

# **Lane County, Oregon Recovery Plan**

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

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# Lane County, Oregon

## 2022 Recovery Plan

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## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide a general overview of Lane County projects funded with American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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## OVERVIEW

### Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law. The \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts. Funds from the ARPA were distributed to the community through several sources which include direct payments to individuals and businesses, direct allocations to schools and State and local governments, and increased funding to other Federal programs.

The American Rescue Plan Act created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) program to deliver \$350 billion for state, territories, municipalities, counties, and Tribal governments to help cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Lane County's direct allocation of Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) is \$74,212,036.**

In addition, Lane County received approximately **\$50.7 million** in ARPA funds from other sources, including:

- **\$13 million** from the State of Oregon's ARPA allocation for 21 distinct projects ([HB5006](#))
- **\$17 million** Emergency Rent Assistance
- **\$5.2 million** for utility assistance
- **\$15.5 million** for McKenzie River Valley Water System Replacement from an Oregon Business Development Department ARPA grant



### Lane County's American Rescue Plan Investments



Housing  
\$27.6 million



Homelessness  
\$13.8 million



Public Health  
\$8.5 million



Aid to Nonprofits &  
Economic Development  
\$9.1 million



COVID Response &  
Government Services  
\$19.7 million



Public Safety  
\$17.5 million



Water & Sewer  
Infrastructure  
\$19.7 million



Unanticipated Pandemic  
Response  
\$4 million



To be allocated  
\$5 million

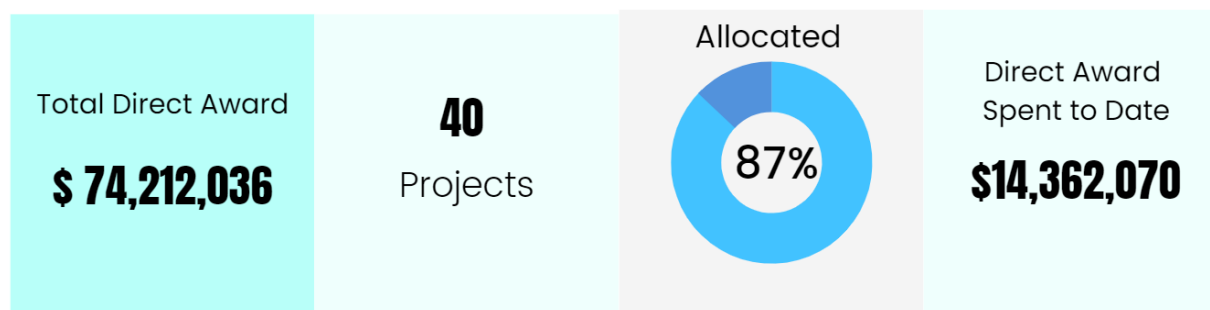
[www.LaneCounty.org/ARPA](http://www.LaneCounty.org/ARPA)

The County's priorities for use of the CSLFRF focus on allocating funds based on community input where they can best address the following:

- Health disparities
- Affordable housing and shelter
- Behavioral and mental health
- Support businesses as they transition to a post-pandemic economy
- Support employment opportunities
- Address increased infrastructure needs for COVID-19 recovery
- Respond to deferred maintenance of County assets
- Continuity of vital services and rebuilding financial stability after experiencing increased costs in response to the pandemic and lost revenue due to the public health emergency

**As of June 30, 2022, Lane County has allocated \$64,992,000 of their total direct allocation for 40 projects, with \$14,362,070 expended to date.**

Calculated revenue loss exceeded Lane County's total CSLFRF award. As per the Final Rule, Lane County elected to categorize all projects as Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services.



The Lane County Board of County Commissioners and staff have diligently worked to assess how best to respond to the public health emergency and negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Investment decisions have been made based on community input and feedback on how the pandemic has impacted the local government's fiscal stability and services, and impacts to the community. The list below includes Lane County's direct Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocation as well as additional ARPA funds that came to Lane County. Items marked with a star (\*) indicate a State of Oregon ARPA allocation through [HB5006 \(2021\)](#).



**Housing.** \$27.6 million is allocated to support housing investments. This includes \$17 million in ARPA funded Emergency Rent Assistance. The availability and affordability of housing is a consistent priority among residents in Lane County.

- [Emergency Rent Assistance](#) \$17 million
- [Utility, Weatherization, and Water Assistance](#) \$5.2 million
- Permanent Supportive Housing \$440,000
- BIPOC Homeownership Seed Fund \$522,000\*

- Homes for Good Public Housing Rehabilitation in Junction City \$174,000\*
- Land Purchase for Affordable Housing \$1.5 million\*
- [Peace Village](#) by [SquareOne Villages](#) \$750,000\*
- [Veteran's housing by St. Vincent de Paul](#) \$500,000\*
- [Holiday Farm Fire](#) Permit Services \$1.5 million



**Homelessness.** \$13.8 million is allocated to address homelessness.

- Shelter & Navigation Services \$4.6 million
- City of Eugene Shelter and Land Acquisition \$3.2 million\*
- [City of Eugene Rest Stops](#) \$250,000\*
- Homeless Street Outreach Services \$2.5 million
- Housing and Homeless System Operations \$2 million
- Pallet Shelters \$750,000\*
- Landlord Engagement Program \$75,000\*
- Mobile Crisis Response \$400,000\*



**Public Health.** \$8.5 million is allocated to address the public health crises and its effects.

- [Lane County Stabilization Center](#) Facility Development & Services \$7 million
- [South Lane Community Health Clinic](#) Development \$250,000
- Public Health Equity and Resiliency Project \$225,000\*
- [South Lane Dental Clinic](#) \$20,000\*
- Charnelton Clinic Renovation(ARP Capital/C8E award) \$846,000
- Youth Suicide Prevention \$165,000



**Aid to Nonprofits and Economic Development.** \$9.1 million is allocated to aid nonprofits and support economic development.

- ARPA Community Grants \$3 million
- Homeless Service Provider Network Capacity Building \$1.4 million
- Nonprofit Capacity Building \$100,000\*
- [Looking Glass](#) Youth Services Staff Retention \$580,000\*
- [Cottage Theatre](#) Capacity Expansion \$75,000\*
- [South Lane Family Relief Nursery](#) \$180,000\*
- [FOOD for Lane County](#) Warehouse Expansion \$2.1 million\*
- Rebuilding the [Vida McKenzie Community Center](#) \$480,000\*
- [McKenzie School District](#) gymnasium moisture remediation \$500,000\*
- [Huerto de la Familia](#) Business Resource Navigation Services \$150,000
- [Lane Workforce Partnership](#) Career and Technical Education \$130,000
- [Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership](#) \$200,000
- [Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network \(RAIN\)](#) \$242,000



**COVID Response and Government Services.** \$19.7 million is allocated for COVID response and government services.

• Youth Services Equity Work	\$103,000*
• COVID Expansion Deputy Medical Legal Death Investigator	\$371,000
• Sheriff's Office- Portable UV Disinfecting Lights Equipment	\$236,000
• Refrigeration Trailer for Emergency Morgue Capacity	\$85,000
• Leased Morgue Space for Refrigeration Trailer	\$3,000
• ARP Administration Contract Management	\$2.8 million
• Essential Services & Workforce Stabilization	\$2.7 million
• Facilities- Capital Project Management for ARPA Funded Projects	\$407,000
• H&HS- Administrative Capacity to Respond to Grant Opportunities	\$1 million
• HR- COVID-19 Policy Research and Implementation	\$105,000
• HR- Workforce Development Talent Acquisition Support	\$240,000
• TS- Facilities and Construction Support for New Projects	\$413,000
• Lane County Financial Stabilization	\$9.7 million
• Courtroom Digital Modernization	\$1.1 million
• Countywide Grant Administration Software	\$450,000



**Public Safety.** \$17.5 million is allocated to support public safety. This investment was prioritized to prevent vulnerable adults in custody (congregate setting) from negative health effects of communicable diseases.

• Lane County Adult Corrections Facility & Technology Upgrade	\$17.5 million
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**Water and Sewer Infrastructure.** \$19.7 million is allocated for infrastructure investments.

• Lane County Parks Water & Sewer Infrastructure	\$4.2 million
• McKenzie River Valley Water System Replacement (OBDD Grant)	\$15.5 million



**Unanticipated Pandemic Expenses.** Understanding that “we don’t know what we don’t know,” Lane County has set aside \$4 million that will not be allocated until we understand the continued health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 variants of concern and as we near the end of the eligible ARP spending period. These funds will be used to cover unanticipated costs incurred by Lane County due to the pandemic. The uncertainty regarding reimbursement by Federal and State agencies, including FEMA, for necessary expenditures makes this set aside vital to ensure a flexible response to the pandemic.

## Challenges

Lane County is not alone in experiencing significant challenges and barriers to swift economic and public health recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Workforce shortages, especially in behavioral and mental health care, affect service levels and project progress. Supply chain



issues, inflation and rising construction costs have affected project timelines. In many cases, initial project estimates are no longer sufficient to cover the entire cost of projects. This is especially true of construction projects. Lane County continues to monitor project progress and budgets to ensure successful and meaningful project completion by all expenditure deadlines.

## Use of Funds

Lane County has discretion to use the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) in the ways that best suit the needs of Lane County constituents as long as such use fits into one of the statutory categories as outlined in the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Manual](#) published by the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury).

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to:

1. Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work.
3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency.
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The Department of Treasury adopted a [Final Rule](#) to implement these eligible use categories and other restrictions on the use of Fiscal Recovery Funds. It is Lane County's responsibility to ensure all funds are used in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Final Rule and any future guidance from [Treasury](#).

## Guiding Principles and Priorities

In recognition of this unprecedented amount of stimulus and the resulting opportunity to invest and provide ongoing benefits, in May 2021 the Board of County Commissioners adopted a set of Guiding Principles and Priorities to provide for the equitable and transparent allocation and expenditure of funds. The framework guides decisions as the County works in cooperation with the community and other public and private entities to support a regional response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### VISION

To Emerge Stronger

### PRINCIPLES

1. All funding requests will meet the objectives of the American Rescue Plan (ARP):
  - a. Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control

- b. Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
  - c. Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
  - d. Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- 2. Lane County will adhere to all guidance and legal requirements for ARP funds.
- 3. State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds contained within the ARP will be used to support the County's recovery and ability to provide critical services to the community now and into the future.
- 4. All ARP funding allocations will be viewed with the County's strategic lenses of Financial Stewardship, Equity and Collective Impact and must be in alignment with the County's overall goals as defined in the Lane County Strategic Plan.

## **VALUES**

- 1. The systemic public health and economic challenges related to housing/shelter, health disparities, and behavioral health support that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations will be addressed/considered when allocating funding to any new project or program.
- 2. A focus on leveraging the ARP funds in order to create positive transformative change will be sought out through partnerships with other public and private entities to multiply the outcomes of new projects, programs or services.
- 3. The County will pursue and/or coordinate other ARP funds to aid critical community stakeholders.

## **PRIORITIZATION**

- 1. Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- 2. Provide continuity of Lane County's vital services by filling budget shortfalls and rebuilding the County's financial stability and resiliency through the reimbursement of County Funds that have experienced lost revenue and/or had additional unreimbursed expenses in response to the pandemic.
- 3. Fund projects requesting a one-time funding source - expenditures that are either:
  - a. one-time in nature (non-operating or targeted to reduce future costs); or
  - b. limited in duration (obligated by 12/31/2024, spent by 12/31/2026).
- 4. Projects that address deferred maintenance on existing County assets will be given priority over the acquisition of new building or equipment assets.
- 5. ARP funds will be allocated only after consideration of other funding sources that may be available for the same project, program or service.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 1. Timing of ARP funding allocations will occur in such a way that funds are available/spent over the entire period of the funding (through 12/31/2026) with an eye towards seeking long-term positive community impacts.
- 2. An internal team will be created to seek out and prioritize the securing of additional funds available through the ARP Act to support the entire Lane County region including its taxing districts, small businesses and impacted industries.
- 3. These Principles will be reviewed and evaluated periodically.

## Lane County Strategic Lenses

As noted above, Lane County is committed to aligning all government services, including those provided through ARPA dollars, with the following three strategic lenses.



**Stewardship of Resources Lens.** This lens addresses both the financial and sustainability aspect of resources. Stewardship of Resources is the prudent and transparent management of public funds and resources - meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations. The use of analytical tools in decision-making processes determines how the County should best maintain, spend and invest its available resources. This strategic lens also helps the County balance economic, environmental, and social needs.



**Equity Lens:** Equity is when everyone has access to the opportunities, tools and supports necessary to satisfy essential needs, advance their well-being, and achieve their full potential. Lane County is committed to ensuring people have access to the information and supports that they need – regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations, or geographic barriers – to achieve health, safety, education, and economic stability.



**Collective Impact Lens:** Collective Impact is the commitment of a group of stakeholders and partners from different sectors to a common agenda for solving complex community problems. The five key elements are to: 1) have a common agenda, 2) develop shared measurements, 3) engage in mutually reinforcing activities, 4) maintain open and continuous communications, and 5) establish clear roles and structure to operate effectively. The County uses collective impact to shape its partnerships and services.

## Local Collaboration



In alignment with Lane County's Collective Impact Lens, Lane County actively collaborates with other local cities and ARPA fund recipients. Maintaining open and continuous communications is a key tenet of this collaboration. Lane County meets with staff from the cities of Eugene and Springfield every two weeks to ensure coordination between ARPA-funded projects. The Cities of Eugene and Springfield are the two largest metro cities in Lane County and both received their own direct allocations of CSLFRF. Lane County has also conducted outreach to smaller rural cities, including inviting them to apply for Lane County's ARPA Community Grant opportunity.

ARPA projects between local jurisdictions complement each other. Lane County is the pass-through administrative entity for two City of Eugene projects funded with State of Oregon ARPA allocations (HB5006). These projects are "City of Eugene Rest Stops SD11" (\$250,000) and "City of Eugene Shelter and Land Acquisition SD12" (\$3,250,000). Lane County Health & Human Services staff collaborate with City of Eugene staff on implementation of those projects which address homelessness as Lane County is the Community Action Agency and Continuum of Care collaborative applicant.

Lane County is collaborating with the City of Springfield on “Lane County Land Acquisition for Homeless Housing SD1” (\$1,500,000). This is a project funded with State of Oregon ARPA dollars and has to do with land and homeless services located within the City of Springfield.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes



Lane County’s Guiding Principles and Priorities for American Rescue Plan Act Funds adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2021 clarifies that “All ARP funding allocations will be viewed with the County’s strategic lenses of Stewardship of Resources, Equity and Collective Impact and must be in alignment with the County’s overall goals as defined in the Lane County Strategic Plan.”

Lane County is committed to aligning all government services, including those provided through ARPA dollars, with the three strategic lenses, including the Equity Lens.

During initial project development, alignment with the [Lane County Strategic Plan](#) and equity goals was required. All project proposals were scored and prioritized based on specific criteria, including whether the project helps Lane County achieve its equity goals, aligns with the Strategic Plan and serves disproportionately impacted populations.

Some Lane County projects specifically focus on equitable outcomes, [including homeownership for black, indigenous, and populations of color](#), and [education on diversity, equity, and inclusion](#). Projects with specific equity outcomes are labeled with “Equity Outcome.”

## Community Grants

The [community grant-making process \(ARPA085\)](#) was designed with equity in mind. Lane County set aside \$3 million of its direct allocation of Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 public health emergency. A Request for Applications was posted on May 16, 2022 and applications were due July 6, 2022. Multiple news publications and targeted outreach to nonprofits was conducted to ensure widespread notification of this funding opportunity. The application process was designed to be as streamlined and simple as possible so as not to present barriers to applications for small organizations new to federally funded awards.

Applications for ARPA-funded community grants are being evaluated using different criteria, one of which is equity. In order to be awarded, applicants must successfully demonstrate that the organization and project have significant commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and promote equitable outcomes through an equity lens or similar critical analysis. Applications that do not meet this base equity criteria cannot move forward to the second screening phase of the Scoring Committee. Projects will receive more points if they serve communities in rural Lane County and populations who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Community grant awards will be determined in August 2022.

## Targeted Economic Development

[Economic development projects \(ARPA084\)](#) intend to serve historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected groups. In the community survey, which garnered over

1,800 responses, addressing negative economic impacts was the third highest ranked area of focus for ARPA investments. Many survey comments expressed a need for nonprofit and small business investments to spur community recovery and economic development. As a result of this feedback, Lane County allocated \$722,000 for Community and Economic Development Projects (ARPA084). This one project has a multi-pronged approach to address negative economic impacts by serving historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected groups.

[Huerto de la Familia](#) Business Resource Navigation Services (\$150,000) specifically serves the Latinx and immigrant population in Lane County. This population has demonstrably experienced disproportionate health and employment impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Impact will be measured by the number of Latinx businesses or entrepreneurs served by this program.

[Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network \(RAIN\)](#) (\$242,000) specifically serves rural Lane County, where significant investment in employment and economic opportunities has historically been much less than in urban cities. Impact will be measured by the number of rural businesses or entrepreneurs served by this program.

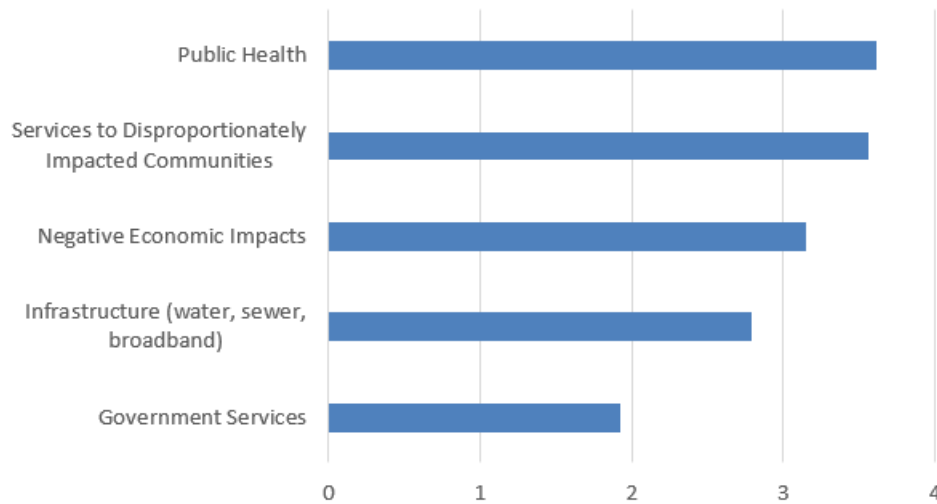
## **Community Engagement**

Community engagement is an important consideration when determining use of American Rescue Plan Act funds. The Lane County Board of Commissioners meetings are open to the public and allow public comment, including for those calling in or attending virtually. In order to enhance and diversify opportunities for public feedback, Lane County staff developed a community survey, which was released to the public on February 7, 2022. The survey closed February 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. PST. The survey received 1,871 responses.

The survey was posted on Lane County's website, social media platforms, and covered by local news outlets KEZI, KVAL, and KMTR. The ARPA webpage where the survey link was posted received 2,545 unique page views and was the 27th most viewed Lane County webpage in February 2022.

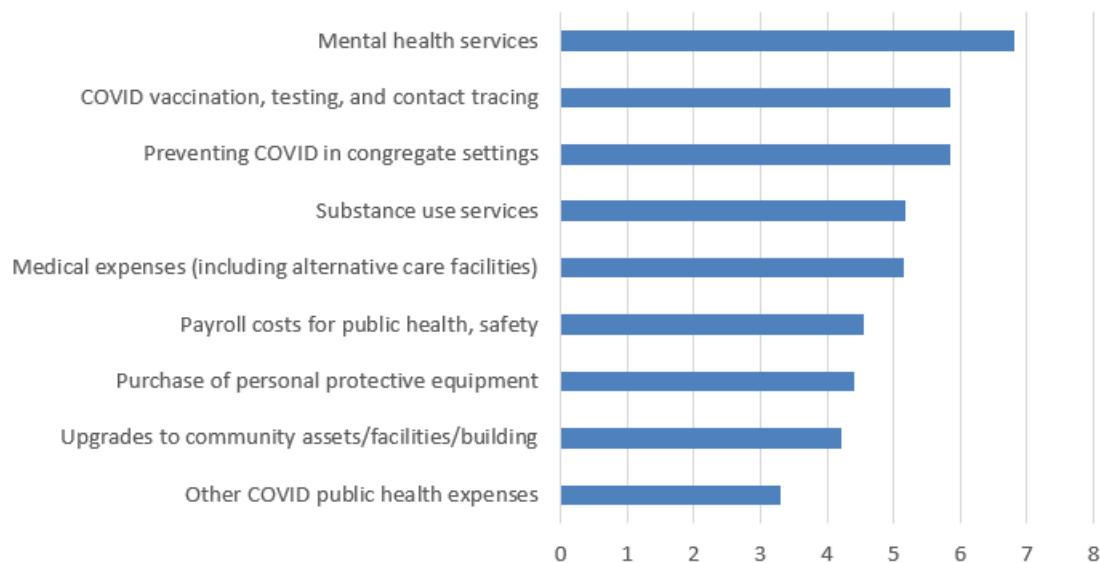
The survey provided education about where Lane County has already allocated funding for projects, and asked respondents to rank eligible uses of funds in order of importance. Community members gave meaningful input on where they would like to see Lane County invest American Rescue Plan Act funds by ranking areas of focus and project types, as well as leaving open-ended comments. Public health projects, in particular mental health services, ranked as the highest overall need in the survey. The full results of the survey can be found at [www.LaneCountyor.gov/ARPA](http://www.LaneCountyor.gov/ARPA).

## Overall Focus Area Prioritization



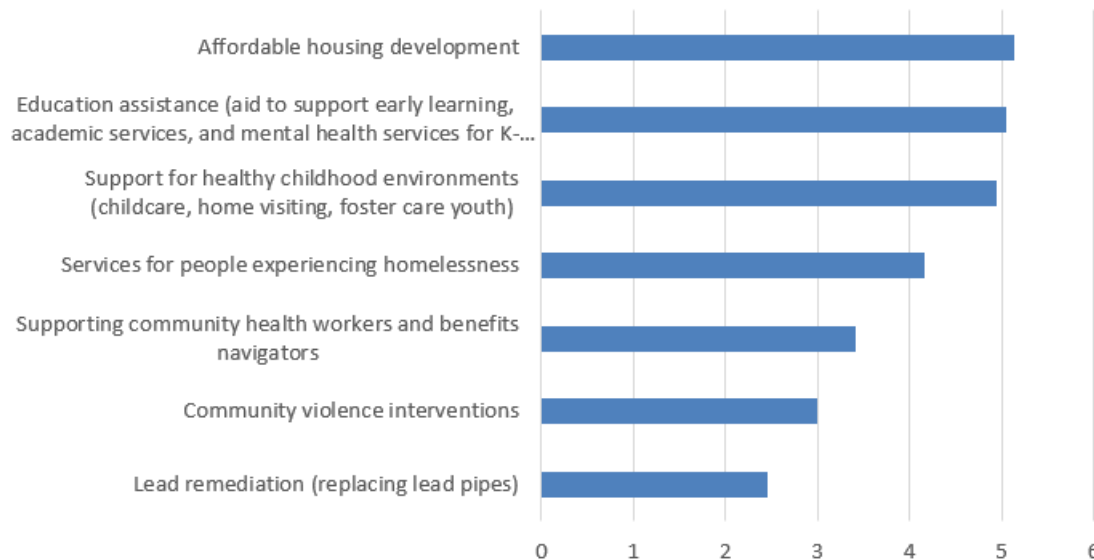
Public health was ranked as the most important focus area. Within the focus area of public health, respondents ranked project categories. Mental health services and COVID vaccination/testing/contact tracing ranked highest, with a close third being preventing COVID in congregate settings such as schools and jails.

## Public Health



Staff from community based organizations also expressed concern about the level of trauma that the pandemic has inflicted on large swathes of the community. One person noted they would like to see ARPA funds used to help “nonprofits that help people struggling with mental health” and that “promote well-being.”

## Disproportionately Impacted Communities



Services to disproportionately impacted communities was ranked second highest of all areas of focus. Within this focus area, affordable housing development ranked highest, with education assistance and support for early childhood environments (including childcare) coming in close second and third. Many comments noted a need for affordable housing development and services for people experiencing homelessness, including mental health and substance use treatment. Many comments also noted the needs of K-12 schoolchildren who have been negatively impacted by school closures due to COVID. Many comments advocated for increased mental health support for youth, as well as childcare assistance for families to return to the workforce, said one respondent, “We need more childcare options for working parents.”

Community-based organizations noted that addressing homelessness was a primary concern that they work to address, and that they could use assistance addressing. One participant noted “It is hard to think of anything that should be prioritized other than unhoused folks. That is the biggest challenge we are dealing with since COVID. There are other things I would love to see, but I feel like that is such an unmet gap that it is hard to want to prioritize anything else.”

The ARPA survey results reinforced community feedback from the Lane County Strategic Plan survey and the Commissioner’s prior ARPA investments in affordable housing, services for people experiencing homelessness, and investments in COVID recovery projects. The opportunity for community members will give meaningful input on where they would like to see Lane County invest American Rescue Plan Act funds and how to access this meaningful resource is very important.



The majority of respondents resided in Eugene or Springfield. A significant number of responses were from residents of Florence, Cottage Grove, and Creswell. Most respondents did not respond to this question.

In direct response to community feedback via the survey and other methods, the Lane County Commissioners set aside \$3 million of Lane County's direct allocation of \$74 million in local fiscal recovery dollars for community grants (ARPA085). The grants are intended to help nonprofit organizations and public agencies recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Specific to ARPA-funded Emergency Rent Assistance (ERA), outreach was conducted to engage and inform the public. In-person outreach has been conducted at a Spanish-language Food Pantry, NAACP Vaccination clinic, and local community markets. ERA staff partner with Oregon Law Center and the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association (SETA) for referrals and to conduct in-person outreach to those who have upcoming court dates for eviction for non-payment of rent. They also partner with Lane County Public Health to connect those directly impacted by COVID-19 to the program.

## In which city or unincorporated community do you reside?

Answer Choices	Responses
Eugene	660
Springfield	174
Florence	95
Cottage Grove	92
None of the above	55
Creswell	46
Junction City	36
Veneta	27
Oakridge	13
Pleasant Hill	10
Coburg	9
Mapleton	8
Westfir	8
Dunes City	5
Lowell	4
Noti	2
Other	84
<b>Responded</b>	<b>1244</b>
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>627</b>

Emergency Rent Assistance program flyers are posted in English and Spanish throughout Lane County, including at grocery stores, laundromats, coffee shops, Community Health Clinics, Rural Development Initiatives, HIV Alliance, Lane County District Court, medication assisted treatment clinics, and mental health providers. Information has been presented for staff at community organizations to share information about the program, and the program was featured on the City of Eugene's weekly Spanish-language Facebook Live show "Aquí en la Ciudad." Outreach has included numerous meetings, phone calls, and emails to community based organizations in Lane County sharing information about the program.

### Strategic Plan Community Engagement

As Lane County revisited and revised their Strategic Plan, stakeholder and community engagement was conducted by a consulting firm Berry Dunn. From October 2021 to April 2022, Berry Dunn conducted community and employee forums to inform an environmental scan to revise Lane County's Strategic Plan.

Preliminary outreach on the County's Strategic Plan identified homelessness and affordable housing as the largest concerns that residents have about Lane County. From a 2021 Social Pinpoint Survey, respondents gave feedback on their biggest concerns for Lane County's future. The concerns (listed in order of priority) were homelessness, crime, public health, sustainability



of services and programs, traffic, taxes, overdevelopment, and overcrowding. Homelessness was by and large the biggest concern.

When asked about the biggest challenges facing Lane County in the next five years, again affordable housing and homelessness rose to the top. Feedback from the Strategic Plan revision process also informs the obligation of remaining unallocated American Rescue Plan Act funds.

More information related to Lane County's Strategic Plan community engagement process and the revised Strategic Plan can be found at

## STRATEGIC PLAN - Engagement Efforts



**705**  
Employee Survey  
Reponses

**179**  
Community Survey  
Reponses



**2008**  
Visits to engagement site  
socialpinpoint

**49**  
Comments



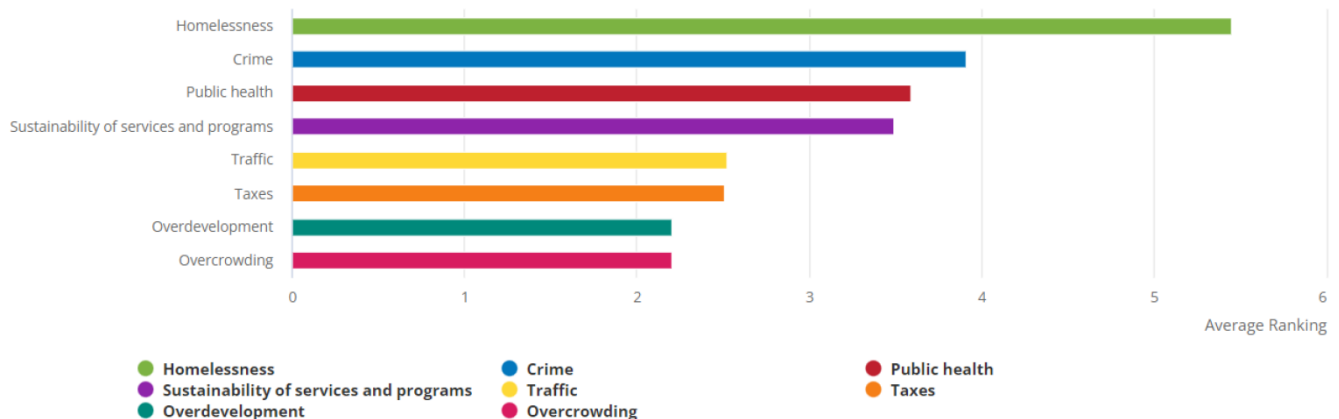
**7**  
Community and  
Employee Forums

**28**  
Stakeholder Interviews

## Biggest Concerns Regarding Lane County's Future

Community survey respondents ranked their biggest concerns for the County's future:

150 answers



  
[www.LaneCounty.org/StrategicPlan](http://www.LaneCounty.org/StrategicPlan)

Source: 2021 Social Pinpoint Community Survey

## Labor Practices

As of June 30, 2022, Lane County had no projects in the infrastructure expenditure category.

Lane County has established policies to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers, including using strong labor standards.

In October 2020, the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted a Community Benefits Bidding (CBB) process for capital projects. Incorporation of criteria that advances local impact goals into prequalification is an essential element of CBB program. Prequalification allows the flexibility required for staff to adapt to market conditions. A pilot CCB program includes the following:

- Prequalifying both General Contractors and subcontractors.
- Health insurance pre-qualification will include "employer-paid full family health coverage" for trade workers working on the project.
- Require a "living wage" for trade workers working on the project.
- Subcontracts that are \$50k or less as set aside for COBID subcontractors, when there is such work and there are subcontractors available.
- The apprenticeship requirement will be for contractors and subcontractors to be operating or participating in an Oregon and/or federally registered apprenticeship program.

The County's intent is to apply this concept to a broad range of capital projects. "Enhance and expand the community benefits program" is a specific goal in the Lane County 2022-2024 Strategic Plan (Strategic Priority #2 Vibrant Communities).

## Use of Evidence

While Lane County has allocated funds for projects that have strong community support, are fiscally prudent, and are general best practices, no projects to date meet the rigorous definition of "evidence based practices" nor are they being rigorously studied per [Final Rule](#) and [CSLFRF Compliance](#) guidance.

To date, all Lane County projects are classified under expenditure category 6.1 Provision of Government Services, which does not require reporting on evidence based practices.

## Performance Report

Individual project outputs and performance outcomes are reported in the [Project Inventory](#). Overarching jurisdictional goals for these funds are detailed in [Lane County's Guiding Principles and Priorities](#) for American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Staff responsible for project management track performance indicators for each project, including specific output and outcome measures. These performance metrics will be used to ultimately identify project performance and equity-impacts.

For each project, Lane County staff submit quarterly requests for ARPA expenditure reimbursement to the ARPA team (ARPA001). Staff review expenditures for adherence to project goals, Uniform Guidance, and eligible expenses. Annual reports on each project are also

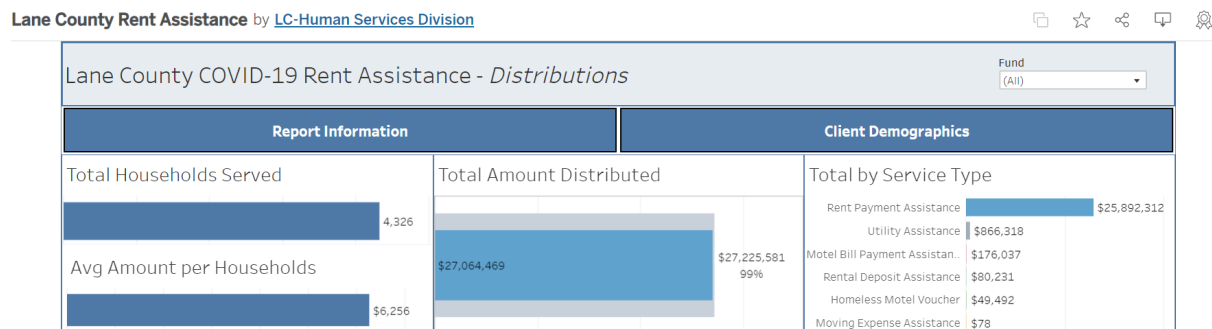
compiled to share project progress. ARPA staff provide technical assistance and guidance to those implementing ARPA funded projects, including clarifying eligible expenses, measuring COVID impact, and project design. Some projects have included public procurement processes, which adhere to federal, state, and local procurement law.

## Emergency Rent Assistance

In addition to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF), Lane County received separate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Emergency Rental Assistance.

During this reporting period, Lane County distributed **\$17,011,518** in ARPA-funded rent assistance.

From the beginning of the pandemic through June 30, 2022, Lane County had distributed over \$27 million in COVID-19 related rent assistance to 4,326 households. This includes rent assistance from all funding sources and is not specific to ARPA. When rent assistance programs were active, Lane County maintained an online dashboard that communicated Rent Assistance disbursement and recipient demographics. This dashboard is no longer consistently updated but can be found by clicking on this [link](#).



## Utility, Weatherization, and Energy Assistance

Lane County was allocated **\$3.2 million** ARPA funds for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Of that total allocation, **\$2.3 million** was distributed during this reporting period low-income households to help them with home energy costs, serving **12,152 individuals (6,432 households)** with energy and utility assistance.

During this reporting period, Lane County spent **\$130,213** in weatherization assistance to low-income households.

## State of Oregon ARPA Funds

The State of Oregon received a direct allocation of \$2.6 billion in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. In the 81st Oregon Legislative Assembly 2021 Regular Session, HB5006 allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds for statewide COVID response efforts. Included in this was \$13,035,161 for 21 COVID response projects in the geographic area of Lane County. Projects were selected for investment by State Legislative Delegation members. Of those 21 projects, 11 are internal Lane County projects and 10 are subcontracted from Lane County to nonprofit organizations or public agencies. Some of these projects complement or leverage funding from Lane County's direct ARP allocation, such as two City of Eugene projects that address homelessness, and a project to support nonprofit staff who provide services to people experiencing homelessness. These projects are integrated into the community in avenues where people already access services.

Lane County's 21 distinct projects were designed to serve communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. In particular, the array of projects span the geographic area of Lane County, with many projects focused on serving people living in rural areas and those with low incomes. Expenditures to date and specification as to how each project will serve historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups in Lane County is enumerated in the project descriptions below.

Project Name	Percent Spent	Allocation	Spent to Date	Remaining
Lane County Land Acquisition for Homeless Housing	0%	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
Lane County Pallet Shelters	73%	\$750,000	\$544,334	\$205,667
Lane County Health & Human Services Nonprofit Capacity Building	0%	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Lane County Health & Human Services Landlord Engagement Program	30%	\$75,000	\$22,617	\$52,383
Lane County Youth Services Equity Work	0%	\$103,000	\$0	\$103,000
Lane County Public Health Equity and Resiliency Project	23%	\$225,000	\$50,822	\$174,178
Lane County South Lane Dental Clinic	0%	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Lane County Shelter (Brooklyn Ave)	100%	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Lane County Mobile Crisis Response	0%	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Lane County BIPOC Homeownership Seed Fund	0%	\$522,000	\$0	\$522,000
City of Eugene Rest Stops for the Unhoused	0%	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
City of Eugene Shelter and Land Acquisition	37%	\$3,250,000	\$1,206,445	\$2,043,555

Project Name	Percent Spent	Allocation	Spent to Date	Remaining
FOOD for Lane County Warehouse Expansion and Renovation	60%	\$2,100,000	\$1,268,641	\$831,359
SquareOne Villages - Peace Village Affordable Housing Complex	95%	\$750,000	\$710,575	\$39,425
St Vincent de Paul Veterans Housing	0%	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Looking Glass Youth Services Staff Retention	11%	\$580,761	\$61,043	\$519,718
Homes for Good Public Housing Rehabilitation – Lindeborg Place in Junction City	0%	\$174,400	\$0	\$174,400
McKenzie School District Gym Moisture Remediation Project	4%	\$500,000	\$21,814	\$478,186
Vida McKenzie Community Center	10%	\$480,000	\$45,648	\$434,352
Cottage Theatre Capacity Expansion	100%	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
South Lane Family Relief Nursery	11%	\$180,000	\$19,059	\$160,941
Total		\$13,035,161	\$4,525,998	\$8,509,163

### **Lane County Land Acquisition for Homeless Housing**



**Project ID:** SD1

**Funding amount:** \$1,500,000 (Senator Beyer)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to acquire land assets within the City of Springfield for potential short-term emergency shelter, and long-term housing development to serve people currently experiencing homelessness.

### **Lane County Pallet Shelters**



**Project ID:** SD2

**Funding amount:** \$750,000 (Senator Beyer)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to purchase up to 100 Pallet shelters, placing them in cooperation with incorporated cities, faith-based organizations, and civic organizations. Pallet shelters have been purchased and are set up at sites and cities throughout Lane County. The

majority of Pallet shelters purchased with ARPA funding have been placed with organizations that have previous experience operating Pallet Shelters and have demonstrated successful use of them as a non-congregate type of shelter. Between April and May 2022, 62 Pallet Shelters were delivered to sites located in the cities of Springfield, Eugene, Veneta, and Cottage Grove. It is anticipated that an additional two ADA accessible Pallet Bathrooms will be ordered for sites in Eugene and Springfield.

### **Lane County Health and Human Services Nonprofit Capacity Building**



**Project ID:** SD3

**Funding amount:** \$100,000 (Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** Nonprofit service providers who serve people experiencing homelessness.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to assist non-profit organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to build their operational capacity to recruit, retain, and train staff. In March 2022, a listening session was conducted with providers in Lane County to understand the capacity building needs within their agencies and groups. Over 35 representatives attended. In addition, feedback was accepted for an additional week. Lane County staff also met with the United Way of Lane County, Eugene Chamber of Commerce, and Lane Community Health Council to understand the capacity building work they are already providing to community agencies and the needs they have seen arise.

### **Lane County Health and Human Services Landlord Engagement Program**



**Project ID:** SD4

**Funding amount:** \$75,000 (Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** Renters with historical barriers to renting such as criminal records, mental health challenges, or homelessness.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to develop and operate a Landlord Engagement Program (LEP). The goal of this program is to recruit and retain landlords who are open to renting to people with historical barriers to renting (such as criminal records, mental health challenges, or homelessness).

The Landlord Liaison position within Lane County Human Services Division began on March 7, 2022. The Landlord Liaison conducts outreach to providers of housing related services in the county, nine in total, to advise them of the position's goals and objectives, and to foster a collaborative environment in which to leverage strengths in providing services. Staff also engaged the Lane County Chapter of the Rental Owners Association and has had three meetings with the chapter president and submitted an article for publication in their newsletter. In conjunction with Lane County Data Analytics department, a database of housing providers was created, searchable by several metrics of interest to those seeking rental housing in the local market. The database is in the process of being populated by landlords and property

management agencies who have indicated a willingness to lease to people who have barriers to rental housing including past evictions, credit issues, and justice system involvement. Staff reached out to partner agencies and organize a monthly landlord liaison/engagement meeting, with the first meeting on May 24th, 2022. The meetings provide a space to share resources, identify areas of common interest, educate, and continually update the database with receptive landlords and property managers. Staff work with Technical Services to assess the feasibility of developing data scraping software capable of harvesting real time information on current rental unit availability. While such information will have very limited utility in the current environment of 2% or lower vacancy rates, it would prove beneficial when and if vacancy rates rise above 4%.

### **Lane County Youth Services Equity Work**



**Project ID:** SD5

**Funding amount:** \$103,000 (Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** Staff who work with youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to support Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training for Youth Services (juvenile justice) leadership and staff to increase DEI skills and awareness regarding the impacts of racial and ethnic disparities on the juvenile justice system. In October 2019, the Division of Youth Services (DYS), Lane County's Juvenile Department, commissioned a report on the Racial & Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) in the Lane County Juvenile Justice System (R/ED Report). The R/ED Report was completed in fall of 2020 and contains recommendations for action (R/ED Response). Project goals include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training to build DYS DEI leadership skill ("muscle") and establish a common language, so leadership is able to support and promote the organizational response to the R/ED Report. The training content will include criminal/juvenile justice specific system and history information and have a philosophical lens focused on humanization (belonging and inclusion) as the only sustainable response to systemic racism (and other disparities and areas of marginalization). Funds will be used to hire a consultant to support DYS leadership with the development of a plan for responding to the recommendations in the R/ED Report. The philosophical lens used for the DEI component is meant to address systemic disparity through humanization (belonging and inclusion). A component of the training will acknowledge the historical and systemic impacts of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and R/ED in the justice system/juvenile justice system. The ultimate goal of this project is to improve service delivery and systems through humanization and building dialogue, belonging, and inclusion.

**Equity Outcome:** Youth Services staff will be knowledgeable about the impacts of racial and ethnic disparities on the juvenile justice system. Youth Services staff will be trained in actionable tools to combat implicit bias.



## **Lane County Public Health Equity and Resiliency Project**



**Project ID:** SD6

**Funding amount:** \$225,000 (Representative Fahey)

**Project Benefits:** At-risk populations served by community-based organizations.

**Project Overview:** Funds support the launch of the Community Partnerships Program (CPP) at Lane County Public Health (LCPH). The Community Partnerships Program was created in fall of 2021 and has focused on COVID response. This program ensures that the people served by community-based organizations embedded into the community have access to all public health programs, services, and information, and also are connected to other community resources and groups. This project takes a targeted universalism approach, focusing on those least likely to receive important public health information and resources in order to help the population as a whole. Greater connection in our community is important for social cohesion, preparedness, emotional health and wellbeing, and potentially civic engagement. Throughout the pandemic, LCPH has hosted a monthly community-based organization (CBO) meeting in order to share information regarding COVID and supports that exist, to hear what the CBOs need from LCPH, and to ensure that our messaging is in line with what they are hearing from the community they serve. Additionally, the Community Partnerships Program is engaging with different communities to assess what they would like to see from the Community Partnerships Program in terms of programming, data, and technical assistance. With the staff of the Community Partnerships Program, CBOs have an access point to LCPH who is able to navigate the internal programs efficiently. Staff are working with CBOs so they can learn how to engage with public health work in a more meaningful way (including learning how to collect, interpret, and analyze data), and staff also act as “insider advocates” by working to identify and reduce barriers as they arise. People hear about the Community Partnerships Program of Public Health via multiple avenues. CPP hosts a monthly meeting, in partnership with Oregon Health Authority, for local community based organizations (CBOs); a weekly “CBO Newsletter” is printed in English and Spanish; and CPP staff attend community meetings such as the NAACP Health Committee and the Immigrant Integration Network in order to listen and provide resources.

**Equity Outcome:** Culturally responsive community-based organizations have direct access to Lane County Public Health COVID-19 prevention and mitigation information and are able to share this information with communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Community based organizations serve as trusted messengers of vital public health communication and share resources.

## **Lane County South Lane Dental Clinic**



**Project ID:** SD7

**Funding amount:** \$20,000 (Representative Hayden)

**Project Benefits:** Low-income residents in South Lane County.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to purchase dental equipment and building renovations to accommodate dental services in the developing project for a new Community Health Center



South Lane County Clinic. This will be the first Federally Qualified Health Center in a rural area in Lane County.

**Equity Outcome:** Individuals, including those with low-incomes, living in the southern portions of Lane County will be able to access this clinic for their dental needs. This will build the capacity of County's community partners to serve people in the southern portions of Lane County that have not had access to dental services due to limitations on travel, income, and other cultural barriers.

### **Lane County Shelter (Brooklyn Ave)**



**Project ID:** SD8

**Funding amount:** \$500,000 (Senator Prozanski, Senator Beyer, Representative Wilde)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds were used to rehabilitate the Brooklyn Ave facility to make it into a low-barrier emergency shelter for literally homeless single adults. The rehabilitation of the Shankle Brooklyn Ave. shelter included trauma-informed architecture and aspects at the recommendation of the Poverty and Homelessness Board, lived experience of homelessness group. The Shankle Brooklyn Ave. shelter will provide 12 emergency shelter beds for people who are experiencing homelessness and are at-high risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19.

### **Lane County Mobile Crisis Response**



**Project ID:** SD9

**Funding amount:** \$400,000 (Senator Prozanski, Senator Beyer, Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing behavioral health crises and homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to stabilize and expand mobile crisis services in Western Lane County, Southern Lane County, and the Eugene/Springfield metro area. Funds will purchase vehicles for mobile crisis response. Services are accessed through 911 or homeless street outreach.

## **Lane County BIPOC Homeownership Seed Fund**



**Project ID:** SD10

**Funding amount:** \$522,000 (Senator Prozanski, Representative Fahey)

**Project Benefits:** Black, indigenous, and people of color who are first-time homebuyers.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to establish a grant-based Homeownership Seed Fund to support first-time home buyers who are black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC). This project is still in the development phase.

## **City of Eugene Rest Stops for the Unhoused**



**Project ID:** SD11

**Funding amount:** \$250,000 (Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used for one-time set-up costs associated with additional [City of Eugene Rest Stop](#) projects, which provide individual overnight shelters for people experiencing homelessness. One site that has been developed with these funds is the Chase Commons site, which will open Summer 2022. The Chase Commons Safe Sleep site will be modeled after the City of Eugene's Rest Stop program and provide individual sleeping units and basic amenities for 18-20 people. This site prioritizes people who are medically fragile, people experiencing homelessness who have primarily recuperative needs (such as healing from a procedure or wound, but do not require a high level of care) that necessitates that they be inside due to their elevated risk rather than on the street. A service provider will oversee the site, working collaboratively with healthcare providers to coordinate on referrals and healthcare supports.

## **City of Eugene Shelter & Land Acquisition**



**Project ID:** SD12

**Funding amount:** \$3,250,000 (Senator Prozanski, Senator Manning, Representative Wilde, Representative Nathanson, Representative Fahey, Representative Holvey)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing homelessness who are at disproportionate risk of serious health complications from COVID-19.

**Project Overview:** Funds will support City of Eugene safe sleep site location infrastructure and site development, social service staffing, and project implementation costs for at minimum 5 safe sleep site locations, which will serve approximately 500-600 individuals. Expenses for each site include one-time start up infrastructure costs such as graveling, fencing, utility hook up, and construction fees and staff time. Providing a stable location for people to sleep and have access to basic amenities enables people with significant barriers to services to begin to stabilize and

move toward long-term health, employment, and housing goals. City of Eugene and Lane County staff, along with service providers, work collaboratively to integrate culturally responsive services to ensure that people of color, who are overrepresented in our local homeless population as compared to the overall population, have equitable access to services and housing.

### **FOOD for Lane County Warehouse Expansion and Renovation**



**Project ID:** SD13

**Funding amount:** \$2,100,000 (Senator Prozanski, Senator Beyer, Senator Manning, Representative Wilde, Representative Nathanson, Representative Fahey, Representative Holvey)

**Project Benefits:** People experiencing food insecurity in Lane County.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to strengthen and expand the food collection and distribution capacity of [FOOD For Lane County](#) (FFLC), the regional food bank serving Lane County by expanding and renovating their warehouse. This project will increase the local food bank's capacity to store perishable food with the ultimate goal to improve the ability of low-income individuals to maintain an adequate supply of wholesome, nutritious food. FOOD for Lane County partners with over 170 community partners and programs, including food pantries that are often entirely volunteer-run in rural and remote locations across Lane County, to build awareness of the resources available via the food bank network. This State-ARPA funded project enhances FOOD for Lane County's ability to store perishable food and serve their already far-reaching network of food pantries in Lane County.

**Equity Outcome:** Low-income households across Lane County will have increased access to wholesome nutritious food.

### **Square One Villages - Peace Village Affordable Housing Complex**



**Project ID:** SD14

**Funding amount:** \$750,000 (Senator Prozanski, Senator Manning, Representative Fahey)

**Project Benefits:** Unstably housed people with low-incomes.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to purchase property for [Peace Village](#), a 70 unit affordable housing complex developed by [SquareOne Villages](#). Peace Village is a scaled up SquareOne village model, adaptively re-using a large church property to create an accessible pathway to homeownership for individuals who earn 60% area median income and under. SquareOne Villages has done no direct outreach for this project, however they have received 143 submissions for those interested in applying to be residents via their online application.

**Equity Outcome:** Low-income households will have affordable homeownership opportunities.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Veterans Housing**



**Project ID:** SD15

**Funding amount:** \$500,000 (Senator Manning, Representative Nathanson)

**Project Benefits:** Veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to construct a 10-unit affordable housing complex for formerly homeless veterans. [St. Vincent de Paul's](#) transitional housing units for homeless veterans (SD15) is a long-standing program within the community and is widely known by service partners who serve the homeless population at large. The SLFRF investment enhances this existing successful program. The primary referral partner for this program is the Veteran's Administration (VA). Clients are referred by the VA outreach team and/or other community-based providers and providers who work with homeless veterans.

### **Looking Glass Youth Services Staff Retention**



**Project ID:** SD16

**Funding amount:** \$580,761 (Senator Manning)

**Project Benefits:** Front-line nonprofit youth services workers.

**Project Overview:** Funds are being used to hire/onboard and retain 5 new therapists and provide premium pay/retention funding to current staff for the nonprofit service provider [Looking Glass](#). The majority of the clients served by these staff are on Oregon Health Plan (OHP) insurance. Payroll wage levels were increased to promote retention and higher new positions. This project is paying the difference between the previous wage levels and the newly implemented wage levels, for 29+ employees in the Looking Glass Youth Counseling program. Retention of employees has been improved as a result of higher wage levels. Five new positions were hired during June 2022 and the funds will again pay the difference between the previous and the new pay levels. ARPA funding has allowed Looking Glass to increase wages, retain current staff, and hire new staff, including retaining and hiring bilingual staff, BIPOC staff, and LGBTQ+ staff. This ensures Looking Glass' staff reflect the diversity of the clients they serve.

### **Homes for Good Public Housing Rehabilitation – Lindeborg Place in Junction City**



**Project ID:** SD17

**Funding amount:** \$174,400 (Senator Manning)

**Project Benefits:** Rural low-income elderly and disabled households.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used for Lindeborg Place Exterior Improvements project, a public housing apartment community in Junction City, OR. Lindeborg Place is an apartment

complex in rural Lane County that serves an elderly and disabled population. This project focuses on preserving the building envelope so that it remains in functional and good condition for many decades to come, thus allowing Homes for Good to continue to serve the vulnerable population that this complex serves in an area that does not currently have enough affordable housing options.

### **McKenzie School District Moisture Remediation Project**



**Project ID:** SD18

**Funding amount:** \$500,000 (Senator Prozanski, Representative Hayden)

**Project Benefits:** Rural residents of the McKenzie River Valley, especially K-12 students and their families.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used for investments and improvements to the [McKenzie School District Gym](#). This will ensure a healthy community environment for K-12 youth and the community who utilize this community space. McKenzie School District gymnasium provides a staging or gathering area when a disaster occurs. It has been used as a Red Cross shelter and a relief center. The building has been utilized for community organizations to provide services during and after a disaster such as the Labor Day Fires in 2020. A portion of the building will serve as an accessible, adequate and equitable child care center for the community. The childcare center will be the only licensed provider of early childhood education within the school district.

### **Vida McKenzie Community Center**



**Project ID:** SD19

**Funding amount:** \$480,000 (Senator Prozanski, Representative Hayden)

**Project Benefits:** Survivors of the Holiday Farm Fire in the McKenzie River Valley.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to rebuild the [Vida McKenzie Community Center](#) (VMCC) structure and replace building contents destroyed by the Holiday Farm Fire of 9/8/2020. The Vida McKenzie Community Center had been a gathering space for 73 years serving the McKenzie River Valley residents and visitors for generations until the Holiday Farm Fire destroyed it several years ago. The McKenzie River Valley is a community populated mostly by moderate to low-income households with a growing number of senior citizens, families opting to home school their children and entrepreneurs hoping to develop small businesses as their source of primary or secondary income. The structure will also include a Hearing Loop system to improve the experience of visitors with hearing challenges. VMCC offers membership opportunities, access to the club meetings, family gatherings and celebrations on a sliding fee reservation basis. Special events are family-friendly and open to the public. The new construction broke ground on 6/17/2022.

## **Cottage Theatre Capacity Expansion**



**Project ID:** SD20

**Funding amount:** \$75,000 (Senator Prozanski)

**Project Benefits:** Rural residents in South Lane County.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to replace pandemic revenue losses incurred by the [Cottage Theatre](#), and enable the completion of the renovation project, including safety upgrades. The Cottage Theatre Capacity Expansion SD20 project will increase accessibility to the arts and this theatre. The remodel improves the audience experience, especially for two groups of patrons: those with mobility challenges (i.e. users of walkers and wheelchairs), and those with hearing loss. The ACT III remodel increased the number and improved the placement of ADA seats. The facility now includes five wheelchair seats and eight companion seats, all of which are in a “prime” location in the auditorium. The more significant accessibility improvement is the installation of a Hearing Loop in the auditorium. This copper loop improves the auditory experience for all patrons with hearing aids, as the loop transmits sound directly to tele coil-equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, or other assistive listening devices. Those with hearing loss can hear the sound of a play directly through their hearing aids. The technology is both effective and discreet. Patrons without hearing aids can access the system by borrowing special headsets from the theatre or by accessing an app on their smart phone. In just one month of usage, staff have received comments from several long-time patrons that they have been able to hear the performances better than ever.

## **South Lane Family Relief Nursery**



**Project ID:** SD21

**Funding amount:** \$180,000 (Senator Prozanski, Representative Hayden)

**Project Benefits:** Families with children ages 0-6 in South Lane County.

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to provide retroactive and current premium pay for all essential worker front-line staff at [South Lane Family Relief Nursery](#). Create new safe food storage for participant families including purchase of a larger refrigerator and freezer, creating space for new appliances in current kitchen, and adding a pantry. Purchase a passenger van and car seats to provide transportation to children served. Building renovation to add another classroom and double the number of children & families served. Renovations include: new HVAC, updating electrical, replace windows, replace flooring, outdoor and playground updates.

## Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

As of June 30, 2022, Lane County has expended **\$14,362,070** from the direct allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF). Lane County has obligated \$14,362,070 for 40 projects.

Providing continuity of Lane County's vital services by filling budget shortfalls and rebuilding the County's financial stability and resiliency to the extent of revenue loss due to the pandemic is one of Lane County's ARP priorities ([Board Order 21-05-25-07](#)). Revenue loss was calculated per instructions in the Interim Final Rule (the guidance available at the time of calculation). The methodology utilized was also in compliance with the Final Rule.

Lane County departments identified revenue losses or unreimbursed expenses in response to the pandemic. Projects were prioritized for funding based on Lane County's ARP Guiding Principles and Priorities, as well as a detailed scoring rubric that includes County strategic priorities. Projects that ensure the provision of essential government services were approved for funding in December 2021 ([Board Order 21-12-14-08](#)) and in March 2022 ([Board Order 22-03-29-14](#)). Additional project funding was approved in June 2022 (Board Order 22-06-21-15).

Calculated revenue loss exceeded Lane County's total CSLFRF award. As per the Final Rule, Lane County elected to categorize all projects as Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	<b>\$14,362,070</b>	<b>\$14,362,070</b>

## Project Expenditures

As of June 30, 2022, Lane County has obligated **\$14,362,070** for 40 projects. Project implementation is underway and **\$14,362,070** ARPA funds have been spent to date.

Lane County's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Projects Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services				
ID #	Project Name	Adopted Budget Amount	Total Cumulative Obligations and Expenditures	Current Period Expenditures (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)
ARPA 001	COVID ARP Administration and Resource Identification/Contract Management	\$2,877,000	\$148,725	\$148,725
ARPA 004	Behavioral Health Crisis Center Facility Development & Services (County Portion)	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0



**Lane County's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Projects**  
**Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

<b>ID #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget Amount</b>	<b>Total Cumulative Obligations and Expenditures</b>	<b>Current Period Expenditures (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)</b>
ARPA 005	Fiscal/Admin Capacity to Respond to Economic Recovery Grant Opportunities	\$1,015,000	\$18,090	\$18,090
ARPA 008	Facilities and Capital Planning ARPA Project 1 FTE - Sr. Management Analyst	\$407,000	\$47,890	\$47,890
ARPA 010	Countywide Grant Administration Software	\$450,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 011	Courtroom Digital Modernization	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 017	COVID Expansion Deputy Medical Legal Death Investigator	\$371,000	\$6,255	\$6,255
ARPA 019	COVID Leased Morgue Space for Refrigeration Trailer	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 023	TS: Facilities and Construction Support for New Projects	\$413,000	\$46,394	\$46,394
ARPA 028	Homeless Street Outreach Services	\$2,468,000	\$592	\$592
ARPA 029	Housing and Homeless System Operations	\$2,009,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 031	HR: COVID-19 Policy Research and Implementation	\$105,000	\$34,925	\$34,925
ARPA 034	Lane County Adult Corrections Facility & Technology Upgrade	\$17,500,000	\$146,949	\$146,949
ARPA 042	Lane County Services Funded by Car Rental Tax	\$632,000	\$632,000	\$632,000
ARPA 043	Community Health Center Dental Services	\$1,914,000	\$1,914,000	\$1,914,000
ARPA 044	Environmental Health	\$647,000	\$647,000	\$647,000
ARPA 045	Parole and Probation Supervision Services	\$314,000	\$314,000	\$314,000
ARPA 046	Lane Events Center	\$1,905,000	\$1,905,000	\$1,905,000
ARPA 047	Land Management Division	\$343,000	\$343,000	\$343,000
ARPA 048	Medication Assisted Treatment Program	\$965,000	\$965,000	\$965,000



**Lane County's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Projects**  
**Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

<b>ID #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget Amount</b>	<b>Total Cumulative Obligations and Expenditures</b>	<b>Current Period Expenditures (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)</b>
ARPA 049	Behavioral Health Services and MLK Education Center	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$209,000
ARPA 050	Parole and Probation Services	\$1,174,000	\$246,679	\$246,679
ARPA 051	Lane County Parks	\$241,000	\$241,000	\$241,000
ARPA 052	Phoenix Treatment Program	\$67,000	\$67,000	\$67,000
ARPA 053	Lane County Roads	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
ARPA 054	Veterans Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
ARPA 055	Law Library	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$77,000
ARPA 059	Parks Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$4,277,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 060	Permanent Supportive Housing and Associated Supportive Services	\$443,000	\$77,312	\$77,312
ARPA 063	COVID Refrigeration Trailer for Emergency Morgue Capacity	\$85,000	\$83,775	\$83,775
ARPA 064	Nonprofit Provider Network Capacity Building	\$1,426,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 069	COVID Portable UV Disinfecting Lights Equipment	\$236,000	\$236,000	\$236,000
ARPA 070	Shelter and Navigation Services for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	\$4,560,000	\$0	\$0
ARPA 074	South Lane Clinic - Startup Funding Gap	\$250,000	\$182,864	\$182,864
ARPA 075	Talent Acquisition Analyst	\$240,000	\$27,104	\$27,104
ARPA 082	Maintain Essential Government Services & Workforce Stabilization	\$2,700,000	\$2,490,516	\$2,490,516
ARPA 083	Holiday Farm Fire Permit Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
ARPA 084	Economic Development	\$722,000	\$572,000	\$572,000
ARPA 085	Community Grant-Making	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0

Lane County's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Projects Expenditure Category 6.1: Provision of Government Services				
ID #	Project Name	Adopted Budget Amount	Total Cumulative Obligations and Expenditures	Current Period Expenditures (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)
ARPA 086	Youth Suicide Prevention	\$165,000	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,992,000</b>	<b>\$14,362,070</b>	<b>\$14,362,070</b>

## PROJECT INVENTORY

As of June 30, 2022, Lane County has obligated and expended \$14,362,070, with a total budget allocation of \$64,992,000 in ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for 40 projects. At this time \$4 million is reserved for unanticipated costs related to the pandemic recovery. This leaves approximately \$5 million that has yet to be allocated.

## COVID ARP Administration and Resource Identification/Contract Management



**Project ID:** ARPA001

**Funding amount:** \$2,877,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Lane County hired three staff to administer the American Rescue Plan (ARP) program. An American Rescue Plan (ARP) Manager, a Sr. Grants Analyst, and a Sr. Program Services Coordinator support effective management and oversight, and ensure compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements. The ARP Manager began in September 2021, the Sr. Grants Analyst began in November 2021, and the Sr. Program Services Coordinator began February 2022. They work with the Board of County Commissioners, County leadership, and the community to develop a plan for using the County's allocation of funds. They ensure transparency in ARP-funded activities by updating the County's ARPA website ([www.LaneCountyor.gov/ARPA](http://www.LaneCountyor.gov/ARPA)). These staff coordinate with local and regional partners, including biweekly meetings between Lane County, the City of Eugene, and the City of Springfield, to ensure alignment and to maximize partnership opportunities for the greatest collective impact.

This project is in accordance with the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted ARP Guiding Principles & Priorities (adopted 5/25/2021). Per the Final Rule, this is an enumerated eligible expense as CSLFRF recipients may use funds for direct and indirect administrative costs of administering the CSLFRF program and projects funded by the SLFRF program. This project is 100% funded with CSLFRF dollars.

Staff funded with this project developed the Request for Applications process for the ARPA Community Grants. Based on feedback from the ARP Steering Committee, staff developed a pre-screening criteria that includes organizational commitment to equity as a main criteria to receive funding.

**Key Performance Indicators:** Overall compliance with Treasury and other regulations; meet County Commissioners' expectations for program performance and effective, transparent, accountable reporting.

**Output:** Three (3) FTE to manage the direct CSLFRF program ARP allocated projects, coordinate grant and other ARP funding opportunities for Lane County, its partner agencies and the entire region, as well as ensure the appropriate level of financial management of the funds and ability to prepare for and respond to audit and meet the quarterly and annual reporting requirements.

**Outcome:** Timely, complete reports to US Treasury; timely, transparent, accountable reports to community and jurisdictional partners; Timely and compliant spend-down of resources.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Behavioral Health Crisis Center Facility Development & Services (County Portion)



**Project ID:** ARPA004

**Funding amount:** \$7,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project provides support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services through the allocation of \$7 million to build a comprehensive Crisis Stabilization Center. Land purchase and building construction for this project is estimated to total \$19 million. Lane County has already invested \$1 million in general fund resources, applied for a grant for \$1.7 million, and this additional \$7 million investment from ARPA will be used to leverage additional commitments to meet the goal of opening the Crisis Stabilization Center to the public in 2025. The Crisis Stabilization Center will leverage existing services – including mobile crisis, crisis respite, sobering services, emergency departments, and crisis lines – with the addition of a 24/7 walk-in clinic offering rapid access to any individual with a behavioral health need via a “no wrong door” approach. The Center will also increase access to stabilization beds for the local crisis system and coordinate closely with law enforcement for diversion from arrest of people who do not need to access the criminal justice system. The project team continues to identify resources and funding commitments from key partners who will see overall system savings including law enforcement, emergency departments, and crisis response systems.

The Center will increase capacity for crisis stabilization services for all those in the community. The project was designed specifically to ensure that everyone, including those with barriers to services and those traditionally underserved have equitable access to services. The Center will serve everyone, regardless of income or language barriers.

The Center will serve 42 individuals at a time (14 adult respite chairs, 16 adult short-term stabilization beds, 12 youth short-term stabilization beds). The Center will serve 6,700 unique adults and 1,500 unique youth annually. The Center will hire diverse staff and contract with community organizations so everyone can access the care they need quickly.

The Center will be a welcoming, culturally competent, and modern facility that will serve everyone in the community. The center leadership will consult with diverse community organizations and individuals to ensure the center is accessible to BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and other historically underserved populations. Additionally, the Center will hire bilingual staff and utilize translator services to ensure language is not a barrier to accessing care.

**Output:** Lane County will build a 24/7 walk-in Crisis Stabilization Center.

**Outcome:** Reduced incarceration, jail, and emergency department visits for individuals in behavioral health distress, including historically and systemically marginalized populations.

**Equity Outcome:** This project will specifically fund the purchase of a building that allows for a Stabilization Center. When the Center is open, there will be a “no wrong door” policy. Clients will not be turned away from accessing crisis screening, assessment, stabilization, treatment, and referral to long-term care. This has the targeted outcome of closing racial equity gaps in access to behavioral health services. The development of this resource seeks to address systemic inequities in access to care for BIPOC individuals, immigrant communities, and LGBTQIA+ people. Research shows that people of color are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system. The Center seeks to divert people of color from the criminal justice system when the primary concern is behavioral healthcare. LGBTQIA+ people face higher rates of severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) diagnoses and suicide, especially amongst youth. Specific life circumstances, including cultural, language, practical and legal barriers for individuals who have immigrated to our country and community can also have profound impact on access and overall health. Geographic barriers in accessing ongoing support also compound health inequities affecting our county's rural communities. These underserved communities experiencing heightened stressors due to layers of oppression are uniquely vulnerable to crisis, and without adequate crisis services, their options are limited to the emergency department, becoming unhoused, or facing repeated jail bookings. The project development team continually consults and seeks advice and recommendations from consumers and ally organizations who can support the Center with the equity dimension related goals.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## **Fiscal/Admin Capacity to Respond to Economic Recovery Grant Opportunities**



**Project ID:** ARPA005

**Funding amount:** \$1,015,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project includes hiring three FTE to support Lane County Health & Human Services (H&HS) in their work leading the local public health response and recovery for

the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will work on billing, reporting, vendor management, and monitoring. This project supports H&HS Fiscal and Administrative capacity to respond to the significant workload caused by responding to the pandemic. One of the positions funded by this project addresses the increased billing and financial reporting workload due to the significant volume of COVID-19 funding managed by H&HS. The other two positions are focused on compliance and the administrative processing associated with receiving, expending, and contracting of ARP and FEMA funds. These positions are essential to ensure accurate and timely financial reporting, and compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The project supports this effort through processing and monitoring contracts with community organizations. As more and more funding flows into the community, it is important that our vendors and subcontractors adhere to contract requirements.

By increasing the capacity of the H&HS Administration Division, this project directly supports H&HS' strategic work to promote equity and decrease disparity, and focus on the community health and well-being of those with the highest needs. The development of a compliance function supports the administrative division's ability to track vendor/ sub-recipient outcomes. By supporting the fiscal and administrative capacity of H&HS, this project directly supports the Department's work in closing racial equity gaps.

**Output:** Three (3) FTE staff hired at H&HS.

**Outcome:** Successful, timely, and compliant completion of COVID-relief projects and project reporting.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Facilities and Capital Planning ARPA Project 1 FTE - Sr. Management Analyst



**Project ID:** ARPA008

**Funding amount:** \$407,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will fund one (1) FTE Sr. Management Analyst who will serve as the project manager for all ARPA-funded capital building projects. This position will ensure that capital building projects meet the needs of many of our low and moderately low income members of our community, including mental health, affordable housing, and health supports are completed and in compliance with grant terms and conditions.

**Output:** Hire one (1) FTE Sr. Management Analyst.

**Outcome:** Successful, timely, and compliant completion of ARPA-funded capital projects.

**Equity Outcome:** The projects that the ARPA-funded project manager is coordinating and overseeing will serve a diverse population of county residents and help Lane County meet overall equity goals. The primary ARPA funded projects this manager is handling are: Lane County Adult Corrections Technology and Facility Upgrade (ARPA034), South Lane Clinic (ARPA074), Behavioral Health Stabilization Center (ARPA004), and Courtroom Digital

Modernization (ARPA011). The South Lane Clinic will provide medical and dental services access to rural Lane County residents and represents the first Federally Qualified Community Health Center in rural Lane County. The clinic will provide access to these resources for those with low income and other barriers. The Behavioral Health Stabilization Center will provide a 24 hour mental health crisis center for all Lane County residents where they can also be connected with additional support services to facilitate stabilization. The Courtroom Digital Modernization project will provide opportunities for a range of improved communication through technology such as virtual attendance and video displays with potential for subtitles. This type of technology will help those with limited English, hearing or visual impairments, or inability to travel to the courthouse.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

### Countywide Grant Administration Software



**Project ID:** ARPA010

**Funding amount:** \$450,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will initiate a countywide grant administration software. The County is in need of a modern computerized grant software to effectively and efficiently manage and track grant-funded opportunities. This project will create efficiencies and streamline the grant management life-cycle across the organization, from applying for and securing new grant funds, approvals, reporting, and through grant close-out. This project will serve as a legacy project for all departments responsible for grant administration.

**Output:** Purchase countywide grant administration software.

**Outcome:** Streamlined system for grant identification, acquisition, compliance, and closeout. Increased collaboration across departments on grant-funded projects.

**Equity Outcome:** Successful implementation of this project may allow Lane County to acquire grant funding to implement equity-focused projects.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

### Courtroom Digital Modernization



**Project ID:** ARPA011

**Funding amount:** \$1,100,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project includes the modernization of all Lane County Circuit Courtrooms (total 18) with digital technology to aid in courtroom processes and efficiencies. This will address case backlogs caused by interruptions in proceedings due to COVID, and allow for



social distancing and remote accessibility of court services. Technology modernization includes secure audio/video communications within the courtroom and between remote sites, as well as video presentation of materials by multiple parties for courtroom operations. This project will aid in providing fair and equitable access to courtroom services and proceedings by facilitating increased access to socially distanced virtual court proceedings.

**Output:** All 18 Lane County Circuit Courtrooms will be digitally modernized.

**Outcome:** Increased social distancing and virtual court proceedings, reduced court backlogs.

**Equity Outcome:** This project aims to address racial and linguistic equity gaps by increasing the visual and audio components of communication during courtroom proceedings. This will improve understanding by providing subtitles to decrease language barriers and also provides the potential for remote participation if there are physical or financial barriers to attending court in person. By providing participation through video with the digital modernization project, this allows witnesses or other members or interested parties of a court case to be virtually present during a trial. Whether incarcerated or limited by financial or physical hardship, individuals can provide oral testimony from a remote location. Video screens, cameras, and microphones in the courtrooms allow for subtitles and remote viewing. Both of these options increase diverse participation in the court process by removing barriers of communication and location. Oftentimes warrants and charges are issued for missing mandatory court appearances, charges which disproportionately affect people of color and low-income residents.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## COVID Expansion Deputy Medical Legal Death Investigator



**Project ID:** ARPA017

**Funding amount:** \$371,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used to hire one (1) Deputy Medical Legal Death Investigator in the Lane County District Attorney's Office Death Investigations Division to efficiently attend to the increased number of deaths occurring in Lane County exacerbated by COVID-19. Funds will be used for personnel costs. This position serves the entire county population geographically and equitably regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations, or geographic barriers. The Lane County Death Investigations Division investigates unattended or non-natural deaths that are required by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) Chapter 146. Deaths under the division's jurisdiction have increased due to COVID, suicides, and from other untreated medical conditions. These type of deaths include apparent homicides, suicides, accidents, unattended or those under suspicious or unknown circumstances; determining the cause and manner of death. The Division investigates found bones; determining if they are human versus non-human, determining identity and establishing the cause and manner of death. The office also assists law enforcement with living persons that have sustained injuries under violent, suspicious or unknown circumstances.

**Output:** Hire 1 FTE deputy medical legal death investigator.

**Outcome:** Expanded capacity for death investigations in Lane County.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## COVID Leased Morgue Space for Refrigeration Trailer



**Project ID:** ARPA019

**Funding amount:** \$3,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** The Lane County Death Investigations Division leases morgue space at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend. In the event of an emergency, PeaceHealth agrees to lease 600 square feet of parking lot space for purposes of a mobile morgue (cooler truck/trailer). Due to an increase of deaths in Lane County due to COVID-19, it is anticipated that additional morgue space will be required for at least six months. Funds will be used to for monthly leased space.

**Output:** Six (6) months of additional morgue capacity for bodies awaiting examination or autopsy.

**Outcome:** Increased morgue capacity for bodies awaiting examination or autopsy.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## TS: Facilities and Construction Support for New Projects



**Project ID:** ARPA023

**Funding amount:** \$413,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Funds will be used for personnel costs to cover one (1) FTE Information Technology Specialist II to support expanding initiatives in Health and Human Services. Technology Infrastructure Services is an internal work group providing networking, server, and datacenter functions to business units of Lane County. These services are support services accessed through formal projects and service requests.

Capital Project and Facilities projects are expanding access to County services to the most in need and homeless (Navigation Center) and in under-supported rural areas (South Lane Community Health Center).

These additional facilities require technical support in office design, and then deployment of all networking connectivity – wired, wireless, and internet. The funded ITS2 FTE is essential to providing the technical services needed to meet the Capital Project and Facilities project objectives. Capital Projects, Facilities, and HHS review data and assess needs to ensure new locations are aligned with County objectives and equity.



**Output:** Personnel expenses for 1 FTE Information Technology Specialist II.

**Outcome:** Capital Projects and Facilities staff will receive technology support services and projects can be completed in a timely manner.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Homeless Street Outreach Services



**Project ID:** ARPA028

**Funding amount:** \$2,468,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will provide funding for countywide humanitarian street outreach support to households experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Eugene, Springfield, and rural areas, as well as Frequent Users of Systems (FUSE) who have been unsheltered during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Outreach services will assist unhoused folks to be sheltered and housed. The purpose is to directly support individuals experiencing homelessness with basic needs and connect them to housing and other services.

This project serves a population disproportionately impacted by COVID, low-income and socially vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. Street Outreach efforts engage those individuals who are hardest to reach and least likely to be accessing other services due to significant barriers. By bringing services to them, outreach teams are able to engage the groups who are most frequently underserved. This includes BIPOC, members of the LGBTQ community and households where English is not their first language; all of which are statistically more likely to experience homelessness. Both the Whitebird NEST team and Lane County Rural Outreach team serve households with low or no incomes and those who have barriers to services including transportation, mental/physical health, substance abuse, and criminal history.

Services are provided directly to individuals via in-the-field street outreach engagement. Trained Street Outreach workers with Whitebird's NEST program and Lane County's Rural Outreach team engage unsheltered individuals in the Eugene metro area and rural parts of Western Lane County respectively. Both projects advertise their services online and can be reached via email and/or phone.

BIPOC and LGBTQ populations are overrepresented in the number of households experiencing homelessness and are often underserved by mainstream services. Street outreach engagement aims to bring services into the field and meet households experiencing homelessness "where they are," both geographically as well as emotionally. This approach helps to identify those households least likely to engage in mainstream services, which are often BIPOC and LGBTQ households. Outreach teams partner with culturally specific providers and utilize data from our Homeless By Name List (HBNL) to identify households in need of engagement and then provide strategic outreach efforts to ensure connection to services.

**Output:** Increased street outreach services across Lane County.

**Outcome:** Number of people served with street outreach services. Reported system performance measures include total reduction in number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, number of people receiving street outreach services.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Housing and Homeless System Operations

**Project ID:** ARPA029



**Funding amount:** \$2,009,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will fund an increase in the internal resources necessary to achieve Lane County's goals to improve the homeless service system such as increasing FTE, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) licenses, technical support, and technology to support the homeless service system. The activities outlined here are all critical to provide a fully functional crisis response system that has capacity to serve those most in need during this time of recovery.

This funding supports coordinated entry Community Service Workers (CSW), HMIS staff and HMIS infrastructure costs. CSWs support the Lane County coordinated entry and engage with people who are unhoused and seeking to access long-term housing programs. Coordinated entry is accessed through street five outreach teams and seven front door assessment sites.

The HMIS system has a number of [public facing dashboards](#) accessible online and used to inform the public about homelessness in Lane County. County staff will work in collaboration with the Human Services Commission, nonprofits, service providers, and residents to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and further develop collaborative programs. The Human Services Division will have capacity to provide technical assistance and training to nonprofit fiscal staff, develop sustainable funding and evaluate project outcomes. The end beneficiary of the homeless service system is people experiencing homelessness, who are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic as low-income and socially vulnerable individuals. The direct beneficiary of this project is the workforce that works with people experiencing homelessness.

The CSW coordinated entry staff seek to engage, assess and refer households who are houseless and least likely to connect with traditional homelessness services. When looking at the data, those individuals are more likely to be BIPOC than when compared to the general population of people experiencing homelessness. Having CSW's who are culturally aware, knowledgeable about culturally specific groups/agencies, trauma-informed and focused on harm reduction assists in reducing inequities.

The HMIS system is vital in collecting demographic data that helps to identify and track inequities within the homeless system. An annual report is released related to system inequities and specific equity related queries are commonly pulled to inform grants, programs, conversations and questions.

**Output:** Housing and homeless service provision in Lane County.

**Outcome:** Low-income and socially vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness, a population disproportionately impacted by COVID, have increased access to basic needs and homeless assistance services.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## HR: COVID-19 Policy Research and Implementation



**Project ID:** ARPA031

**Funding amount:** \$105,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will provide funding for an additional position in the Department of Human Resources, Division of Labor Relations. This is based on the continued and extremely heightened activity regarding COVID-19 and the impacts to the work in HR regarding research, policy, and labor relations. This staff person will assist in high level research, drafting of policy development and presenting recommendations on policies to small groups and/or County leadership as needed. In addition they will be responsible for outreach to area partners and comparators on a variety of COVID impacts of labor negotiations and policy development. They will perform complex research on new mandates and impacts to PECBA regarding subjects of negotiations. The position will also take on lower level work of the Labor Relations Manager with supervisors on grievances and disciplines. The support will also apply the equity lens to development of policy and outreach to area partners on labor matters.

To date, this staff person has continually monitored COVID-19 legislation at the federal and state levels, in conjunction with Lane County Counsel staff and staff in the Lane County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This staff person has helped develop policies for Lane County employees regarding: COVID-19 absences, use of leave, flexible scheduling, federal/state COVID leaves, bereavement leave including updates when federal, CDC or Oregon Health Authority guidelines changes; masking, physical distancing and barriers; vaccination and exceptions; COVID-19 testing for approved vaccine exceptions; temporary teleworking. This staff person participated in impact bargaining with unions regarding implemented policies related to COVID-19. This staff person develops and updates the Frequently Asked Questions resource, as well as a website for employee information and supervisor/manager information. They act as a facilitator for regular COVID-19 debriefs among County leadership, serve as a member of the Joint Information Center in the Lane County Emergency Operations Center providing communications to the community through social media outlets, and provide support to Public Health through establishing agreements with unions regarding staffing to support COVID-19 response efforts.

**Output:** Hire one (1) FTE.

**Outcome:** Lane County will better serve all employees by understanding the implications of COVID on labor policies. Equity lens will be increasingly used in policy related to labor matters.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Lane County Adult Corrections Facility & Technology Upgrade



**Project ID:** ARPA034

**Funding amount:** \$17,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project funds Capital Investments and Physical Plant Changes to the Lane County Jail Facility to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This project provides desperately needed physical and technological upgrades to the facility to maintain a safe and secure environment for the public, staff, and adults in custody. The improvements will reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting unneeded person-to-person contact within the adult corrections facility. The common services remodel will provide additional space for pre-trial service to increase the ability to social distance while also increasing efficiency in facility operations. The facility upgrades will reduce the amount of business visitors entering the facility by increasing remote technology. Housing areas will be upgraded with business kiosks for virtual visits with visitors such as attorneys, and interview booths for mental health staff. This project will upgrade the central control system with new PLC switches, fire alarm panels, uninterrupted power supply, audio/video systems, and an electronic key distribution system.

The improvements will create a safer environment for the adults in custody and staff. Providing improved Wifi and remote access to services will increase accessibility of healthcare, mental healthcare, communication, and education for those incarcerated. Research shows that people of color are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system, so people of color will have increased access to these services from this project.

The development of remote access booths increases the access and ability for community organizations that focus on different aspects of incarceration to work with individuals in custody. The improvement to Wifi allows the adults in custody to have more resources and access through tablets to education and communication with family and advocates. The increased ability to communicate with resources, whether legal or rehabilitative, will serve all inmates including those historically and systemically impacted by the criminal justice system.

**Output:** Physical plant changes to Lane County Jail that respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Outcome:** Increased health and safety of adults in custody, staff, and the community.

**Equity Outcome:** The improvements will create a safer environment for the adults in custody and staff. Providing improved Wifi and remote access to services will increase accessibility of healthcare, mental healthcare, communication, and education for those incarcerated. Research shows that people of color are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system, so people of color will have increased access to these services from this project.

The development of remote access booths increases the access and ability for community organizations that focus on different aspects of incarceration to work with individuals in custody. The improvement to Wifi allows the adults in custody to have more resources and access through tablets to education and communication with family and advocates. The increased

ability to communicate with resources, whether legal or rehabilitative, will serve all inmates including those historically and systemically impacted by the criminal justice system.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Lane County Services Funded by Car Rental Tax



**Project ID:** ARPA042

**Funding amount:** \$632,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lane County experienced a reduction in revenues from the car rental tax program. This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unless otherwise directed by the Board through the budget process, car rental tax revenue goes into the County's General Fund. The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund and supports a multitude of the County's core services including public safety, public health and general government services such as elections, assessment & taxation and internal support services.

**Output:** This project will provide funding to General Fund services.

**Outcome:** Continued provision of government services.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Community Health Center Dental Services



**Project ID:** ARPA043

**Funding amount:** \$1,914,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will provide funding for the Community Health Center (CHC) of Lane County's Dental Prevention Program. The program serves children in Head Start, Early Head Start, Preschool Promise, Relief Nursery, elementary and middle schools throughout Lane County. Prevention clinics with portable equipment are set up onsite at all participating schools. These clinics offer dental hygiene assessments, teeth cleaning, fluoride varnish treatments, sealants, and education. Homecare packets include toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. Services are provided twice a year.

**Output:** Two dental prevention clinics for children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start, Preschool Promise, Relief Nursery, elementary, and middle schools throughout Lane County.

**Outcome:** Increased oral health in at-risk low-income children.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Environmental Health



**Project ID:** ARPA044

**Funding amount:** \$647,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will provide funding for Lane County Environmental Health, a section within Public Health. Environmental Health programs and services assure countywide control of health hazards through licensing and inspections of restaurants and other licensed facilities. Environmental Health programs and services benefit the entire community, including: county residents, tourists, visitors, and businesses. Anyone who eats food prepared in a restaurant, temporary food booth, or institutional setting (such as a commissary or cafeteria), or swims in a pool, benefits from the inspection process.

**Output:** Licensing and inspections of restaurants and businesses.

**Outcome:** Healthy environments that meet environmental requirements.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Parole and Probation Supervision Services



**Project ID:** ARPA045

**Funding amount:** \$314,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for the Parole and Probation Division due to the loss of supervisor probationer fees. Parole and Probation Officers provide supervision to approximately 3,200 people who have previously been incarcerated per year. Supervision efforts are concentrated on offenders who are statistically most likely to commit new crimes. Contacts between offenders and supervising officers include home and office visits, employment checks, law enforcement checks, searches, random urine tests for drug/alcohol use, and polygraph tests to monitor compliance with conditions of supervision. As risk to re-offend decreases, offender contact is reduced. Additionally, each offender is informed of the opportunity to access a full array of services to reduce risk of reoffending such as counseling and treatment.

**Output:** Provision of Parole and Probation supervision services.

**Outcome:** Services and supervision holds people accountable and strives to reduce the likelihood that they will commit more crimes.



**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

### Lane Events Center



**Project ID:** ARPA046

**Funding amount:** \$1,905,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for the operations of the Lane Events Center. The Lane Events Center promotes the Vibrant Community aspect of the Lane County Strategic Plan and serves as a vital resource in emergency response. The Lane Events Center hosts events year round that drive economic and community development for residents and tourists. The Events Center also serves the County during times of crisis. The buildings and grounds have been used for emergency vaccination clinics (i.e., H1N1, COVID), human and animal evacuation sheltering, as a disaster resource center, a warming center and a "shelter-in-place" site for the unhoused, as well as hosting Lane County Circuit Court proceedings to accommodate social distancing during COVID.

**Output:** Continued operations of the Lane Events Center, a driver of local economic activity and emergency response asset.

**Outcome:** Continued economic activity in Lane County.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

### Land Management Division



**Project ID:** ARPA047

**Funding amount:** \$343,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will provide funding for the Lane County Land Management Division, which conducts code compliance, building safety programs, and land use planning. These services promote the Vibrant Community and Safe, Healthy Community aspect of the Lane County Strategic Plan.

**Output:** Continued land use planning, code compliance, and building safety program implementation.

**Outcome:** Land used in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.



## Medication Assisted Treatment Program



**Project ID:** ARPA048

**Funding amount:** \$965,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, which is used to treat substance use disorders as well as sustain recovery and prevent overdose. Lane County's Medication Assisted Treatment Program serves clients that would not be able to receive treatment in other parts of our medical community due to their inability to pay or health coverage. MAT is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. Medications used in MAT are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and MAT programs are clinically driven and tailored to meet each patient's needs. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders, and for some people struggling with addiction, MAT can help sustain recovery. MAT is also used to prevent or reduce opioid overdose.

**Output:** Medication Assisted Treatment continued operations.

**Outcome:** Prevention of substance use relapse and sustained recovery.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Behavioral Health Services and MLK Education Center



**Project ID:** ARPA049

**Funding amount:** \$209,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for two programs. Lane County Behavioral Health (LCBH) Services is a public mental health provider whose mission is to enhance individual and family wellness through integrated care and community connections. LCBH Services encompass a broad array of programs, including treatment for children, families, and adults. Services can be accessed through a variety of programs focusing on mental health issues.

The Martin Luther King Education Center serves middle and high school students who have an active case with Lane County Youth Services (YS). This program is a collaboration between YS and the Lane Education Service District (Lane ESD). Youth Services staff are primarily responsible for campus safety, competency development, and vocational development. Lane ESD staff concentrate on teaching and assisting in academic goals and achievement.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Parole and Probation Services



**Project ID:** ARPA050

**Funding amount:** \$1,174,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project funds Parole and Probation services due to the reduction in Grant in Aid funding. Lane County Parole and Probation (P&P) services strive to achieve lasting community safety through a balanced approach of accountability and rehabilitation. By adhering to the law enforcement code of ethics and high moral standards, P&P officers have a responsibility to exercise self-restraint and be fair and equitable in the application of justice within our community. Working with individuals, they assess risk, needs and barriers to success. P&P officers work collaboratively with clients to develop strength-based plans that aim to navigate pro-social change. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, P&P's population was severely impacted. Some of the limitations created by COVID-19 and the ability to retain its client population include COVID-19 requirements reducing jails space, the ability to process clients due to closures or reductions through the legal system, and restrictions established through COVID-19 to protect the Parole Officers and clients.

**Output:** Continued parole and probation services.

**Outcome:** Reduced recidivism, increased compliance with release agreements.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Lane County Parks



**Project ID:** ARPA051

**Funding amount:** \$241,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for Lane County Parks, a part of Public Works, which oversees 20+ parks, 15+ landings and campgrounds, and boat marinas across Lane County. As stewards of Lane County's natural diversity and outdoor recreation, thriving parks and natural areas connect residents to our rivers, reservoirs and natural features, protecting resources for future generations. Lane County Parks Division manages, sustains, and enhances Lane County Parks and natural resources, promoting the Vibrant Community aspect of the Lane County Strategic Plan.

**Output:** Continued operations of Lane County Parks.

**Outcome:** Continued economic vibrancy of Lane County Parks.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Phoenix Treatment Program

**Project ID:** ARPA052



**Funding amount:** \$67,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project provides funding for the Phoenix Treatment program, which is licensed as a 16-bed multi-gender Behavioral Residential Services Program (BRS) by the Oregon Health Authority and as a Child Caring Agency by the Department of Human Services. The Phoenix program provides a safe therapeutic residential setting for youth involved with Lane County Youth Services. The program employs the Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement (TIER) System, a research-based model that offers an effective alternative to compliance-focused behavioral management system. TIER is strength-based, focused on teaching skills that are effective in motivating positive behaviors, and redirecting unsafe and unhealthy behaviors. The goal for each youth is the reduction of risk-assessment identified risk factors predictive of continued delinquent behavior and the creation and strengthening of protective factors that improve overall functionality and reduce criminogenic. Services are delivered in a way that integrates a gender-responsive, culturally- sensitive, trauma-informed, and age-appropriate or developmentally-appropriate approach.

**Output:** Continued operation of Phoenix Treatment Program.

**Outcome:** Reduction of risk and unhealthy behaviors in vulnerable youth.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Lane County Roads

**Project ID:** ARPA053



**Funding amount:** \$1,157,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project funds the maintenance and preservation of County roads and bridges. Lane County Public Works staff maintain and preserve a safe and effective road system for public use, as well as planning, designing, contracting and administering projects which promote the Safe, Healthy County, Vibrant Community and Robust Infrastructure aspects of the Lane County Strategic Plan.

**Output:** Continued maintenance on Lane County roads.

**Outcome:** Safe Lane County roads.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Veterans Services



**Project ID:** ARPA054

**Funding amount:** \$25,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project funds Veteran Services activities to increase community members' access to VA health care services and direct monetary benefits thereby decreasing need for their reliance on other community services. The Lane County Veterans Services Program serves the nearly 30,000 veterans, as well as their dependents, and survivors that live within Lane County. Veteran Service Officers are accredited VA representatives who advocate for our community's veterans, and their families, to ensure they receive all entitlements provided by Federal and State law.

**Output:** Advocacy for local veterans.

**Outcome:** Increased local veterans' access to VA health care services and direct monetary benefits.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Law Library



**Project ID:** ARPA055

**Funding amount:** \$77,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project is funding Lane County's Law Library, which provides services to the public including legal reference and research assistance, local referrals and resources, circulation of materials to attorneys, and contains a comprehensive print collection with particular emphasis on Oregon law. The Law Library is currently focused on enhancing physical space accessibility for improved accessibility of their services.

**Output:** Publicly accessible Law Library and services.

**Outcome:** Accessible legal reference and research resources.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Parks Water and Sewer Infrastructure

**Project ID:** ARPA059



**Funding amount:** \$4,277,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project replaces water and sewer infrastructure at four of Lane County's most utilized parks- Richardson, Orchard Point, Baker Bay, and Armitage Parks. The water and sewer systems in these parks were constructed over sixty years ago and are falling into disrepair. This project addresses deferred maintenance and will mitigate increasing costs for emergency repairs. As more people seek outdoor recreation and gathering opportunities to limit the spread of COVID-19, ensuring that Lane County parks have water and sewer infrastructure remains vitally important.

Functioning and well-kept Parks are one of the criteria for the Vibrant Communities Strategic Priorities of Lane County, which was developed via collecting community input using a variety of methods to ensure all sub-groups of the communities were included in shaping the County mission.

Improving the water and sewer infrastructure of the Parks will not only add to its functionality but also relieve staff from day-to-day leak fixes to work on other areas that can improve the value of Parks and making it more vibrant.

**Output:** Repairs and replacement of water and sewer infrastructure at four Lane County parks.

**Outcome:** Continued available supply of water and sewer infrastructure at Lane County parks.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Permanent Supportive Housing and Associated Supportive Services

**Project ID:** ARPA060



**Funding amount:** \$443,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project funds a portions of housing operations and services for three Permanent Supportive Housing projects that serve chronically homeless individuals who have been unhoused during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the Commons on MLK, 1100 Charnelton (The Nel), and Project Turnkey (Bridges on Broadway), which is currently being utilized by survivors of the Holiday Farm Fire (one of the 2020 Labor Day Fires).

The services provided at these permanent supportive housing developments are necessary to sustain housing for people at high risk of serious complications from COVID-19. The purpose is to directly support individuals experiencing homelessness, a population that continues to grow and is uniquely and extraordinarily vulnerable during a pandemic. ARPA funding for this project will result in more individuals being placed into permanent housing by providing critical Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing inventory. This project serves a

population disproportionately impacted by COVID, low-income and socially vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness.

The funds make it possible for local non-profits to provide permanent, supportive housing and supportive services, including behavioral and physical health to people who have extensive histories of homelessness and are more likely to die living on the streets in Lane County. This includes people of color, people with the very lowest incomes, people who do not speak, read and/or write English, people with substance abuse challenges and people with chronic and severe health and behavioral health challenges. Residents of The Nel and MLK Commons are referred through Lane County Coordinated Entry. These individuals all received a housing assessment through a street outreach team, front door assessment site or coordinated entry staff. Once an assessment has been conducted those with the highest assessment score are placed on a coordinated waitlist. Placement of individuals for The Nel is directly from this waitlist. Placement of individuals for MLK Commons is from the waitlist and the individual must be enrolled in the FUSE program for frequent systems of care utilizers.

Data related to both The Nel and MLK Commons are entered into the HMIS system. Data reviewed to assess inequities includes demographics of individuals referred but not moved into either complex and/or a permanent supported housing complex. Demographics of people who exit the PSH program in a positive or negative way, based on HUD definitions are also reviewed. Based on the information, system and program changes are proposed to reduce inequities.

**Output:** Supportive services provided in permanent supportive housing projects.

**Outcome:** Number of people served by supportive services in permanent supportive housing projects.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices..

## COVID Refrigeration Trailer for Emergency Morgue Capacity



**Project ID:** ARPA063

**Funding amount:** \$85,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project funds the acquisition of a refrigeration trailer to be utilized for fatality management and to decompress the hospital morgue during emergency events. A trailer will enhance the temporary holding capacity of Medical Examiner's office as well as hospital deceased cases, which consistently fill up. This will also give a larger storage capacity prior to mortuary service delivery. Mortuary services are often running near capacity and often need 6 hours or more lead time to process the decedents they have before they can accept more.

**Output:** Lane County will acquire a refrigerated morgue trailer for emergency use.

**Outcome:** Increased emergency morgue capacity for bodies awaiting examination and autopsy.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Nonprofit Provider Network Capacity Building

**Project ID:** ARPA064



**Funding amount:** \$1,426,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Nonprofit staff that provide direct services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness have experienced increased turnover, difficulty retaining and hiring staff, and other workforce difficulties. This project funds and directly correlates to Lane County's housing and shelter goals by increasing nonprofit provider network resources through technical assistance, training, and staff recruitment and retention which are necessary to effectively reach our goals. A listening session was held in March 2022 to learn more about local agency capacity building needs and written feedback was provided and a number of one-on-one meetings were conducted to gain feedback.

The activities of this project will provide a fully functional homeless crisis response system that has capacity and proper training to serve those most in need during this time of recovery. County staff will work in collaboration with the Human Services Commission, nonprofits, service providers, and residents to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and further develop collaborative programs. The Human Services Division will have capacity to provide technical assistance and training to homeless service nonprofit staff resulting in improved project outcomes. The overall beneficiary of the project is people experiencing homelessness, the direct beneficiary is nonprofits impacted by COVID.

Agencies will have an opportunity to respond to two separate request for proposals (RFPs) in order to receive capacity building funding. The first will be for technology that increases their capacity. This may include a management system, laptops, tablets, operating systems, finance systems, etc. The second RFP will be for general capacity building and will support costs like consultants, trainings, technical assistance, and planning processes. Arrangements are being made to invest in a few targeted cohorts to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion or small business supports with local agencies already providing these supports. Non-profits will have a chance to sign-up once details are finalized and outreach for attendees is being conducted. Progressing diversity, equity and inclusion is a highlighted goal in both RFPs and the cohorts. Applicants will identify how they may do that based on their currently focused and/or proposed work.

**Output:** Lane County Human Services Division staff will provide technical assistance, training, and staff recruitment and retention assistance to nonprofits that provide services to households experiencing homelessness.

**Outcome:** Nonprofits will have increased recruitment and retention of essential staff. Homeless service projects will have improved outcomes.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.



## COVID Portable UV Disinfecting Lights Equipment



**Project ID:** ARPA069

**Funding amount:** \$236,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will fund equipment to disinfect cells and dayrooms in between uses by adults in custody, conference rooms and other areas occupied by staff. The ultra violet disinfecting light Arc model and Micro UV model are a mobile whole-room and small area UV-C disinfection system that destroys over 99.99% of viruses, bacteria, and mold in large and small spaces in only a few minutes. The UVC Disinfection works against COVID, influenza, C Diff, MRSA, E coli and Norovirus. The devices automatically generate and transmit usage data via LTE connection. The data can be accessed via a dashboard to track compliance to ensure and provide evidence that hospital-grade UV-C was used to keep staff and Adults in Custody safe. The Arc model will be used to disinfect cells and dayrooms in between uses by Adults in Custody, conference rooms and other areas occupied by staff in Corrections, Patrol, and Administration.

Lane County Sheriff's Office purchased 6 large sanitizing stations for use in large areas of the jail and Police Services. These machines use UV lights to disinfect exposed surfaces in an area up to 3,500 sf. in 5-60 minutes. These units have proven effective in greatly reducing SARS-CoV-2 from surfaces. This is an efficient means of cleaning larger areas in a short amount of time saving staff time and exposure risk.

The department also purchased eight portable units that can be used to quickly disinfect a vehicle. Before these machines were purchased, if there was a possible exposure to COVID-19, the vehicle would be taken to a vendor for professional cleaning. Each cleaning incurred a cost of \$150.00 and the vehicle was out of service during the time it took to clean.

**Output:** A total of 6 large units (designed to clean and disinfect entire rooms) and 8 mobile units (designed to disinfect small spaces like cells and vehicles) purchased.

**Outcome:** Decreased staff time spent on manual disinfection, higher efficiency disinfection, reduction in chemical disinfectant use, reduction in the amount of PPE required for handling chemicals, preventing the spread of COVID-19.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Shelter and Navigation Services for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness



**Project ID:** ARPA070

**Funding amount:** \$4,560,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project will increase opportunities for safe and healthy non-congregate shelter and socially distanced congregate shelter for homeless individuals and families including those medically fragile as they transition to permanent housing. This project serves a population disproportionately impacted by COVID, low-income and socially vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness.

Access to shelter project services happens through Coordinated Entry. Those who have the highest level of vulnerability are prioritized for shelter through these projects. For the Navigation Center, this is determined by VI-SPDAT score. For the Brooklyn Street, Bridges on Broadway, and Motel 66 projects, entry is prioritized based on the risk of complications from COVID-19. Individuals are referred to Coordinated Entry through outreach teams, at various community based organizations, and specific Front Door Assessor agencies. Specific outcomes to close racial equity gaps are not identified for all projects; however, Lane County actively pursues funding opportunities at the state level to address shelter equity access issues for the Spanish speaking and Latinx population. Lane County currently has an MOU in place with a culturally specific organization, specifying our desire to work toward bridging any service gaps to this population. The Latinx population make up nearly 12 percent of the total number of unhoused individuals in Lane County. These shelter projects serve the most vulnerable unhoused individuals in Lane County. Utilizing a coordinated entry system for referrals and shelter access is equitable, in that it ensures that individuals who would typically be screened out of traditional shelters, are served. These projects are also characterized by a low-barrier model, which avoids punitive or arbitrary rules, and rather facilitates an opportunity for engagement and connection to housing resources for those at highest risk of adverse outcomes if left unsheltered.

These funds build capacity of community organizations to engage and provide shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness are overwhelmingly low-income and often experience various disabilities, these challenges cause significant barriers to services. Funding for shelter programs that also provide case management and housing navigation services, such as those offered in the Brooklyn and Navigation Center projects, directly addresses the barriers to service access for these individuals. This is achieved by one-on-one needs assessments and a tailored action plan, where barriers are identified and addressed with the collaborative support of a case manager or housing navigator.

**Output:** Operations and services for the Brooklyn Street Transitional Housing project, hotel sheltering and other alternative shelters.

**Outcome:** Increased number of people accessing shelter.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## South Lane Clinic - Startup Funding Gap

**Project ID:** ARPA074



**Funding amount:** \$250,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** The Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHC) are planning to open a new clinic in Cottage Grove, in a building owned by Lane Community College (LCC). Community fundraising was conducted to cover renovation costs. Construction costs have increased substantially due to manufacturing and transportation disruptions due to COVID. This project provides partial funding to narrow the gap. The Cottage Grove Community Health Center site would bring the first Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) to rural South Lane County. FQHCs provide primary care to low-income, uninsured, rural, and historically disadvantaged populations. The CHC will leverage relationships with LCC at the clinic to provide practicum/hands-on clinical experience for those participating in the Career and Technical Education and Dental Health program through LCC and the South Lane School District to support local students interested in health education careers supporting education and workforce development. Research shows that many rural residents are particularly at risk of health disparities, and this clinic seeks to fill that gap. In particular, local service providers and educators in Cottage Grove that work with the Mayan Guatemalan immigrant community estimate that there are close to 2,000 Mam speaking Guatemalans- including U.S. born children of migrant parents- in the Cottage Grove area. The project has been driven through extensive community engagement and partnerships, particularly with Lane Community College and the Oregon Community foundation. The website for this project can be found [here](#).

**Output:** Complete renovation of facility for the first rural Federally Qualified Health Clinic in Lane County.

**Outcome:** Increased access to medical care, career and technical education in the medical field in rural Lane County.

**Equity Outcome:** The South Lane Clinic will be the first Federally Qualified Community Health Center in rural Lane County. This will increase access to medical and dental care for rural residents. By providing medical and dental services in this location, barriers to access related to income, transportation, and English proficiency will be reduced. This project specifically seeks to provide culturally responsive multi-lingual services to the immigrant population in South Lane County.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Talent Acquisition Analyst

**Project ID:** ARPA075



**Funding amount:** \$240,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Lane County, like most employers, has experienced significant workforce recruitment and retention difficulties during the pandemic, while the number of jobs Lane County has sought to recruit has doubled to account for an increase in contact tracing and COVID-response programs.

This project funds the addition of the Talent Acquisition Analyst position to assist in filling some of the County's most critically needed positions in the organization with significant impacts on services to the community. Lane County continually monitors the percentage of applicants that identify as black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), with the goal of exceeding the diversity of the community we serve. This year (2022) the rate of BIPOC applicants has increased by 4% and the Talent Acquisition Analyst role has played a key part in that success. This position will allow the Talent Acquisition Team to give greater focus and attention to proactive recruitment and availability of resources for traditionally marginalized communities. HR has received feedback from hiring managers of the need for additional FTE in the Talent Acquisition area through numerous conversations and requests. Talent Acquisition has also participated in a community conversation regarding the diversity of our workforce and has presented on the current recruitment challenges to the Equity and Access Advisory Board.

**Output:** This project will fund 1 FTE Management Analyst for 2 years to support Human Resources Talent Acquisition.

**Outcome:** Reduced administrative burden of failed employee recruitment. Increase the percentage of black, indigenous, and people of color applicants for Lane County jobs.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Maintain Essential Government Services & Workforce Stabilization



**Project ID:** ARPA082

**Funding amount:** \$2,700,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** As Lane County works to meet the public health and economic needs of the community, the organization is also confronting the need to ensuring the continuation of essential services by maintaining and stabilizing its workforce. In accordance with the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in general revenue, Lane County recognizes the critical services it provides and the passion its employees have demonstrated to providing those critical services even in the face of a public health emergency. This project paid for one-time payments for Lane County employees who then provide services to all residents of Lane County. Retaining employees to provide the service enables the County to serve all residents of Lane County and in particular to focus in the areas of low income and traditionally underserved groups.

**Output:** One-time payments to employees who received the COVID-19 vaccination, who continue to participate in safety protocols under an approved exception, or as a worker retention incentive.

**Outcome:** Increased worker retention.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Holiday Farm Fire Permit Services



**Project ID:** ARPA083

**Funding amount:** \$1,500,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** The 2020 Holiday Farm Fire (HFF) resulted in the death of one Lane County resident, burned through roughly 175,000 acres of land and destroyed 828 structures, including 463 residential dwellings and 30 commercial structures. To assist the community with rebuilding efforts, the Lane County Board of Commissioners directed Land Management Division (LMD) to waive fees for land use, building and sanitation permits for residents rebuilding after the fire. To date, budget impacts to LMD due to HFF staffing increases and fee waivers are approximately \$1.9 million. The fee waiver program is not set to expire until September 2025 and additional staff will be needed well beyond the current fiscal year to respond to the volume of permit and inspection requests. The total projected financial impact of the Holiday Farm Fire is approximately \$5.6 million.

Permitting fees per construction (or rebuilt) vary based on a lot of factors (such as home size, property location and type of permit). On average, it costs around \$7,200 for a typical house (single family stick-built home) in Lane County to receive all permits for building a house. This means that over 208 permits to rebuild entire homes were issued through the \$1,500,000 ARPA funding received for Holiday Farm Fire Permit Services.

All property owners who have had structural damage to their property due to the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire are eligible for the Fee Waiver.

People can visit the Holiday Farm Fire website (<https://mckenzierebuilds.org/fees>) to get latest updates on the project. Additionally, Land Management staff notify applicants at time of permit submission. With the fee waivers, Land Management Division of Public Works aims to close the socio-economic gap and provide financial assistance for temporary housing and rebuilding of damaged or destroyed homes.

**Output:** This project allocates \$1.5 million in ARPA funding to the Land Management Division to offset the Holiday Farm Fire related costs.

**Outcome:** Permit fee waivers to rebuild 208 entire homes for survivors of the Holiday Farm Fire.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Economic Development



**Project ID:** ARPA084

**Funding amount:** \$722,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** This project addresses the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on small businesses, especially those located in rural Lane County. Project funds four unique components to support community and economic development. This includes Spanish-language and culturally specific business resource navigation services, construction-aggregate sector career and technical education, technical assistance for manufacturers, and regional small business incubation services. Latino small business owners and employees have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. COVID-19 also highlighted the pre-existing disparities that Latinos in our community face, including barriers Latino business owners encounter when attempting to access support and resources. This growing community is integral to Lane County's economic viability and diverse culture.

**a) Huerto de la Familia Business Resource Navigation Services (\$150,000)**

This project supports Huerto de la Familia's Business Resource Navigation Services and leverages previous investments by Lane County and the City of Springfield in this service. Huerto de la Familia serves Latino businesses and employees in culturally-specific and the preferred language of community. Huerto has established a network of Latino-owned businesses throughout Lane County for information sharing and community collaboration. They connect businesses with up-to-date information and resource opportunities, provide technical assistance to help businesses navigate and access resources, including the delivery of the Cambios Business Incubator Program; and assist Latino business owners with confidential business advising planning, and resiliency preparation; in addition to providing webinars and workshops on pertinent business topics.

In the time since the initial partnership with Huerto began, their Business Resource Navigation Services have connected businesses countywide with critical resources including personal protective equipment, emergency financial relief, and technical assistance. These services have saved existing businesses and jobs impacted by the pandemic, as well as created new businesses and jobs as entrepreneurs look to pivot. Huerto has demonstrated a unique ability to help Latino business owners overcome many of the institutional barriers that prevent underserved communities from accessing standard resources.

The program maintains a waitlist of up to 100 students for their Cambios Business Incubator Program. This project will support the 12-week Cambios Business Incubator Program, which has a waitlist of over 100 students. This support will double the number of times the program is offered annually from twice to four times. This project will also allow Huerto to purchase materials and equipment for participants, develop a scholarship fund for low-income participants, and continue to develop instructors and community leaders. Most importantly, the increased and continued two-year commitment from Lane County gives Huerto the stability to focus on service delivery and building

internal capacity, rather than spending precious resources on continuous efforts to win competitive grants.

Project has not yet started, as contract was executed July 11, 2022.

**b) Lane Workforce Partnership Construction-Aggregate Sector and Career and Technical Education Partnership (\$130,000)**

Lane County has long partnered with the Lane Workforce Partnership (LWP) to help launch several industry sectors. One of the region's strongest and most established sectors has been the local Construction-Aggregate (C-A) Sector. Construction trades have played a key role in Lane County's economy for many years and their continued growth is forecasted for generations to come. Over 1,100 C-A employers work in Lane County and employ over 8,000 people and the C-A industry sector's annual wage (\$58,219) is considerably higher than the average annual Lane County wage of \$45,199. The C-A sector also holds opportunities to improve regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and connect student populations with work in trades programs.

Lane County and LWP recently partnered to support Lane Education Service District's (LESD) application for Career Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization Funds for the creation of a regional support system to strengthen and enhance our local CTE Construction Trades Programs of Study through the Constructing a Brighter Future Project. This CTE Revitalization Grant will prioritize removing barriers for student populations that are not able to access local trades programs and connect our schools with specific projects and community and industry partners that address a workforce, social, and community issue. The grant will also provide ongoing support in the development of trades programs to meet skill ready employment opportunities for the sustainability of the Lane County C-A sector. Funds will create two new positions, and Construction Program Manager (CPM) at LWP, and a Construction Navigator at LESD. The CPM will focus on the workforce elements of the project and work to connect CTE participants with active opportunities in the A-C sector, with an emphasis on housing projects and related trades.

LESD was awarded the grant, however the grant will only cover 50% (\$130,000) of the CPM position and related activities for 18 months. This project provides a match of \$130,000 for the 18 month period to fully fund the position (salaried and benefitted) and its work.

Participating community partners have been identified and confirmed ongoing project involvement. Partners include: SquareOne Villages, Everyone Village, One Hope, Lane ESD, Lane Workforce Partnership, 12 Lane County school districts, and Lane Community College. Multiple meetings have taken place, with more on the schedule. Project will be working with students across Lane County in both urban and rural communities. Planning is still underway for outreach efforts. No students will be served until school resumes in September 2022. School professional development days are planned for late August, where school instructors will work with housing members to build prototype structures.



**c) Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP) Technical Assistance Fund (\$150,000)**

This project adds \$150,000 to the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) operated by Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP), a 501(c)(3) non-profit. This aids manufacturers and spurs economic development in Lane County. The TAF is used to reduce the financial cost of OMEP's services for eligible businesses by up to 50% (up to a maximum of \$10,000), but could cover a greater amount on a case by case basis if a business was in financial distress. OMEP's service offerings and program areas are extensive and can include a full-service intensive 1:1 assistance and/or organizational changes with consultants on site weekly. OMEP also offers a cohort model for manufacturers who may not have the needs for a full project, or where several manufacturers have a shared issue. Cohort models typically serve 5-10 companies over a 4 month period with individual check-ins and classroom style trainings. Recent cohorts include: Tools for Conscious Leadership, Food Safety Modernization Act, and Workplace Preparedness for COVID-19.

The initial pilot of the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) is nearly exhausted, but has proven successful and helped several Lane County manufacturers adapt and thrive. Its success has also inspired other communities to partner with OMEP to create their own regional TAF programs. This investment will allow OMEP to meet the great need for continued technical assistance for new and existing manufacturers in Lane County. OMEP's flexible and broad approach enables them to work with all types of manufacturers in rural and urban settings. Continued and expanded funding for the Lane County TAF ensures manufacturers county-wide are able to access OMEP's critical services as our region shifts into a post-pandemic economy.

OMEP just completed PCQI training in Salem and were able to subsidize the class fee for 9 Lane County attendees. This certification is vital for food manufacturers to complete food safety documentation that is required by regulators and 3rd party auditors. OMEP has also identified two potential leads. Both are at very early stages and may or may not benefit nor be interested in working with OMEP. Five urban businesses have been served thus far.

**d) Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) Expansion of Services and Programs (\$242,000)**

Since 2015, Lane County has partnered with the Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) to deliver entrepreneurship support services to rural Lane County. RAIN is a nonprofit organization that finds and connects entrepreneurs and small businesses with resources that include: programs, training, talent, mentors, workshops, equipment, spaces, incubators, accelerators, and access to capital opportunities including loans, grants, equity, and crowdfunding. From 2015 to 2019, Lane County invested \$25,000 per year in RAIN's services. In 2020 and 2021, Lane County increased its funding to \$40,000 per year in response to RAIN expanding services into more rural Lane County communities. In the time since, RAIN has continued to expand to all rural Lane communities (with the exception of Junction City). This project will provide an additional 2 years of funding for RAIN services in rural Lane

County. Rural communities in Lane County have also contributed match funds to support RAIN services, however those resources are heavily constrained and limited.

RAIN has proven to be one of the few technical assistance providers that meets rural Lane County entrepreneurs where they are. This ability to engage in rural, for rural has helped many entrepreneurs overcome barriers created by geography or limited resources. In the time since 2015, the RAIN model has had a significant impact on rural Lane County and successfully connected entrepreneurs with capital, mentors, and physical space to launch new businesses.

**Output:** Investments in culturally responsive economic development programs including the Cambios Business Incubator Program for Latino businesses, career and technical education for living-wage construction-sector jobs, technical assistance for local manufacturers as they adapt to a post-pandemic economy, and rural business acceleration and assistance.

**Outcome:** Increased economic development opportunities diverse communities in rural Lane County.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Community Grant-Making



**Project ID:** ARPA085

**Funding amount:** \$3,000,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** The creation of the Community Grant opportunity directly arose from community feedback (over 1,800 responses to a survey). Lane County will issue grants to community-based nonprofits and public agencies who did not receive direct ARPA allocations, to assist organizations as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will assist organizations to provide services to individual members of the community who were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those individuals who were disproportionately impacted. Grants will leverage existing public and private partnerships, provide gap or “last mile” funding for projects that already have significant community investment, and focus on projects that address mental health services and affordable housing.

The Request for Applications was posted on May 16, 2022. The opportunity was shared widely by local news and organizations, including those that collaborate with culturally-specific and smaller nonprofits. A total of 71 applications were received. Applications will be scored in July and August 2022.

**Output:** Grants to community based nonprofits and public agencies.

**Outcome:** Increased economic recovery in Lane County.

**Equity Outcome:** Lane County is prioritizing communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 public health emergency for these grants. Applications eligible for ARPA funding will be evaluated using different criteria, one of which is equity. Applications must successfully demonstrate that

the organization and project have significant commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and promote equitable outcomes through an equity lens or similar critical analysis. Applicants score higher when their organization demonstrates a significant commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Applicants score higher if their project serves only rural Lane County residents. Applicants score higher if they serve historically marginalized and disproportionately impacted communities. The scoring criteria should lead to funding projects that significantly address equity gaps.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.

## Youth Suicide Prevention



**Project ID:** ARPA086

**Funding amount:** \$165,000

**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1- Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Between fall 2021 and spring 2022, Lane County experienced a significant increase in suicide deaths among youth and adolescents – a suicide point cluster. Funds will be used to purchase and distribute lethal means restriction materials (gun safes, medication lockboxes etc.) to schools, healthcare providers, and other relevant youth serving organizations. Funds will also purchase materials for suicide intervention trainings aimed at general community members, educators, healthcare providers and others. Funds will hire a Community Health Analyst I (.5FTE) to develop suicide intervention curricula for schools to deliver to students in Lane County.

The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County will provide consultation on the distribution of lethal means restriction materials and training opportunities. In the design, piloting and implementation of curricula, we will request feedback from students, teachers and families to ensure that the curricula is appropriate and fitting with the values of the communities it will be used in. This project will build capacity in underserved communities by providing evidence-based curricula on a topic that is very difficult for most educators to address. We will not only create this curricula, but prepare educators to use it sustainably.

**Output:** Purchase materials directly and distribute them as necessary to support ongoing youth suicide prevention efforts. Train students, teachers, and community members on youth suicide intervention.

**Outcome:** Decrease youth suicide in Lane County. Create safer environments, increase youth, community member and provider access to knowledge and skills resources, supplement the negative impacts of the pandemic on school and family budgets to purchase these materials.

**Equity Outcome:** Youth mental health has been severely impacted by the pandemic. This work directly addresses that impact. Research suggests that migrant populations, ethnic, and sexual minorities present a higher risk of suicidal behavior compared to the general population.

**Use of Evidence:** Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services does not require reporting on evidence-based practices.