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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 have and 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-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, provides 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, allocated funding to respond to the public recovery funding sources made available through the CARES Act, SLFRF, 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) to address ongoing public health needs and maximize the County's economic recovery. SLFRF funds were also 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)

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nassau County 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. As the COVID-19 pandemic transitions to a new phase of management, disinfecting efforts discontinued. Final payments are being made to contractors that supported these activities.

b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

Nassau County has taken a comprehensive approach to addressing the negative economic impacts within the community. The County 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 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 dedicated and delivered substantial resources to support community nonprofits, many of which serve 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 allocated and delivered \$2 million to support community veterans’ organizations that provide services to veterans and community members alike.

In addition, Nassau County acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic 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 worked directly with behavioral health patients since the start of the pandemic to address these increased needs. Nassau County appropriated \$5.6 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.

Recognizing the effects COVID-19 had on summer and student employment opportunities, the County has implemented a program that provides paid internship opportunities to local students. The program provides students with hands-on experience that translates 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 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 facilitates both individual and small business success and recovery.



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

Recognizing Nassau County's role in providing an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, \$2,240,000 is allocated to enhance public sector capacity. Through a combination of efforts, enhanced public sector capacity provides improved interface with County technology infrastructure. It also strengthens Nassau County's goal of enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by funding the Office of Health Equity, which aims to improve health outcomes in the County's minority communities by implement health related programs, education, awareness, and outreach.

\$1,000,000 is allocated to improve technology infrastructure in County departments to increase public access, improve delivery of government programs, and enhance the user experience of when interacting with government systems.

\$585,000 is allocated to hiring staff for the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which would serve as an arm of the Human Rights Commission. The division will be tasked with community relations and training within the workforce. The division will interface with Human Resources, Labor Relations, community, and faith-based organizations. This ensures efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic are shared equally among diverse stakeholders.

\$655,000 is allocated to the Bureau of Minority Health. Efforts are underway to create programming and activities to support health equity and improve health outcomes in the County's minority communities. The Bureau of Minority Health designs and implements health related programs, education, awareness, and outreach to the minority communities of Nassau County. In 2019, the Nassau County administration renamed the bureau The Office of Health Equity. The Office of Health Equity was reestablished in November 2022 with County Legislature approval.

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. Similarly, 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 is discussing the potential of utilizing SLFRF funds to replace government revenue due to COVID-19.



III. PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Residents and businesses across Nassau County faced significant and widespread harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to health impacts including hospitalization and loss of life, negative economic consequences are widespread and result in particularly severe financial hardship to small businesses and residents with lower incomes. This disparity is consistent with national trends of disproportionate impact to those with the fewest resources and the lowest capacity to withstand economic disruption. Widespread harm is 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. Therefore, Nassau County relaunched the Office of Health Equity in 2022 to improve health outcomes across racial and ethnic groups. Nassau County also allocated funds to staffing and creating the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion division of the Human Rights Commission.

Efforts to Promote Equitable Outcomes

a. Goals

Nassau County 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 was made 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 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 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. To further increase awareness, a portion of the SLFRF funding



is directed through nonprofit organizations. Due to the nonprofits' close ties to the community, they are well-positioned to provide SLFRF funded programs to new and existing clients and raise awareness of service availability.

c. Access and Distribution

Significant planning occurred with the intent of minimizing or eliminating 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 uses 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 several 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 targets 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 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 is implementing 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 implemented an ongoing program to assist nonprofits, including veterans' organizations, that experienced harm caused by the pandemic as their revenue declined while demand for their services increased.

Nassau County is using 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 program selection and project application is ongoing, no data exists yet on geographic and demographic distribution of funding. Nassau County prioritizes directing SLFRF resources toward those within the County who experienced the greatest impacts from the pandemic and demonstrate the most need for assistance in order to experience meaningful recovery. Nassau County prioritizes directing SLFRF resources toward those within the County who 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 SLFRF 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-level approach to program delivery that encourages community engagement. Existing programs with proven successful at engaging participants are being expanded, while opportunities for creation of new programs are targeted when need is identified. The disproportional impacts of COVID-19 inspired the County to relaunch and allocate SLFRF funds to the Office of Health equity and create 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 implemented 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. [06]



PROJECT INVENTORY

VII. PROJECT ESARP3010: HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$79,410,000
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 applications was 5/15/22, as of September 2022 an additional 34,176 checks were issued to who met 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 255,000 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 to 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 reported on 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, 2023, 76,101 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.



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

Funding Amount:	\$30,000,000
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 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 by utilizing \$30 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. The Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program was initiated with approximately \$966k in CDBG-CV funds and is supported with \$30 million in SLFRF funds. The grant program, administered by a subrecipient, is expected to provide grants to approximately 2,000 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 Office of Community Development (OCD) will make the sole and final determination of program requirements.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Main Street Small Business Grant Program assisted approximately 2,000 small businesses – including retail and service businesses – 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, 2023, 1,503 small businesses have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to small businesses projects funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



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 Hardship
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.

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. 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

U.S. 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 assistance to small businesses projects funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



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 has selected the Nassau Council Chamber of Commerce to serve as the subrecipient to support the administration of the program. 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: 0

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to small businesses projects funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



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 coordinate 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 Boost Nassau Resource Center provides guidance to businesses about various SLFRF supported programs, including grants, loans, and rental assistance, either in person, over the phone or through an online portal and provides a one-stop-shop for those in need of guidance to secure COVID-19 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:



- As of June 30, 2023, 2,749 small businesses and 31,483 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.



XII. PROJECT ESARP3104: BOOST NASSAU TOURISM PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$2,000,000
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 aids the tourism, travel and hospitality industries in Nassau County that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program funds 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 is aiding the tourism, travel and hospitality industries in Nassau County using an existing vendor who is providing a marketing plan and promotion campaign, including media buys and event promotion. The marketing lauds the County’s hotels, beaches, golf courses, restaurants, cultural centers, etc. and includes reference to the Visit Nassau webpage. The webpage highlights the events and spaces in Nassau County. Nassau County’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Museums oversees 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 helps 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: Tourism
- Purpose of funds: Marketing plan and promotion campaign

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to small businesses projects funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



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:	\$5,000,000
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 \$5 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 \$4.03 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: \$125,696
- Lowest Quintile Income of the service area: \$26,992



Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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 is utilizing \$6 million in SLFRF funds to 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 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 seeks 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 are provided to water suppliers for:

- Study, planning/design of emerging contamination occurring within the water district; Purchase of equipment, materials and supplies to advance the 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 are being reported on 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): 2/22/2023
- Projected/actual initiation of operations date (month/year): 2/22/2023
- Location: County-wide
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund): N/A
- Public Water System (PWS) ID number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund): N/A



- Median Household Income of service area: \$125,696
- Lowest Quintile Income of the service area: \$26,992

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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 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 provides grants to eligible 501(c)3 organizations, VFWs, and American Legion posts that experienced negative impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. This provides eligible organizations with necessary financial assistance to continue to operate and/or reopen safely and 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 are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

As of June 30, 2023, 46 nonprofits have been served by this program.

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



XVII. PROJECT ESARP3121: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Funding Amount:	\$5,600,000
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 Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmentally Disabled (OMHCDDD) is allocated \$5.6 million under the County's SLFRF funds for behavioral health initiatives that 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 are awarded to fund agencies 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 are submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Previously, this program was assigned to Expenditure Category 1.12 Mental Health Services. Recognizing the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic experienced by behavioral health providers, such as decreases in revenue corresponding with increased demands for services, the program was reassigned to expenditure category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations. This allowed economic relief to be delivered to behavioral health providers, which enabled them to continue delivering much needed services to the residents of Nassau County with minimal disruption.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County OMHCDD awards 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.



Intended Outcomes

The program supports the increased demand for services from mental and behavioral health nonprofits, including mental health services, addiction services, mental health clinic services, and developmental disabilities services. It also provides financial stability to negatively impacted mental and behavioral health nonprofits.

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 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

As of June 30, 2023, 37 nonprofits have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



XVIII. 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 includes 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 are submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau 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 for 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.

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 are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

As of June 30, 2023, 44 nonprofits have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



XIX. 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 are submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

The Department of Human Services' Office for the Aging provided funding 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.

Intended Outcomes

The Boost Nassau Expansion of the Aging Program allows 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 are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

As of June 30, 2023, 15 nonprofits have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



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) supports 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 provides 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 last service is a collaborative effort between Probation, Parole, Treatment Court, Human Service departments, and community-based agencies focused on providing care coordination services for individuals and their families.
- All proposals are 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 are provided 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.

Intended Outcomes

The Health and Social Services Grant Program assists health and social services nonprofits who experienced negative impacts from COVID-19, support nonprofit organizations as they continue to provide valuable emergency services to the community during the pandemic including food, shelter, and clothing, and assists agencies as they 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 are being reported on the quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports for projects under Expenditure Category 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations:

- Number of Nonprofits Served

As of June 30, 2023, 24 nonprofits have been served by this program.

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



XXI. PROJECT ESARP3125: OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

Funding Amount:	\$655,000
Project Expenditure Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Timeline:	February 2023—funds exhausted or December 31, 2026
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County allocated funds to the Office of Health Equity, which was first established in 2013 as the Bureau of Minority Health. In 2019, the Nassau County administration renamed the Bureau as the Office of Health Equity. The Office of Health Equity was reestablished in November 2022 with County Legislature approval.

By funding the Office of Health Equity, Nassau County can create programming and activities to support health equity and improve health outcomes in the County’s minority communities. The Office of Health Equity designs and implements health related programs, education, awareness, and outreach to the minority communities.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Funding is provided directly to the Office of Health Equity, which uses financial support to design programs and activities to improve health outcomes in the County’s minority communities.

Intended Outcomes

The intended outcome is to improve health outcomes in minority communities by supporting the Office of Health Equity.

Key Performance Indicators

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



XXII. PROJECT ESARP3126: DIVISION OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Funding Amount:	\$585,000
Project Expenditure Category:	3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County allocated SLFRF funds to hire staff for the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which would serve as an arm of the Human Rights Commission. The division will be tasked with community relations and training within the workforce. The division will interface with Human Resources, Labor Relations, community, and faith-based organizations. This ensures efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic are shared equally among diverse stakeholders.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will work with internal and external stakeholders while hiring staff for the new division.

Intended Outcomes

By staffing the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Nassau County will ensure efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic are distributed equally among Nassau County's diverse population of households, small business, and nonprofits.

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 3.2 Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff:

- Number of FTEs rehired by governments under this authority

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



XXIII. PROJECT ESARP3129: NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Funding Amount:	\$1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

This program will provide assistance to non-public schools that qualified for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As with other learning institutions and nonprofit organizations, Nassau County's non-public schools have experienced negative public health and economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. By providing these institutions with SLFRF funds, the goal is to respond to the negative impacts so they may continue serving current and future generations of students.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will provide direct support to nonpublic schools within the County through this initiative.

Intended Outcomes

The intended outcome is to provide SLFRF funds to impacted 501(c) non-public schools to respond to the negative public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will ensure non-public schools can continue to operate in the community with minimal disruptions.

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

U.S. 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 assistance to nonprofit organizations funded with SLFRF resources represents 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.



XXIV. 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 allocated \$2.5 million to provide assistance to school districts that were highly impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 offered consulting services to school districts to apply for FEMA PA reimbursement.

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

U.S. 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 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 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

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



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

Funding Amount:	\$2,000,000
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 allocated \$2,000,000 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

U.S. 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.



XXVII. PROJECT ESARP3141: FIRE COMM CAD ENHANCEMENT

Funding Amount:	\$450,000
Project Expenditure Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County utilized SLFRF funds to purchase the CrewForce application for Firecom. This application from Tyler Technologies, CrewForce, is an additional information sharing feature to the existing Tyler Technologies CAD (computer aided dispatch) system presently operated by Firecom since 2021.

This will enable new CAD technology to be accessible on MDTs (mobile data terminals). MDTs are in fire chief vehicles, police cars, police ambulances, and fire trucks. It is also accessible on mobile devices, such as smart phones and tablets, which will provide a link between the 71 fire departments and 6 ambulance corps that serve Nassau County. It will permit fire and EMS units using global positioning satellite locators to identify available duty crews so that during countywide emergencies or local emergencies incident commanders can locate available assets across Nassau County and deploy them in accordance with existing mutual aid plans or outside of their existing mutual aid plans.

Further, this technology will allow Nassau County's fire departments and ambulance corps access to all active calls within the Nassau County Fire Service dispatching system, including the primary dispatch agency Firecom, and the independent fire department dispatch agencies. At a more advanced use, it will allow dispatch agencies to provide fire and EMS units turn by turn directions, see call narratives from the dispatcher, and change their statuses from 'enroute' to 'on scene' and more. Additionally, this data can be shared with Nassau County Police Communications Bureau and the Emergency Ambulance Bureau.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will leverage this technology upgrade by working with fire, police, EMS, and other emergency service departments across the County to ensure its benefits are received equally. The Fire Comm CAD Enhancement relies on existing partnerships for successful implementation.



Intended Outcomes

The Fire Comm CAD Enhancement intended outcome is to upgrade communications to share real time information on fire, rescue and Emergency Medical Services call status across the County with all Fire and EMS agencies.

Key Performance Indicators

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



XXVIII. PROJECT ESARP3145: BROADBAND

Funding Amount:	\$1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Timeline:	TBD
Website:	Website Not Available

Project Description

Main Activities

Nassau County allocated \$1,000,000 in SLFRF funds to improve broadband and the technology infrastructure in County departments. This will increase public access, improve delivery of government services, and enhance the user experience when interacting with government systems. Enhancing broadband and related IT systems within Nassau County improves the interaction between County departments and Nassau County's residents.

Further, investing in internal broadband and IT infrastructure increases the ability of residents to access government services online, which decreases the need for face-to-face interactions. This will mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners

Nassau County will work with a variety of IT service providers, contractors, and County departments to implement broadband and IT infrastructure improvements.

Intended Outcomes

The intended outcomes are to improve Nassau County's internal broadband and IT infrastructure, which will improve user experience; enhance public sector capacity to improve Nassau County's ability to deliver government services; and mitigates the spread COVID-19 by decreasing the reliance on in person interactions between government and residents.

Key Performance Indicators

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



XXIX. 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 enters a new phase, building disinfecting operations are discontinued. 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

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

Use of Evidence

U.S. 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 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.



XXX. 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 provides paid internships and valuable work experience to local students. This allows 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 are employed by the Office of the Human Resources and are 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 provides internship opportunities to local students. The intended outcome is for students to gain hands-on experience that will equip them with useful skills when they enter the workforce.

Intended Outcomes

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. The program aims to provide students the opportunity to earn income through a paid summer employment position and provides hands-on experience to students that will



equip them with useful skills when they enter the workforce. The program will partner with area universities to provide internship opportunities to local students.

Key Performance Indicators

U.S. 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 2023, 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.