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GENERAL OVERVIEW

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented, widespread harm to the citizens of Nassau County, NY. Beyond the immeasurable loss of life due to COVID-19, Nassau households and businesses faced ongoing economic challenges associated with job loss, unanticipated childcare needs, cost of living increases, and supply and demand constraints. To protect the health and safety of its residents, the State of New York issued crowd capacity measures, mask mandates, and reduced operations for “non-essential” businesses, all of which led to negative economic impacts across Nassau County and were especially devastating to the County’s low to moderate-income and middle-class workers. As seen across the world, even businesses that remained open experienced hardship as most residents took public health precautions by reducing their time spent in public places. Some of these challenges are ongoing.

Nassau County plans to boost the local economy through a variety of programs by utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Nassau County received \$385 million under the U.S. Treasury’s SLFRF program. The funding was disbursed in two allotments – the first was received by the County on May 19th, 2021, totaling \$192.5 million and a second was distributed on June 9th, 2022. Nassau County has appropriated \$186.6 Million to date for various recovery programs. The County will continue to support residents and/or county industries by expanding existing services or providing new services and programs that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts. Nassau County programs will distribute funding to programs in the following areas:

- Economic Development Recovery Programs designed to help small businesses and nonprofit agencies, promote tourism and workforce development, and provide technical assistance;
- Public Works Programs to invest in water conservation and wastewater infrastructure;
- Health and Human Services Programs to support public health expenditures and nonprofit service providers;
- Direct Assistance to Households to support individuals and families; and
- Veterans Support Grants to assist veterans support non-profits (501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organizations that have experienced a financial loss or hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency and subsequent recovery.

To ensure efficient and effective delivery of recovery programs, Nassau County launched the Boost Nassau Resource Center in June 2021, a centralized location for information and guidance on the various ARPA-funded programs to support residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, veterans’ organizations, and others that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Resource Center, located in Eisenhower Park, will provide guidance both in person and through an online portal on the multitude of resources and direct assistance - including grants, loans, and rental assistance, available to residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations within the community.



II. USES OF FUNDS

Nassau County downtown businesses rely on residents and regional visitors shopping at small businesses on main streets, such as restaurants, movie theaters, and service and retail establishments. Pandemic-induced non-essential business closures and capacity restrictions caused drastic reductions in spending downtown, which led to loss of revenue and permanent closures of many downtown businesses. Where possible, many small businesses attempted to pivot to online commerce, but struggled as they lacked the technical skills and equipment to do so. As a result, small businesses have endured layoffs, furloughs, and steep income losses.

The financial stress on Nassau County residents was further exacerbated by additional costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as new/additional childcare costs, healthcare costs, household personal protective equipment, and increased utility costs. Low - to moderate-income households are disproportionately impacted, as they already suffer from pre-existing economic challenges such as limited credit access, lower mobility and access to opportunity, and lack of affordable housing.

Nassau County, recognizing the imminent need to stabilize the local economy has allocated funding to respond to the public recovery funding sources made available through the CARES Act, ARPA, and other federal legislation such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG CV), Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Federal Transit Assistance, 2020 Nassau County Police Department COVID-19 Response Grant, Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental, and FEMA Public Assistance to address ongoing public health needs and maximize the County's economic recovery. SLFRF funds have also been appropriated to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs, which not only create new jobs to bolster the local economy but also address ongoing challenges the County experiences from climate change.

a. Public Health (EC 1)

Nassau County acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in mental health crises, elevated suicidal ideation, and substance abuse. Existing behavioral health service providers and nonprofit organizations currently supporting the County's Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmentally Disabled have been directly working with behavioral health patients since the start of the pandemic to address these increased needs. Nassau County has appropriated \$3.6 million of SLFRF funds to assist these agencies to respond to ongoing behavioral health needs throughout the community. Behavioral Health agencies continue to provide services that enable residents with mental illness, chemical addictions and/or developmental disabilities to maintain their well-being, recover from addictions, and live safely and successfully in the community. Nassau County continues to assess the need for additional funding. Details can be found in the project inventory section.

In addition, Nassau County has allocated \$4,500,000 to support COVID-19 disinfecting efforts in County facilities to ensure continuity of operations and protect the health and safety of employees and the public.



b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

Nassau County has taken a comprehensive approach to addressing the negative economic impacts within the community. The County has appropriated over \$150 million to support a variety of programs, including grants and loans to support small businesses and nonprofits most impacted by the pandemic, assistance for the tourism industries, and a program that provided direct assistance to households in need. Further, to help businesses and residents navigate these resources, the County has also allocated \$1 million for the Resource Center to assist small businesses, nonprofits, and households navigate COVID-19 recovery resources. Additionally, \$1.5 million has been allocated to fund regional and local partner organizations, including universities, downtown business organizations and chambers of commerce, in providing technical support and planning assistance to “main street” and downtown small businesses. Activities are expected to include targeted workshops, peer networking, informational sessions on digital marketing and e-commerce. With these investments, Nassau County hopes to support businesses not only with stabilization and recovery but also with building the capacity and resilience necessary to thrive in the future.

The County has also dedicated substantial resources to supporting community nonprofits, many of which served disproportionately impacted residents of the County, such as the elderly, youth populations, individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders, and individuals with mental health conditions. Additionally, the County has allocated \$2 million to support community veterans’ organizations that provide services to veterans and community members alike.

Recognizing the effects COVID-19 had on summer and student employment opportunities, the County has also developed a program that will provide paid internship opportunities to local college students. The program will provide students with hands-on experience that will translate into employment skills while also closing the opportunity gap that was created by the pandemic.

Finally, realizing that workers most impacted by pandemic-related economic conditions tended to be the least able to withstand hardship, the County has appropriated \$10 million to support workforce training and development in Nassau County as well as support for local school districts. By developing partnerships with businesses, local economic development organizations and colleges and universities, the County seeks to remove long-standing barriers to success by connecting underemployed and unemployed individuals impacted by the pandemic with workforce training opportunities, such as:

- Apprenticeship programs for various key skilled workers needed in the construction and building trades, including training and educational programming for private and public sector jobs;
- Enhanced entrepreneurial skills training and development to encourage key industry growth and expand opportunities for small businesses; and
- Retraining and upskilling programs.

The multi-pronged approach to economic recovery was designed to facilitate both individual and small business success and recovery.



c. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)

Recognizing the urgency of the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, Nassau County has not allocated funds or created projects dedicated to public sector capacity at this time. As the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the County may pursue projects that support public sector workforce and capacity in the future.

d. Premium Pay (EC 4)

Nassau County has not allocated SLFRF funds towards premium pay projects at this time.

e. Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)

Nassau County has leveraged existing programs and State funds to meet the County's most critical infrastructure needs through the SEPTIC Program and Water Conservation Program. These programs are designed to educate residents, businesses, and water suppliers on ways existing infrastructure and practices are harmful to the environment and provide affordable options to reduce demand on potable water and the groundwater aquifers to improve the quality of the region's surface water quality. Similar, a SLFRF funded program is in effect that assists residents and small businesses replace outdated, decentralized septic systems, which will help protect the County's environment and improve regional water quality. Additional details can be found in the Project Inventory section.

f. Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

Nassau County has calculated and reported revenue loss as required by U.S. Treasury beginning Quarter 1, 2022. At this time Nassau County has not made the determination to utilize SLFRF funds to replace government revenue due to COVID-19.

III. PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Residents and businesses across Nassau County have faced significant and widespread harm because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to health impacts including hospitalization and loss of life, negative economic consequences were widespread and resulted in particularly severe financial hardship to small businesses and residents with lower incomes. This disparity was consistent with national trends of disproportionate impact to those with the fewest resources and the lowest capacity to withstand economic disruption. Widespread harm was also magnified by local economic factors such as high housing costs.

Nassau County remains committed to promoting equitable outcomes and access to services to reduce racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic disparities. Furthermore, Nassau County is looking to relaunch an Office of Health Equity and creating the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion division of the Human Rights Commission.



Efforts to Promote Equitable Outcomes

a. Goals

Nassau County has prioritized several programs that will directly assist historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups.

County-wide, the hospitality industry was hardest hit by the pandemic's economic impacts, resulting in a disproportionate impact to those employed by the industry within the County. Across all sectors, workers without higher education have experienced higher rates of job loss. In response, the County has prioritized workforce development and assistance to small businesses as primary uses of available funding.

Other funding priorities serve to directly support residents who are part of traditionally disadvantaged groups, including veterans, the elderly, and those facing behavioral health challenges. A significant investment has been earmarked for expansion of health and social services programs, with a focus on providing services to members of particularly vulnerable groups with increased needs created by the pandemic, including domestic abuse and child protection services as well as emergency food, clothing, and shelter assistance.

b. Awareness

As part of its overall recovery strategy, Nassau County created Boost Nassau, a multichannel outreach effort designed to facilitate efficient and equitable access to resources. The Boost Nassau Portal is the online centralized location for businesses and residents to learn about and apply for assistance through a variety of programs. The Boost Nassau Resource Center is staffed with trained resource coordinators, including multilingual employees, who can direct residents and businesses to appropriate resources. The Resource Center is outfitted with computer kiosks and staff is available to assist the public with submitting an application in the Portal. Since a significant portion of the SLFRF funding will be directed through nonprofit organizations, these entities are well-positioned in the community to reach out to new and existing clients to raise awareness of service availability.

c. Access and Distribution

Significant planning has occurred with the intent of minimizing or eliminating any barriers to access. By utilizing multiple channels for service delivery, both centrally through the Boost Nassau Resource Center and in a distributed manner through various subrecipients and nonprofit beneficiaries, all Nassau County residents and businesses should have equal access to program resources.

d. Outcomes

From the beginning of the recovery planning process, enhancing equity has been central to the County's resource prioritization. All programs that have been identified for funding address needs experienced by members of disadvantaged groups and seek to assist residents and businesses in overcoming disproportionate negative impacts related to the pandemic.



Prioritizing Equity

a. Goals and Targets

Nassau County intends to use a variety of SLFRF programs to promote equity and enable an equal economic recovery for all residents after the COVID-19 pandemic. The County is pursuing these economic and racial equity goals through a variety of means. For instance, the Household Assistance Program, which delivered direct economic assistance to households under an income threshold, was designed to minimize administrative burdens and eligibility criteria, which ensured the most disadvantaged groups were benefited. This achieves the goal of guaranteeing impacted residents receive assistance from SLFRF programs in a quick, efficient manner with minimal effort on behalf of the beneficiary.

Further, the County is targeting SLFRF programs towards historically disadvantaged groups by providing relief to numerous nonprofit organizations that work directly with disadvantaged groups, such as individuals with mental illness, substance abuse disorders, at-risk youth, vulnerable elderly populations, and disadvantaged veterans.

The County's Boost Nassau Resource Center is designed to reach historically underserved groups to increase access and awareness of SLFRF funded programs. Further, programs have been developed to provide grants and technical assistance to community small businesses, which are historically disproportionately owned by minorities and women relative to larger businesses. These programs enable a more equitable economic recovery for small business owners and the communities that rely on their goods and services.

As with past programs, future SLFRF funded programs will continue to place a goal on achieving an equitable recovery for the community.

b. Project Implementation

A core component of Nassau County's strategy to achieve an equitable recovery is by focusing relief efforts on addressing negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As detailed further below, Nassau County has dedicated considerable resources to meet equity goals. For example, the Boost Nassau Resource Center was designed to be accessible to residents living in historically disadvantaged communities to increase access and awareness of SLFRF funded programs.

The County implemented a Household Assistance Program that provided cash assistance to impacted households. The program was designed to minimize administrative burden to encourage at need residents to apply for the benefit and ensure much needed economic relief was delivered efficiently.

Nassau County has implemented a variety of programs intended to assist impacted and disproportionately impacted individuals, households, and communities as they recover from the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, Nassau County utilized fiscal recovery funds to provide direct cash relief to households throughout the County in response to the economic harm they experienced. Further, the County is implementing several programs to assist unemployed individuals gain the skills necessary to succeed in a post-pandemic economy. Programs



are also being implemented that will provide technical assistance to small businesses, offer aid to disproportionately impacted industries, and provide grant assistance to small businesses that have suffered economically. The County is also implementing a program to assist nonprofits, including veterans' organizations, that have experienced harm caused by the pandemic as they saw their revenue decline while demand for their services increased.

Nassau County has also used fiscal recovery funds to support a resource center that connects individuals, households, business, and nonprofits with the support they need to ensure an equitable recovery.

Promoting Equity Using Data

Nassau County has a history of robust program oversight and monitoring, including collection of performance data appropriate to the specific project. With regard to proposed SLFRF projects, existing and proposed metrics are currently being identified as part of the project selection process. Along with required performance indicators and programmatic data, these metrics will facilitate future reporting on outputs and will allow the analysis necessary to examine outcomes with a specific focus on how well the projects promoted equitable outcomes and furthered the County's broader equity goals.

Distribution of Funding

As project selection is ongoing, no data exists yet on geographic and demographic distribution of funding. The overall program priorities direct SLFRF resources toward those within the County who have experienced the greatest impacts from the pandemic and demonstrate the most need for assistance in order to experience meaningful recovery.

IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nassau County has begun an extensive engagement process as part of a study seeking to explore the disparate impacts of COVID-19 on minority communities, with a particular focus on barriers to health care delivery. In addition, the County Legislature has held several hearings regarding appropriation and utilization of SLFRF funds.

At the center of Nassau County's strategy for use of ARPA recovery funds is the Boost Nassau Resource Center and Portal. This initiative continues to facilitate direct community engagement with affected individuals and businesses, removes barriers by making multi-lingual support available, and promotes awareness for COVID-19 recovery programs.

The County is adopting a multi-leveled approach to program delivery that will also encourage community engagement. Existing programs that have proven to be successful at engaging participants with need are being expanded, while opportunities for creation of new programs are targeted when need is identified. The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 inspired the County to relaunch the Office of Health equity and creating the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion division to support long-term recovery and growth from the Pandemic.



V. LABOR PRACTICES

At this time, Nassau County has not designed infrastructure or capital expenditure projects that would require the promotion of strong labor standards. Despite this, the County recognizes its obligation to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to labor practices. The County intends for these compliance requirements to be memorialized as part of any agreement relating to infrastructure or capital expenditure projects. Furthermore, all County construction contracts would adhere to the applicable requirements of Federal, New York State, and County Law.

VI. USE OF EVIDENCE

The County's decisions regarding use of SLFRF funding have been and will continue to be guided by principles that place a high value on ensuring inputs from a variety of sources, setting broad goals, capturing program outputs, conducting meaningful analysis, and evaluating program outputs against overall goals.



PROJECT INVENTORY

VIII. PROJECT ESARP3100: BOOST MAIN STREET SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$20,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.29-Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Timeline:	July 2021 – Funds Exhausted/Program Closeout
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County is supporting small businesses and nonprofits that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic – including retail and service businesses – and need financial assistance to continue to operate or be able to reopen as allowed by law during the crisis. Last year, the County launched the Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program which supports a wide range of small retail businesses and nonprofit organizations by utilizing \$20 million awarded from the SLFRF funds. Grants of \$10,000 per business are awarded to eligible businesses with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. Eligible funding uses include commercial rent or mortgage payments, purchase of inventory/supplies, utilities, property taxes, lease, or purchase of equipment, operating and emergency maintenance, etc.

The program follows Nassau County’s successful Restaurant Recovery Grant Program (RRGP), funded through a supplemental grant of federal Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV). RRGF successfully funded over \$2 million in grants to more than 250 full-service restaurants and banquet halls with catering staff from December 2020 to June 2021. These grant awards supported 1 in 5 full-service restaurants (250 of 1,257).

The Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program provides grants beyond the restaurant/banquet hall sector, recognizing the extent of economic harm felt by the County’s small businesses. Grants are provided to eligible small businesses across industry sectors, to include retail, personal services, manufacturing, and nonprofit organizations [501(c)(3)]. The Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program has been initiated with approximately \$939k in CDBG-CV funds and is supported with \$20 million in SLFRF funds. The grant program, administered by a subrecipient, is expected to provide grants to approximately 1,000 small businesses. The grant application was designed to ensure compliance with U.S. Treasury guidance and the County will ensure no duplication of benefits will be claimed under SLFRF and CDBG-CV.



Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The County selected an existing vendor to administer this program as a subrecipient through an existing contract with the County. The Scope of Work has been amended to include all requirements to comply with U.S. Treasury guidance.

Nassau County is responsible for overseeing the agreement with the subrecipient. This includes but is not limited to:

- Ensuring the subrecipient follows all contract requirements and complies with federal requirements under U.S. Treasury guidance.
- Collects data from the subrecipient to monitor the progress of the program.
- Reviews reports provided by the subrecipient to evaluate their compliance and effectiveness with the program requirements.

Per the general requirements of the subrecipient agreement, the subrecipient will market the availability of funds, manage the application process, and distribute funds in accordance with program policies and procedures mutually agreed upon by the subrecipient and the County. In matters of disagreement, the Nassau County OCD will make the sole and final determination of program requirements.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program assists small businesses – including retail, service businesses, and nonprofits – who experienced negative impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Many of these small businesses need financial assistance to continue to operate or be able to reopen as allowed by law during the crisis.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury’s Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics are reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship:

- Number of Small Businesses Served

As of June 30, 2022, 1,503 small businesses have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



IX. PROJECT ESARP3101: BOOST NASSAU SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 RECOVERY LOAN PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$10,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.29-Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial
Timeline:	September 2021 – TBD
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County is supporting small businesses and nonprofits that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic – including retail and service businesses – with a loan program. Nassau County will utilize \$10 million of SLFRF funds to create a Boost Nassau Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program to support businesses and nonprofit organizations with 200 or fewer employees.

The program will provide stabilization loans at low interest rates over an extended term. The program will follow on the heels of the County's successful "Boost Nassau Small Business Loan Program" which was capitalized with CDBG-CV and Nassau County Local Economic Assistance Corporation funds. The loan program proposes a working capital loan with a one percent interest rate for ten years but is waiting for further guidance from the U.S. Treasury to utilize funds beyond December 31, 2026.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The County is in the process of selecting a subrecipient who will administer the loan program on behalf of the County. The County is anticipating the selection of a subrecipient upon further guidance from the U.S. Treasury. Nassau County will be primarily responsible for overseeing the agreement with the subrecipient. This includes but is not limited to:

- Ensuring the subrecipient follows all contract requirements and complies with federal requirements under U.S. Treasury guidance.
- Collects data from the subrecipient to monitor the progress of the program.
- Review reports provided by the subrecipient to evaluate their compliance and effectiveness with the program requirements.



Intended Outcomes

The Boost Nassau Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program plans to assist small businesses – focusing on retail and service businesses - who experienced negative impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Many of these small businesses need stabilization loans to continue to operate or be able to reopen as allowed by law during the crisis. The County seeks to prioritize relief funding to Small and MWBE businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury’s Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship:

- Number of Small Businesses Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence- based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



X. PROJECT ESRAP3102: BOOST NASSAU TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERS AND GRANTS PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.29-Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Timeline:	August 2021 – funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County allocated \$1.5 million of SLFRF funds to launch the Boost Nassau Technical Assistance Partners and Grants Program which will fund a variety of regional and local non-profit and business organizations, including universities and chambers of commerce, to engage in initiatives and programs providing technical assistance, training resources and promotional activities to support Nassau’s small businesses and downtown recovery, including:

- Outreach to small businesses - including MWBEs and service-disabled-veteran owned businesses (SDVOBs) - concerning available recovery resources.
- Technical assistance to businesses with applications for grants and loans; and
- Facilitate workshops with targeted communities and downtown businesses to foster peer networking, informational sessions on digital marketing, e-commerce, sales strategies, and other eligible activities.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The County is in the process of selecting subrecipients to receive SLFRF funding to support Nassau County’s small businesses and downtown recovery. For new project proposals submitted, the County has selected a consultant to establish an evaluation process to review proposals as they are received to verify the proposal against programmatic allowability. Nassau County will be primarily responsible for overseeing the agreement with the subrecipient. This includes but is not limited to:

- Ensuring the subrecipient follows all contract requirements and complies with federal requirements under U.S. Treasury guidance.
- Collects data from the subrecipient to monitor the progress of the program.
- Review reports provided by the subrecipient to evaluate their compliance and effectiveness with the program requirements.



Intended Outcomes

The Small Business Technical Assistance and Planning Program will provide nonprofit and downtown business organizations with funding to support business development, training resources, and promotional activities to boost local retail activity in the downtowns - including support for online sales, social media marketing, etc.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship:

- Number of Small Businesses Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XI. PROJECT ESARP3103: BOOST NASSAU RESOURCE CENTER: STAFFING, SUPPLIES, AND AD BUY

Funding Amount:	\$1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.30 - Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
Timeline:	June 2021 – funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County launched a centralized location for information and guidance to the various programs awarded SLFRF funds to support residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, school districts and others that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Boost Nassau Resource Center, located in Eisenhower Park, provides guidance in person, over the phone and through an online portal to the multitude of resources and direct assistance - including grants, loans, and rental assistance. The SLFRF funding will support temporary/seasonal staffing, technology needs and promotional efforts for the Center.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The County intends to spend the majority of this SLFRF allocation on temporary staff for the Resource Center. The remaining allocation will support technology needs and equipment as well as promotional efforts. Boost Nassau Resource Center staff has been coordinating with other County offices, community partners and subrecipients to ensure there is a broad reach to Nassau County's constituents about the resources and programs available.

Intended Outcomes

The new Boost Nassau Resource Center provides a one-stop-shop for residents, businesses, nonprofits organizations, school districts and others seeking guidance to secure recovery aid through existing county, state, and federal programs to aid economic recovery.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship:

- Number of Small Businesses Served



As of June 30, 2022, 2,634 small businesses and 27,583 residents have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XII. PROJECT ESARP3104: BOOST NASSAU TOURISM PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$600,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
Timeline:	June 2022 - funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1291/Visit-Nassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Under the Boost Nassau Tourism Program, Nassau County plans to aid the tourism, travel and hospitality industries in Nassau County that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program will fund a targeted marketing and promotional campaign in an effort to increase overall tourism throughout Nassau County following the closures and decreased numbers of visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Focusing on the existing Leisure and Hospitality sector of the County funds will be used to promote parks, museums, concerts, etc. targeting visitors from the tri-state area.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County plans to aid the tourism, travel and hospitality industries in Nassau County using an existing vendor who will provide a marketing plan and promotion campaign, including media buys and event promotion. The marketing will laud the County's hotels, beaches, golf courses, restaurants, cultural centers, etc. and will include reference to the Visit Nassau webpage. The webpage will highlight the events and spaces in Nassau County. Nassau County's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Museums will oversee all contracts for this program.

Intended Outcomes

Nassau County plans to highlight Nassau's museums, cultural institutions, natural assets, downtowns, and sports teams to bring more visitors and revenue to the area. The Boost Nassau Tourism Program will help economic recovery for these industries from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, and Hospitality:

For each subaward:



- Sector of employer
- Purpose of funds

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XIII. PROJECT ESARP3105: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Funding Amount:	\$10,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

The Nassau County Workforce Development Program allocated \$10 million of the County’s SLFRF funds to assist workers who are unemployed due to the pandemic or the resulting recession, or who were already unemployed when the pandemic began and remain so due to the negative economic impacts, through the following initiatives:

- Apprenticeship programs for various key skilled workers needed in the construction and building trades including training and educational programming for private and public sector jobs.
- Enhanced entrepreneurial skills training and development to encourage key industry growth and expand opportunities for small businesses and MWBEs; and
- Retraining and upskilling programs through Nassau’s local colleges and universities, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and other institutional partners.

The Workforce Development Program may include stipends to qualified individuals to promote their return to work by addressing barriers to workforce re-entry such as unmet costs for childcare, transportation, and other living expenses.

More details for the Workforce Development Program are still being developed by the County for final approval by the Legislature.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partner

The Nassau Workforce Development project will most likely be implemented through Nassau’s local colleges and universities, BOCES, and other institutional partners. The Nassau County OCD is still developing a framework for this project and is working with community stakeholders to design a program that is effective and meets the County’s intended outcomes. Selected subrecipients to administer this program will be monitored by the Nassau County OCD.

Intended Outcomes

Nassau households and businesses face ongoing economic challenges associated with job loss, increased childcare costs, and cost of living increases due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Workforce



Development Program would help the unemployed population of Nassau County find much needed job assistance and training in order to reenter the workforce. The program would include apprenticeships for various skilled workers needed in the construction and building trades. Additionally, small businesses could enhance their entrepreneurial skills to encourage growth in their industry and retraining and upskilling programs through Nassau’s colleges and universities. The program would help the unemployed population by providing educational tools, skills, and training to return to the workforce and promote economic recovery throughout the County.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury’s Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers:

- Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs
- Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs
- Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs
- Number of people employed post training

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence- based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



XIV. PROJECT ESARP3110: SEPTIC GRANT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$3,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5.3 Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
Timeline:	July 2021 - funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5191/Nassau-Septic

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County launched a septic system replacement program for residents and small businesses called Septic Environmental Program to Improve Cleanliness (SEPTIC). The SEPTIC program provides grant funding to eligible recipients to replace a conventional or failing septic system with an innovative and alternative onsite wastewater treatment system. With the additional \$3 million in SLFRF funding, Nassau County has matched funding available through the existing SEPTIC Program with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC).

The County's existing program offers grants for homeowners or small businesses to install state-of-the-art nitrogen reducing septic systems reimbursing 50 percent of the costs and caps the award for each property owner at \$10,000. This program is supported by a \$2 million grant from NYSEFC. Replacing these systems can cost between \$22,000 to \$25,000. The resulting out-of-pocket expense for residents is viewed as a deterrent to moving forward with the upgraded system.

To incentivize greater participation, Nassau County is utilizing the SLFRF funds as a match to the NYSEFC grant, increasing the total award to \$20,000 per property owner. Nassau County residents and small businesses that discharge less than 1,000 gallons a day of wastewater are eligible for grants to install these new septic systems. The new SEPTIC Program is much more appealing to applicants. Additionally, the County has partnered with the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District to administer the grant program.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District, who manages the current program, will also administer the program through expenditure of all available funding.

Nassau County's Soil and Water Division will provide oversight to the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District. Consumer Affairs will verify all contractors that will install new septic tank systems to ensure they are registered and in compliance with County regulations. The Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District will administer this program through the existing SEPTIC Program.



The scope of work has been amended in compliance with federal regulations set forth by the U.S. Treasury.

Intended Outcomes

By matching the existing SEPTIC grant program, the replacement of septic systems for property and business owners becomes a more affordable option. With the Nassau County SEPTIC Program, residents can replace existing systems with new, individual Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) designed to remove nitrogen. When professionally designed, sited, installed, managed, and maintained, these new septic systems provide a cost-effective and environmentally sound alternative to sewers in areas that are outside designated sewer areas. These systems significantly reduce nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand, and total suspended solids, before being discharged below grade to leaching structures.

I/A OWTS can provide greater performance reliability and reduce the number of pump outs for homeowners that currently pump out their wastewater systems more than once per year. Advanced technology known as clean-water septic systems can remove up to 90% of nitrogen from sewage. Clean-water septic systems would restore Long Island's commercial fishing, boating, and recreation industry.

Contribution to Climate Change

Tens of thousands of homes in Nassau County rely on conventional septic tanks or cesspools to dispose of human waste. Even when working as designed, effluent from these systems allows nitrogen, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals to pass through Long Island's sandy soils and into bays and harbors. Nitrogen pollution can result in harmful algal blooms, fish kills, and beach closures while groundwater is left contaminated by household chemicals. The SEPTIC Program would address the harmful effects of nitrogen pollution to restore Nassau's ecosystem and mitigate threats to public health and hurt local businesses.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 5.3 Cleanwater: Decentralized Wastewater:

- Projected/actual construction start date (month/year): 9/13/2021
- Projected/actual initiation of operations date (month/year): 9/13/2021
- Location: Nassau County, NY
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund): Not Applicable
- Public Water System (PWS) ID number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund): Not Applicable
- Median Household Income of service area: \$120,036
- Lowest Quintile Income of the service area: \$22,000



Use of Evidence

Treasury guidance does not require reporting on the amount of funding dedicated to evidence-based interventions for projects within this Expenditure Category. Nassau County is committed to ensuring responsible use of recovery funds to ensure that infrastructure projects funded under with SLFRF resources represent a lasting investment in building strong, resilient communities. As such, the county intends to gather and analyze programmatic data and performance metrics in order to determine and validate outcomes.



XV. PROJECT ESARP3111: WATERVISION MULTI-YEAR REGIONAL GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$6,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5.8 Clean Water: Water Conservation
Timeline:	September 2021 – September 2026
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Throughout the United States, water use is declining per capita even as populations increase. However, water use continues to increase per capita on Long Island. Nassau County plans to utilize \$6 million in SLFRF funds to develop and implement a multi-year groundwater conservation program for the Long Island region. WATERVISION is a Groundwater Conservation Pilot Program for Nassau County to address policy and practices that will identify the primary causes of excessive water use and provides specific solutions for reducing demand and controlling the most significant sources of water waste. The County will seek ways to lower regional water demand, lay the foundation to change the water use culture on Long Island, and advance needed technology and water infrastructure to conserve groundwater.

Additionally, groundwater contamination from legacy pollutants as well as emerging contaminants such as 1,4-Dioxane continue to impact the county's public water supply wells. Providing funds to water suppliers to address current contamination and future emerging compounds will protect the only source of drinking water in Nassau County. Grants up to \$50,000 will be provided to water suppliers for:

- Study, planning/design of emerging contamination occurring within the water district; Purchase of equipment, materials and supplies to advance to removal of emerging contamination from the water supply of the district;
- Installation of equipment to advance removal of emerging contamination from the water supply;
- Purchase of support equipment such as Information Technology (IT) related to systems integral to treatment process within the district's distribution system;
- Development of operations manuals/guidelines/materials for use by water supplier personnel specifically pointed to the removal of emerging contamination;
- Maintenance activities of systems already online and removing emerging contamination. Such activities may include the removal of spent materials used in the treatment of contamination, or the purchase of new materials to be used in the treatment process, such as Activated Carbon; and
- Defray the cost of laboratory testing for emerging contaminants.



Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County plans to hire consultants/private contractors to collaborate with staff from County departments on the administration of the conservation program.

Up to \$1.5 million of the total project budget will provide grants up to \$50,000 to each of the eligible public and private water suppliers in Nassau County to assist with costs associated with treatment and removal of emerging contaminants such as 1,4 Dioxane and PFO/PFOA's (perfluorooctanoic acid). The water suppliers are tasked with constructing expensive water treatment facilities in order to meet Federal, State and local drinking water standards specific to removing these emerging contaminants.

Intended Outcomes

WATERVISION is a comprehensive Regional Groundwater Conservation Plan that supports groundwater conservation to benefit all Nassau residents. The multi-year program will provide a step-by-step strategy to monitor, measure, and enforce water demand.

Contribution to Climate Change

Throughout the United States, per capita water use is declining, even as populations increase.¹⁶ This trend has been observed in New York City, in part due to a successful conservation program. On Long Island, however, per capita water use continues to increase. Climatological predictions show a trend toward increasing extreme weather on a global scale, including increased periods of decreased precipitation. The long-term trend is already apparent in the western half of the country.¹⁷ According to the New York Times, 84 percent of the West is now in drought, with 47 percent rated as “severe” or “extreme.”

This multi-year plan will build on the identification of the primary causes of excessive water use and provide specific solutions for reducing demand and controlling the most significant sources of water waste. It will ask for measurable reductions in water demand in million gallons per day across Long Island.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 5.8 Clean Water: Water Conservation: Treatment:

- Projected/actual construction start date (month/year)
- Projected/actual initiation of operations date (month/year)
- Location
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund)
- Public Water System (PWS) ID number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund)



- Median Household Income of service area
- Lowest Quintile Income of the service area

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

Treasury guidance does not require reporting on the amount of funding dedicated to evidence-based interventions for projects within this Expenditure Category. Nassau County is committed to ensuring responsible use of recovery funds to ensure that infrastructure projects funded with SLFRF resources represent a lasting investment in building strong, resilient communities. As such, the county intends to gather and analyze programmatic data and performance metrics to determine and validate outcomes.



XVI. PROJECT ESARP3121: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$3,600,000
Project Expenditure Category:	1.12 Mental Health Services
Timeline:	September 2021 - agreements' end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County's Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmentally Disabled (OMHCDDD) has been allocated \$3.6 million under the County's SLFRF funds for behavioral health initiatives which will enhance support to existing mental health, chemical dependency, and developmentally disabled agencies. Identified providers have seen increasing behavioral health needs within the community since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and need additional financial assistance to continue to provide services.

Grants up to \$60,000 will be awarded to fund approximately 39 agencies (totaling \$2,340,000) within the department's Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmentally Disabled divisions to enhance prescribed deliverables consistent with their missions. The remaining balance will be dedicated to new project proposals submitted by behavioral health providers outside of the existing network. All proposals will be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County OMHCDD will award grants of \$60,000 to existing agencies and contracted service providers within the department's Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmentally Disabled divisions to enhance prescribed deliverables consistent with their missions. OMHCDD will amend existing contracts to ensure the scope of work includes federal requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury and monitor all subrecipients of these funds.

Intended Outcomes

Behavioral Health agencies will provide services that enable residents with mental illness, chemical addictions and/or developmental disabilities to maintain their well-being, recover from addictions, function, and live safely and successfully in the community. This funding will allow behavioral health agencies to address the increase in needs seen during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines do not require key performance indicators for this project.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



XVII. PROJECT ESARP3120: VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$2,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Timeline:	September 2021 - agreements' end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

The Nassau County Veterans Support Grant Program is composed of two components. The program was initiated to provide grants to eligible 501(c)3 organizations serving veterans and family members with the vital services they need. With the adoption of the Final Rule, the program was expanded to provide a one-time \$10,000 grants to eligible 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 veterans' posts or organizations that experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nassau County recognizes the unique services veterans' organizations provide to veterans and other community members. Due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, many veterans' organizations were unable to hold events and fundraising drives that are critical to their revenue streams. Meanwhile, many veterans' organizations experienced an increase in cost associated with responding to the public health emergency while some also experienced an increased demand for services.

Veterans' organizations can apply for the grant through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County's Veterans Service Agency will assist veteran nonprofit agencies, VFWs, and American Legion Posts that experienced negative impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Nonprofits receiving these funds provide vital services to veterans and family members, including food, shelter, clothing, and healthcare. Further, many veteran organizations experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic. The County selected an existing vendor as a subrecipient to administer the portion of the program providing grants to eligible veterans' organizations. The Scope of Work has been amended to include all requirements to comply with U.S. Treasury guidance.

Nassau County is responsible for overseeing the agreement with the subrecipient. This includes but is not limited to:

- Ensuring the subrecipient follows all contract requirements and complies with federal requirements under U.S. Treasury guidance.



- Collects data from the subrecipient to monitor the progress of the program.
- Reviews reports provided by the subrecipient to evaluate their compliance and effectiveness with the program requirements.

Per the general requirements of the subrecipient agreement, the subrecipient will market the availability of funds, manage the application process, and distribute funds in accordance with program policies and procedures mutually agreed upon by the subrecipient and the County. In matters of disagreement, the Nassau County OCD will make the sole and final determination of program requirements.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Nassau Veteran Support Program will assist nonprofit agencies, VFWs, and American Legion Posts that experienced negative impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Many of these small agencies need financial assistance to continue to operate and/or reopen safely to provide valuable services to veterans and their families.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XVIII. PROJECT ESARP3123: EXPANSION OF OFFICE OF THE AGING PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$2,750,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Timeline:	September 2021 - agreements' end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County will continue to support nonprofit organizations that currently provide services for senior residents and have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These agencies need additional financial assistance to continue to operate and/or reopen safely. The County proposes to provide funding for existing nonprofit contractors serving senior residents with programs in health, counseling, legal services, home care, transportation, nutrition and recreation. These contractors modified and expanded their services during the COVID-19 pandemic to accommodate senior residents. The County has used the following criteria to assess how much funding existing nonprofit contractors will receive for eligible activities:

- Nonprofits with budgets from \$0 to \$500,000 will receive a 30 percent increase.
- Nonprofits with budgets from \$500,000 to \$1 million will receive a 15 percent increase.
- Nonprofits with budgets over \$1 million will receive a 10 percent increase.

The remaining balance will be dedicated to new project proposals submitted by nonprofit organizations providing services to Nassau County senior residents and are outside of the County's existing network. All proposals will be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The Department of Human Services' Office for the Aging will amend and/or issue funding notices for nonprofit organizations who serve Nassau County senior residents. Funding will be used to modify, enhance, and expand senior services due to the augmented need during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: congregate meals (Senior Center), home delivered meals, case management and in-home services, senior transportation to and from Senior Center, day care/caregiver support, nutrition education/health promotion, health insurance information and counseling, home energy assistance program, weatherization, legal counseling and representation. The funding may include personnel and the purchase of supplies, equipment, and vehicles to support



expanded services. Services must be within the nonprofits approved scope of work and conducted on behalf of the Nassau Department of Human Services. Nassau County will amend existing contracts to ensure the scope of work includes federal requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury and monitor subrecipients of these funds.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Nassau Expansion of the Aging Program will allow nonprofit organizations who support Nassau County senior residents most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to expand and replenish valuable programs such as health, counseling, legal services, home care, transportation, nutrition and recreation.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XIX. PROJECT ESARP3122: EXPANSION OF YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$1,900,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Timeline:	September 2021 - agreements' end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

The Department of Human Services' Office of Youth Services received SLFRF funding to support nonprofit organizations that provide services for Nassau County youth and have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These nonprofit organizations need additional financial assistance to continue to operate and/or reopen safely and are serving youth with educational and academic support, afterschool programs, counseling, youth employment and recreational programs. This expansion will include a 20 percent increase of their existing agreement and budget with the Office of Youth Services.

The remaining balance will be dedicated to new project proposals submitted by nonprofit organizations providing services to Nassau County's youth and are outside of the County's existing network. Proposals will be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

NC DHS Office of Youth Services will administer funding to existing nonprofit organizations for expansion of their services and new nonprofit organizations serving Nassau County youth. This expansion will include a 20 percent increase of their existing contract with the Office of Youth Services. Services must be within the nonprofits' approved scope of work and conducted on behalf of the Office of Youth Services. Nassau County will amend existing contracts to ensure the scope of work includes federal requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury and monitor subrecipients of these funds.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Nassau Expansion of the Youth Services Program will allow existing nonprofit contractors to expand and replenish valuable programs for the county's youths such as educational and academic support, afterschool programs, counseling, youth employment and recreational programs - during the COVID-19 public health emergency.



Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury’s Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence- based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XX. PROJECT ESARP3124: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$10,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Timeline:	September 2021 - agreements' end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County's Department of Health (DOH) will support health and social services nonprofit organizations in the community that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Identified nonprofit organizations need additional financial assistance to continue to provide relief services to the community during the national crisis. Under this program, the County will provide necessary recovery relief to address health and social services challenges caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations in the county.

Nonprofit agencies that address health equity concerns were invited to apply for grant funding to:

- Address ongoing needs including food insecurity, employment services, childcare, domestic violence prevention, child abuse and neglect services, and Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) education and diversion services.
- Provide services for those in the criminal justice system who have co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders with wrap around services. This will be a collaborative effort between Probation, the Correctional Center, Human Service departments, and community-based agencies focused on providing care coordination services for individuals and their families.
- All proposals will be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County DOH has identified nonprofit providers that currently have existing agreements with the County and will provide grants using the following methodology to nonprofits to resume and/or enhance services to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Nonprofits with budgets from \$0 to \$500,000 will receive a 20 percent increase.
- Nonprofits with budgets from \$500,000 to \$1 million will receive a 15 percent increase.
- Nonprofits with budgets over \$1 million will receive a 10 percent increase.



The remaining balance is dedicated to new project proposals submitted by nonprofit organizations providing health and social services to Nassau County residents and are outside of the County's existing network. Proposals will be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal. Nassau County DOH will be responsible for monitoring subrecipients under this program.

Intended Outcomes

Nonprofit organizations receiving funding through this program will continue to provide valuable emergency services to the community during the pandemic including food, shelter, and clothing. Moreover, the agencies will provide an extension of their domestic abuse, foster care, and child protective services.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics will be reported upon program implementation in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

The County may establish additional performance indicators and programmatic data for this project upon program implementation.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.

Reporting on evidence-based interventions is not applicable to this project.



XXI. PROJECT ESARP3010: HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$100 million
Project Expenditure Category:	2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers
Timeline:	September 2021 - When funds are exhausted
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

The Nassau County Household Assistance Program (HAP) assisted residents who experienced negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing qualifying households of Nassau County with a one-time cash assistance payment of \$375. Nassau County addressed the widespread economic impacts of COVID-19 by implementing a cash assistance program that was eligible to households that initially earned fewer than \$500,000 a year. Program eligibility was later adjusted for households earning fewer than \$76,050 in adjusted gross income.

The widespread economic impacts suffered by Nassau County because of the pandemic, coupled with the high housing and other costs in Nassau County, justified the eligibility criteria. This assistance not only provided relief to households, which was the primary goal, but also injected much-needed funding into the local economy, providing a boost to local businesses struggling to re-establish themselves after hardships of COVID-19. The County utilized the HAP Nassau Portal to streamline the application process, Comptroller approval, and distribution of funds.

As of November 2021, 41,925 checks were issued to the resident within the County who received the Enhanced Senior STAR credit. Although the deadline for filing application was 5/15/22, the County is working with the remaining applicants to ensure they meet the criteria to receive this one-time cash assistance.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County selected a consultant to oversee the day-to-day administration of the HAP application process. The selected consultant provided a prompt review of HAP applications and was responsible for:

- Confirmation of annual household income (tax returns)
- Confirmation and validation of place of residence (e.g., address cross-check)
- Perform QA/QC to ensure eligible households have not received a prior HAP benefit.



Intended Outcomes

The HAP program extended much-needed relief to residents covering up to approximately 400,000 households in Nassau, as they recovered from negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the program's goals was to promote spending in Nassau County to stimulate our downtown economies.

One of the intended outcomes of the program was to reduce administrative complexity, which had many benefits, including preserving more money for direct assistance, increasing the speed with which cash relief is received by impacted households, and reducing the risk that households will not apply for assistance due to burdensome documentation requirements. These problems have plagued many post-disaster recovery programs, and the County is committed to avoiding them by creating a simple, efficient, and broadly available program that is easily accessible by impacted households.

Households across Nassau County continue to experience negative economic impacts, leaving them behind on mortgage, rent, and/or utility payments. Providing direct cash assistance with the HAP program supported households by providing additional funds for food security, stable childcare, and adequate housing while getting back to work and paying off outstanding debt.

Key Performance Indicators

As required by U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, the following performance metrics are being tracked and reported in the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers:

- Number of Households Served

As of June 30, 2022, 74,490 households have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



XXII. PROJECT ESARP3130: ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Funding Amount:	\$2,500,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County has allocated \$2.5 million to provide assistance to school districts that were highly impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the health crisis continues to impact all sectors of Nassau's economy, one of the hardest hit is Nassau County's school districts. The school districts acquired numerous expenses due to the cost of adjusting to new protocols and mandates to reopen their doors while keeping students and faculty safe. Expenses - like new HVAC filters, new barriers in classrooms and communal spaces, enhanced cleaning, among many other costs - placed a burden on their budgets.

School districts have avenues for grants and reimbursements but federal funding streams like FEMA Public Assistance or Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) can be difficult to navigate and cumbersome to administer. In order to help districts best utilize available federal recovery resources, Nassau County will provide consulting services to school districts to apply for FEMA PA reimbursement.

More details for this project are still being developed by the County.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will provide direct support to the school districts within the County through this initiative.

Intended Outcomes

The intended outcome is for school districts to maximize utility of available recovery funds.

Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines are not applicable to this project.



Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



XXIII. PROJECT ESARP3131: ADDITIONAL CONSULTING ASSISTANCE

Funding Amount:	\$6,500,000
Project Expenditure Category:	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Timeline:	June 2021—agreements’ end date or December 31, 2026, whichever first
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County has allocated \$6.5 million to procure consultants to support program administration activities on behalf of the County to administer SLFRF funds quickly and effectively to the community. Consultants support the day-to-day oversight and administration of County ARP programs (Boost Nassau, HAP, etc.). Support activities and roles include, but are not limited to, verification of program eligibility and compliance, preparation of program documents, application intake and disposition, and tracking and reporting on program activities to the U.S. Treasury and other agencies.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County provides direct oversight of consulting services through the period of performance.

Intended Outcomes

Nassau County has hired various consulting services to support program administration activities to ensure compliance while expediting the delivery of assistance to the community.

Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines are not applicable to this project.

Use of Evidence

Treasury guidance does not require reporting on the amount of funding dedicated to evidence-based interventions for projects within this Expenditure Category. Nassau County is committed to ensuring responsible use of recovery funds to ensure that projects funded under with SLFRF resources represent a lasting investment in building strong, resilient communities. As such, the county intends to gather and analyze programmatic data and performance metrics to determine and validate outcomes.



XXIV. PROJECT ESARP3140: NASSAU COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION BOARD (VEEB) PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$500,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Timeline:	November 2021 — funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	http://www.veebfsa.org/

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County has allocated \$500,000 to provide a grant to the Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Vocational Education and Extension Board (VEEB) for negative economic impacts of COVID-19 resulting in declines in gross revenue; implementation of COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics, such as changes to enable social distancing or enhanced cleaning efforts; and increased operating costs due to COVID-19's impacts on supply chains.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County is providing grant support to the Vocational Education and Extension Board to minimize the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intended Outcomes

A core goal of this program is to guarantee the Vocational Education and Extension Board is able to minimize the negative impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts in order to continue providing necessary educational activities to members of the community.

Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines are not applicable to this project.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



XXV. PROJECT ESARP3160: ENHANCED COVID-19 DISINFECTING PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$4,500,000
Project Expenditure Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Timeline:	November 2021—funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

In March 2020, the County began extensive disinfecting activities to allow for continuity of operations of the County's essential functions. As the COVID-19 pandemic remains a public health emergency, building disinfecting continues with the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 prevention and mitigation. The County will continue to follow Department of Health and CDC guidelines in relation to COVID-19 and its resulting variants.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County has enhanced internal capacities to allow for extensive disinfecting activities.

Intended Outcomes

To continue vital County operations with minimal interruptions, Nassau County has implemented extensive disinfecting efforts. The goal is to ensure continuity of operations while minimizing the health risks of COVID-19 to employees and the general public.

Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines are not applicable to this project.

Use of Evidence

Treasury guidance does not require reporting on the amount of funding dedicated to evidence-based interventions for projects within this Expenditure Category. Nassau County is committed to ensuring responsible use of recovery funds to ensure that infrastructure projects funded under with SLFRF resources represent a lasting investment in building strong, resilient communities. As such, the county intends to gather and analyze programmatic data and performance metrics in order to determine and validate outcomes.



XIV. PROJECT ESARP3170: SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$250,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Timeline:	May 2022—funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County utilized SLFRF funds to create a program that will provide paid internships and valuable work experience to local students. Allowing them to develop and refine the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Additionally, the program provides an opportunity to explore a career path, gain confidence and transition to a gainful and rewarding career. According to a study by the Center for Research on College-Workforce Transitions (CCWT) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, only about one in five students participated in an internship during the pandemic and roughly one-third of those internships were unpaid. The study also notes “given the financial challenges facing college students today, which range from food insecurity, considerable debt, or even homelessness, compensation is essential to ensure that all students can pursue an internship.”

Under the County’s program, the interns will be employed by the Office of the Human Resources and will be assigned to a department within the Nassau County government, providing them with a hands-on opportunity to participate in public service and learn from Nassau County government leaders.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will provide internship opportunities to local students. The intended outcome is to provide students with hands-on experience that will equip them with useful skills when they enter the workforce.

Intended Outcomes

The intended outcome of the program is to close the gap in internship opportunities that was caused by the pandemic. Due to the pandemic, many students missed out on the opportunity to participate in an internship. This program assists in closing that gap while providing students with an economic opportunity by providing paid summer employment.



Key Performance Indicators

Treasury's Compliance and Reporting guidelines are not applicable to this project.

Use of Evidence

At this time, no SLFRF funds are proposed to be used for evidence-based interventions as part of this project. Although the County intends to collect and analyze data to determine whether project outcomes support overall recovery goals, no rigorous program evaluation designed to build evidence is currently contemplated. Should an evidence-based intervention be proposed during ongoing project selection, this section will be updated appropriately in future reports.



CONCLUSION

Nassau County has invested SLFRF funding into programs that will rebuild the economy, expand health and human services programs, support households, and strengthen the County's infrastructure. As of June 2022, the County has appropriated funding to aid small businesses, nonprofits, and households. Building on existing relationships with community partners that have been used for service delivery throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the County has been able to identify areas of greatest need and has allocated funding in a way that most effectively and efficiently supports post-pandemic recovery efforts.

Nassau County will continue its investment in programs that leverage community partnerships and reach individuals disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County is continuously developing plans in coordination with stakeholders and community input to allocate remaining SLFRF funds to ensure that needs from the pandemic are being addressed throughout the community. Through this comprehensive and measured approach, the County will deliver resources to areas most in need, facilitating recovery across the entire County and building a more resilient community.