout issues with the Contractor and District. Construction management duties will be primarily provided by Wagner & Bonsignore who will attend weekly onsite coordination meetings with District staff and the Contractor.

Project Cost Summary:

CBWCD current Project construction cost estimate is \$1,200,000 and Engineering and Environmental Construction (Contractor) bid was \$1,069,152 and Wagner & Bonsignore effort for engineering assistance during construction and construction management is going to be \$100,000.

Currently, CBWCD has obtained \$325,000 from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to help off-set the costs for the Project and will utilize the \$300,000 from ARPA to off-set some of the construction costs. Obtaining grant funds from Metropolitan Water District and ARPA allowed CBWCD to move forward with the project as it allowed the Project to be approximately 50-percent grant funded.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project brings equity to the community; by planning and making the improvements, the beneficial use for this project allows for more water capture (56 AFY) which furthers the protection from drought in the future for the Chino Basin Region.

- Project captures and percolates enough water to supply 112 homes for one year.
- Project decreases carbon emissions and reduces greenhouse gases as capturing stormwater runoff does not generate carbon emissions and does not produce greenhouse gases compared to providing imported water to offset the 56 acre-feet per year.
- The percolation process allows the water to be cleaned by natural processes by filtering out some of the pollutants as the water percolates through the ground to the aquifer.

- Percolating the water into the groundwater also prevents the polluted water from storm events from going into the Santa Ana River and on to the ocean.
- This Project will protect these water bodies from the pollutions caused by both storm and dry weather runoff.
- The Project increases the Montclair Basin storage capacity via the spillway improvements in order to increase drought resiliency through groundwater recharge.
- The Project supports the Justice40 Initiative as the location of the project in the City of Montclair will support groundwater capture and recharge in the neighboring City of Pomona which is a severally disadvantage community.
- The Project funding supports the County of San Bernardino's overall 2.18 million population and specifically on the western portion of the county supporting the cities of Chino, Montclair, and Pomona which will support those respective cities from importing water to supply 112 homes.

#### Performance Report:

In order to quantify the performance, monitoring will utilize the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, an automation control system that remotely monitors and controls all Basins. It will provide data on the volume of water entering each basin and the volume of water recharged into the groundwater system through water level sensors. The existing water level sensors will be used for stormwater, imported water, and any dry-weather runoff. The volume of water is calculated from engineered and surveyed data information on the Basin contours. IEUA currently prepares annual reports for the Basins in coordination with CBWCD and will take the lead to report to MWD with the following:

- 1. Compare baseline performance data from Basins Nos. 1-4 with post-project performance data. Currently, each site has pressure transducers and data loggers in order to measure each Basin's water level, which are used to estimate recharge volumes. At the completion of the Project, ongoing water level data will be compared with baseline data to measure performance. IEUA staff will prepare a detailed chart comparing pre- and post-project basin conditions and provide detailed narratives to ensure that the Project is meeting its design goals.
- 2. For the Basin No. 2 spillway repair and improvement project, a spreadsheet analysis was developed based on the available data to evaluate the operation of the Basins Nos. 1-4 historically, and with the proposed Basin No. 1 operations. The analysis estimates groundwater recharge in Basins Nos. 1-4 with inflow from available diversions from the San Antonio Creek flood control channel and from local stormwater discharges. The Basins operate as flow-through facilities during periods of recharge, operates. Water fills and spills from Basin No. 1 to Basin No. 2, etc. until all four basins are full, with each basin receiving local stormwater inflow from drainage areas adjacent to the Basins. Inflows greater than the storage and recharge capacity discharge from Basin No. 4 to the San Antonio Creek flood control channel. Analysis of the historic operations of the Montclair Basins indicates that the average recharge provided by the Montclair Basins to the CGB is approximately 1,124 AFY. CBWCD and IEUA would compare actual performance with the historic analysis in order to project performance.

Maximize Programmatic Impact and Outcome:

CBWCD has hired their design consultant Wagner and Bonsignore (W&B) to complete the engineering services during construction and construction management. W&B will be the eyes and ears for CBWCD during construction ensuring effective, efficient, and equitable outcome for the Project. Construction

management activities will primarily involve services to oversee the completion of the Project, to communicate and control schedule, and to handle contract issues during construction.

W&B anticipate close communications with CBWCD staff to provide the status of activities being performed (or not performed) by the Contractor. Near daily telecon and/or email communications with CBWCD staff is requested. W&B will also be in close contact with the Contractor to confirm schedules and progress to compliment CBWCD staff communications. Communications or directives to the Contractor should only be provided by or through the W&B team.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

CBWCD will be hiring an independent labor compliance firm such as The Solis Group (TSG), who will ensure compliance with applicable Federal Davis-Bacon and State Prevailing Wage requirements. The labor compliance firm will enforce the highest wage between Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages and California State Prevailing Wages, as determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations and Division of Labor Statistics and Research. Their scope of work will include the following five (5) tasks.

- 1. Advise Contractors of All Labor Compliance Requirements
- 2. Compliance Monitoring
- 3. Compliance Enforcement
- 4. Coordination activities with public and private agencies, and CBWCD
- 5. Monthly Required Reports

## 5.6 – Wildwood Creek Drainage/Storm Water Infrastructure Improvement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012325 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$880,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Upper Wildwood Creek Basin Project site is identified in the City's Master Plan of drainage (MPD) as a suitable location for a local detention basin facility to support the Wildwood Creek drainage system. The proposed basin project is located south of Wildwood Canyon Road and just east of Oak View Drive in the City of Yucaipa. This segment of the creek has little or no channel improvements, resulting in compromised slopes that continue to erode and deteriorate during and after significant storm events. Unfortunately, this has led to damages in the surrounding open space environment.





The proposed basin project will not only benefit the surrounding environment by implementing measures to increase erosion and flood control protection within the area, but it will also facilitate groundwater recharge opportunities, improve downstream water quality, and together with other channel improvements and basin projects constructed in recent years, help to protect downstream public and private properties from flooding. The proposed project design is a flow-through retention/detention system, meaning the basin will temporarily store a specified volume of stormwater runoff before it begins to discharge the stormwater at a controlled rate. This proposed basin will have an estimated stormwater capacity of 25 acre-feet (8.1 million gallons) and is anticipated to capture and recharge approximately 250 acre-feet of stormwater during an average rainfall year. The proposed project improvements will help mitigate erosion

and flooding along Wildwood Creek which will support the City's work to promote and protect the environmental restoration and enhancements for the existing habitat which consist of native shrubs and several hundred-year-old Oak Trees. Upon completion of this project, the basin will allow for residents and visitors the opportunity to utilize the open space and multi-purpose trail systems available in the Wildwood Canyon area.

However, the proposed Upper Wildwood Creek Basin project has been on hold because of the negative impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fiscal uncertainty associated with the pandemic not only impacted the City's ability to fund this project, but it also resulted in a reduction of City staff which has negatively impacted the City's ability to implement and deliver this critical infrastructure project. As a result, this has had significant ramifications on the City's efforts to increase groundwater recharge opportunities. Consequently, this has hindered the City's continued efforts to be a



more resilient and sustainable as it relates to the community's reliance on the State Water Project. In addition, the pandemic has created an unfortunate recharge deficiency in the community; for example, if the basin had been constructed two years ago, it is estimated that approximately 500 acre-feet of stormwater could have been captured and recharged. That is enough water to supply the annual indoor and outdoor water needs of approximately 500 to 1,000 households in the community (1 acre-foot equals 1-2 households).

#### Uses of Funds:

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	Projected Expenditures*
Construction – Rock RipRap Grade Control Structure	\$704,474
Construction – 15ft Wide CMB Access Road	\$13,954
Construction – Vehicle Turnaround Concrete Pad	\$12,000
Construction – Furnish & Install 48" RCP	\$17,100
Construction – Class 'B' Concrete V-Ditch	\$41,925
Construction – Right-Turn Pocket	\$15,788
Construction – Engineered Backfill	\$30,000
Construction – Clearing & Grubbing	\$10,000
Construction – Commercial Driveway Approach	\$8,000
Construction – 15t Wide CMB Maintenance Ramp	\$8,259
Construction – Class 1 Flexible Post Delineators	\$5,000
Construction – Junction Structure	\$6,000
Construction – SWAPP Prep. & Implementation	\$5,000
Construction – 14ft Wide Double Swing Drive Gate	\$2,500
Total Expenditure	\$880,000

The following is the list of projected expenditures that will be funded:

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Without this proposed project, the City's ability to mitigate and increase flood protection for downstream public and private properties has been negatively impacted. Consequently, this has resulted in public and

private property owners remaining within the FEMA Flood Map. Not only does this this effect these property owners' financially, some of whom are in a disadvantaged community, it also obstructs economic development within these disadvantages' areas of the City. According to the Disadvantage Communities (DAC) Mapping Tool (https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/), Wildwood Creek directly flows through multiple moderate to severely disadvantage communities within the City (Exhibit C – below – Disadvantaged Communities aping Tool), these areas are comprised of a mix demographic of individuals (86.8% White alone, 0.2% Black or African American alone, 0.0% American Indian and Alaska Native alone, 6.3% Asian alone, 0.0% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, 4.4% Some other Race alone, 2.4% Two or more races). Unfortunately, due to the risk and associated cost, these properties are less appealing for commercial, industrial, and residential development; consequently, further impacting these already disadvantage communities. However, this critical infrastructure investment will increase flood protection for these downstream disadvantage communities which will significantly enhance the value, appeal, and integrity of these properties, helping to spur-on economic development.

The Upper Wildwood Creek Basin project will not only increase groundwater recharge and strengthen flood protection, but it will also support long-term economic sustainability while creating additional recreational opportunities and community amenities, such as multi-purpose trails and open spaces, for residents and visitors to enjoy.

#### Labor Practices:

1-11 – Wage Rate and Labor Code Requirements:

#### Wage Rates:

The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall be required to adhere to the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined and published by the State Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.2 of the California Labor Code. Copies of these rates and the latest revisions thereto are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Agency and are available for review upon request.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the State Labor Code. Sections 1774 and 1775 require the Contractor and all Subcontractors to pay not less than the prevailing wage rates to all workers employed in the execution of the Contract and specify forfeitures and penalties for failure to do so. The minimum wages to be paid are those determined by the State Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. Section 1776 requires the Contractor and Subcontractors to keep accurate payroll records, specifies the contents thereof, their inspection and duplication procedures and certain notices required of the Contractor pertaining to their location.

#### Apprentice:

The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 and California Code of Regulations Title 8, Section 200 et seq. concerning the employment of apprentices on public works projects. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with these Sections for all apprenticeable occupations. Before commencing Work on this Project, the Contractor shall provide the City with a copy of the information submitted to any applicable apprenticeship program. Within sixty (60) Days after concluding Work, Contractor and each of its Subcontractors shall submit to the City a verified statement of the journeyman and apprentice hours performed under this Contract.

#### Clayton Act and Cartwright Act:

Section 4551 of the State Government Code specifies that in executing a public works contract with the

Agency to supply goods, services or materials, the Contractor or Subcontractor(s) offers and agrees to assign to the Agency all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C., Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2, commencing with Sec. 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, arising from the purchase of goods, services or materials pursuant to the contract or subcontract. This assignment shall become effective when the Agency tender's final payment to the Contractor without further acknowledgment by the parties.

#### Prevailing Wages:

In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

Labor:

#### 5-3.1 – Public Work:

The Contractor acknowledges that the Project is a "public work" as defined in Labor Code Section 1720 et seq. ("Chapter 1"), and that this Project is subject to (a) Chapter 1, including without limitation Labor Code Section 1771 and (b) the rules and regulations established by the Director of Industrial Relations ("DIR") implementing such statutes. The Contractor shall perform all Work on the Project as a public work. The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by all the terms, rules and regulations described in (a) and (b) as though set forth in full herein.

#### 5-3.2 – Copies of Wage Rates:

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773.2, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to perform the Project are on file at City Hall and will be made available to any interested party on request. By initiating any Work, the Contractor acknowledges receipt of a copy of the DIR determination of such prevailing rate of per diem wages, and the Contractor shall post such rates at each job site covered by these Contract Documents.

The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1774 and 1775 concerning the payment of prevailing rates of wages to workers and the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages. The Contractor shall, as a penalty paid to the City, forfeit two hundred dollars (\$200) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the DIR for the work or craft in which the worker is employed for any public work done pursuant to these Contract Documents by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor.

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#### 5-3.3 – Payroll Records:

The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Section 1776, which requires the Contractor and each Subcontractor to (1) keep accurate payroll records and verify such records in writing under penalty of perjury, as specified in Section 1776, (2) certify and make such payroll records available for inspection as provided by Section 1776, and (3) inform the City of the location of the records. The Contractor has ten (10) days in which to comply subsequent to receipt of a written notice requesting

these records, or as a penalty to the City, the Contractor shall forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100) for each Day, or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. Upon the request of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, these penalties shall be withheld from progress payments then due.

The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(3), which requires that each Contractor and each Subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly, in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

#### 5-3.4 – Hours of Labor:

The Contractor acknowledges that eight (8) hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by Labor Code Section 1810. The Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Section 1813 concerning penalties for workers who work excess hours. The Contractor shall, as a penalty paid to the City, forfeit twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each worker employed in the performance of this Project by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one (1) calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 3 of the Labor Code. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1815, work performed by employees of the Contractor in excess of eight (8) hours per day, and forty (40) hours during any one week shall be permitted upon public work upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day at not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) times the basic rate of pay.

5-3.5 – Debarment or Suspension:

The Contractor shall not perform Work with any Subcontractor that has been debarred or suspended pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1777.1 or any other federal or State law providing for the debarment of contractors from public works. The Contractor and Subcontractors shall not be debarred or suspended throughout the duration of this Contract pursuant to Labor Code Section 1777.1 or any other federal or State law providing for the debarment of contractors from public works. If the Contractor or any Subcontractor becomes debarred or suspended during the duration of the Project, the Contractor shall immediately notify the City.

5-3.6 – Registration with the DIR:

In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5.

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5-3.7 – Compliance Monitoring and Posting Job Sites:

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR. The Contractor shall post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation.

#### 5-3.8 – Subcontractors:

For every Subcontractor who will perform Work on the Project, the Contractor shall be responsible for such

Subcontractor's compliance with Chapter 1 and Labor Code Sections 1860 and 3700, and the Contractor shall include in the written Contract between it and each Subcontractor a copy of the provisions in this Section 5-3 of the General Provisions and a requirement that each Subcontractor shall comply with those provisions. The Contractor shall be required to take all actions necessary to enforce such contractual provisions and ensure Subcontractor's compliance, including without limitation, conducting a periodic review of the certified payroll records of the Subcontractor and upon becoming aware of the failure of the Subcontractor to pay its workers the specified prevailing rate of wages. The Contractor shall diligently take corrective action to halt or rectify any failure.

#### 5-3.9 – Prevailing Wage Indemnity:

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend (at the Contractor's expense with counsel reasonably acceptable to the City) the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors serving in the role of City officials, and volunteers from and against any demand or claim for damages, compensation, fines, penalties or other amounts arising out of or incidental to any acts or omissions listed in Section 5-3 of the General Provisions by any Person (including the Contractor, its Subcontractors, and each of their officials, officers, employees and agents) in connection with any Work undertaken or in connection with the Contract Documents, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, attorneys' fees, and other related costs and expenses. All duties of the Contractor under this Section 5-3.10 shall survive expiration or termination of the Contract.

## 5.11 – Glen Helen West Valley Water District Interconnection

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012317 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,750,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.11, Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

County Service Area (CSA) 70 Glen Helen (GH) area owns the water distribution system that would require a tie into the West Valley Water District (WVWD) permanent line. The Department, on behalf of CSA 70 GH area, provides construction, operations, and maintenance support services to the Community Northeast of Intersection of Glen Helen and Clear Water Parkway. Special Districts (SD) seeks to tie into the permanent West Valley Water District permanent 8" line which seem to have enough capacity during the dry weather season to supply water to community downstream, Northeast of intersection of Glen Helen and Clear Water Parkway. Water is pumped from the wells situated at Northeast corner of the intersection.

Over a period of several years, the Fire Hydrant at the Northeast corner of the intersection has been vandalized. CSA 70 GH decided to consult with Special Districts to locate a tie-in area at the intersection of Glen Helen Parkway and Clear Water Parkway. It shall be required to excavate and connect to a high-pressure water line below ground level. It is believed that the existing line at Northeast corner of Glen Helen Parkway and Clear Water Parkway is an 8" line. The Scope of work shall involve abandon-in-place, and the new point of connection shall be to hot tap into WVWD high pressure water line. Hot tap install meter and tie in reduced-pressure (RP) back flow preventer.

#### Uses of Funds:

The funds would help increase water capacity in the community and create jobs and provide healthy water usage. Every resident in the community would have access to portable water at high pressure year-round.

The project will increase capacity of water supply for the Glen Helen special district, providing the opportunity for expansion of current businesses and development of new businesses within the district. Expansion and/or new development of businesses promotes and supports equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic economic downturn in this community.

The project management and inspections will cost an estimated \$67,701, Environmental \$500, Geotechnical engineering work \$30,000, County Counsel \$15,000, site survey \$10,000, Design \$68,000 and construction \$1,558,799. This will bring the project estimated total cost to \$1,750,000.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Every homeowner or business in the community that desire a tie into their property would pay a permit fee to the San Bernadino County and total water usage would be divided among all property owners in the service area per flow capacity usage with the scope of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between SDD and WVWD.

- Special Districts Department (SDD) intend to provide services to all property owners equally.
- SDD would make effort to advertise through the website and print about the availability of the water services in accordance with stipulations in the planned agreement between SDD and WVWD.

- Principles applied. Water Capacity available to all groups irrespective of race and ethnicity and other equity dimensions where relevant.
- Funds shall be used to provide water services that would be available to all. Promoting strong, equitable growth, including racial equity.

Adding another essential source of water to the district will increase the capacity of the infrastructure allowing for new developments and upgrades to existing which will result in creating jobs and alleviate the negative economic impact caused by the pandemic and economic downturn.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

## 7: Administrative

#### 7.1 – ARPA Reporting Software

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012314 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$45,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Per U.S. Treasury guidance section 602(C), Section VI of the Social Security Act and under the Final Rule which clarifies the requirements of the Recovery Fund, periodic reporting is required; furthermore, continuous subrecipient tracking and mentoring is an imperative aspect and responsibility of the recipient (San Bernardino County). This reporting requirement consists of quarterly project and expenditure reports, which include financial data, information on contracts and subawards over \$50,000 and other information regarding utilization of funds, along with an annual recovery plan performance report, which includes descriptions of projects, information on mandatory performance indicators and programmatic data on evidence-based interventions, and objectives of each award.

To ensure proper and accurate tracking and monitoring, the County Administrative Office is utilizing technological solution to perform effective accounting and financial oversight. Furthermore, to warrant compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements relevant to the ARPA, Crowe's licensed software is expected to provide and address the following needs:

- Centralized data repository
- Elimination of multiple data entry points
- Higher level of data integrity and consistency
- Detailed and centralized subrecipient reporting
- Automated roll-ups and summarized capability for financial data
- Reduced report preparation time
- Built-in dashboard

Additionally, the County has acquired modules that allow subrecipients to enter and upload necessary documentations and data on a periodic basis, which grants the County ARPA team access, and monitoring of subrecipients expenditures, spending at any given time. Furthermore, to improve reporting aspects, the County may obtain additional modules in the future to enhance reporting features.

## 7.1 – Regional Parks Wi-Fi Feasibility Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012468 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$52,862.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

Project Overview/Project Description:



San Bernardino County Regional Parks is responsible for the management and operation of the following recreation facilities: Big Morongo Preserve in Big Morongo, CA, Calico Ghost Town Regional Park in Yermo, CA, Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park in Ontario, CA, Glen Helen Regional Park in San Bernardino, CA, Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline, CA, Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville, CA, Mojave River Forks Regional Park in Hesperia, CA, Prado Regional Park in Chino, CA, and Yucaipa Regional Park in Yucaipa, CA. These parks provide outdoor recreation programs to over 600,000 visitors throughout the year. These programs include but are not limited to camping,

fishing, hiking, swimming, family and corporate special events, athletic programs, and nature education programs. Regional Park facilities range in size from 82-2200 acres per park facility.

During the pandemic there was increased participation in outdoor recreation creating the need for park users to have access to Wi-Fi during their use of facilities. Implementation of Wi-Fi services would increase opportunities for park users to notify the County of concerns and increase their use of facilities. This includes being able to access applications that would allow them to communicate with their employers and/or other contacts during their use of park facilities. This would also allow them to utilize electronic mapping systems to ensure both safe access and use of park facilities and applications that would increase their knowledge of flora, fauna, and wildlife.

#### Uses of Funds:

Regional Parks facilities are often used by school groups for environmental science programs. Implementing Wi-Fi would enable educators to have access to additional information relevant to their exploration of the park, as well as support their curriculum. Prior to the pandemic there were approximately 30 schools that visited park facilities.

This funding would be used to design, develop, and install Wi-Fi at all parks throughout this system. The goals would be for park users to be able to utilize their



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electronic devices throughout their time in the park to participate in park programs such as animal, trails, amenity, and plant identification; or to communicate for both personal and professional business.

This project is still in the developmental stages. The County team is still evaluating parks, so the estimated costs for the project are still being developed.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

San Bernardino County is dedicated to providing activities and amenities that produce equitable outcomes. To ensure equitable participation, activities and programs are advertised in local newspapers, media outlets, social media, and the agency website. The Department also offers the public the opportunity provide input via community meetings, and the submission of satisfaction surveys by phone or online, to ensure that all users are able to enjoy the same level of enjoyment when using County facilities.

#### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.



## 7.1 – Wastewater Needs Assessment - Feasibility

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012315 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$150,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The San Bernardino County entered a contract with Kennedy Communications in April 2022 to conduct a wastewater needs assessment in the unincorporated areas of the County. The purpose of this assessment is to identify communities that would receive the greatest benefit from septic to sewer conversion infrastructure projects, which is an eligible use in accordance with the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Final Rule. The assessment is 33% complete and will be finalized in October 2022.

This project will identify wastewater projects in unincorporated communities that could be funded using the County's SLFRF allocation. Any elements of this assessment determined to be ineligible or inconsistent with the SLFRF Final Rule or U.S. Treasury guidance will be paid for using alternative funding sources.

The Final Rule defines the provision of sewer services to the public as an "essential service." As such, many of the unincorporated residents in San Bernardino County lack this essential service and, instead, utilize septic systems. In many cases, these septic systems have outlived their useful lifespan and pose a significant risk to regional water quality. The areas of the County where septic systems are the only option for wastewater disposal tend to have lower median household incomes relative to the County as a whole.

The wastewater needs assessment will ensure that the County's SLFRF investments in septic to sewer conversions benefit the greatest number of disproportionately impacted households. Additionally, infrastructure investments of this nature address climate change by reducing the amount of contamination that enters the public drinking water supply due to increased stormwater runoff.

### 7.1 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1011946 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$200,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Local Equity LLC is an economic development organization based in Ontario's Opportunity Zone, San Bernardino County. The mission of the company is to advance distressed communities by finding financial solutions to priority projects that are supported by local stakeholders. Local Equity is also a registered California Finance Lender, registered with the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation - to help create financing solutions and provide tools & technical support to advance deals & priority projects in areas of community development, healthcare equity, food access, affordable housing, and infrastructure.

By partnering with local government, CDEs, CDFIs, and local non-profits, Local Equity catalyzes local impact, influences sustainable development, and strives to create a supporting ecosystem for the low-income communities of San Bernardino. Dr. Gil Keinan, Managing Director of Local Equity, works on Opportunity Zone development & is a real estate development, finance, and management professional. His hands-on operational insights, and verified track record of value creation, allowed him to lead complicated debt, Private Equity, and REIT deals to successful exits. Dr. Keinan spearheaded the Opportunity Zone strategy and marketplace on behalf of the County of San Bernardino and continues to work with various cities to increase investment.

San Bernardino County would like to examine the strategy of utilizing some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) proceeds towards investment in infrastructure in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Specifically, focus of this assignment is to ascertain what specific areas may yield the highest incremental private investment return if improved with sewer, water, gas, roads, etc. Additional consideration and priority should be given to social equity in the areas of accessibility to healthcare, fresh food deserts, education, and quality local jobs.

## **Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)**

This section is not applicable to the County of San Bernardino.