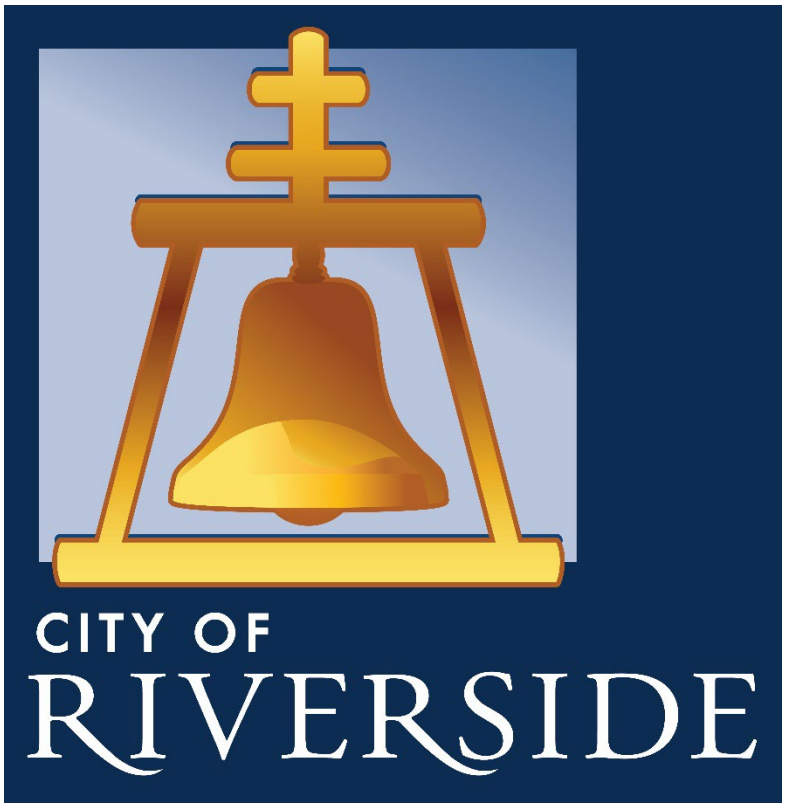

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The City of Riverside (City) has continued with its response to the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our community by designing and implementing a variety of programs ranging from public health and community support to investment in our community infrastructure. In this late-term reporting, projects range from completion to final implementation stages. Projects and programs have been well received by the Riverside community, with thousands of residents benefitting from ARPA-funded services. The funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has addressed many of the negative impacts the pandemic had in the community and allowed for a successful pandemic recovery. The City continues to use the adopted *Riverside Road to Recovery* and the *Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan* to not only implement a successful recovery from the impacts of the pandemic but also strengthen the community and to remain resilient. The above two plans provide a clear roadmap to achieve an equitable and sustainable recovery.

Riverside Road to Recovery:

In May 2020, the Riverside City Council approved the *Riverside Road to Recovery* (Recovery Framework). The City developed the framework to drive recovery in Riverside shortly after the pandemic started. The framework is divided into three phases: Response, Recovery, and Thrive. Within each phase, key categories with broad objectives and implementing actions support the overall goals. The Recovery Framework has guided how State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) are used in Riverside.

The *Recovery Framework* was intended to:

1. Provide a sustainable and resilient post-crisis recovery framework for Riverside's residents, businesses, workforce, and other agencies that remain fluid to changing response activities and regulatory guidelines.
2. Identify ways to combat the pandemic in a meaningful way and identify responses and recovery strategies that are appropriate to the risks and can be sustained over necessary periods.
3. Employ the tools necessary to keep virus transmissions as low as possible while restarting the economy.
4. Identify measures of effective health protection with gradual relaxation of restrictions in the social and economic environment.
5. Establish a strategy to guide the nimble development of implementable actions through a phased approach during the economic recovery.

This Recovery Framework is broken down into five key areas: Economy, Community, Environment – Natural and Built, Internal Organizational Response, and Communication. Under each area of focus, there are identified objectives with corresponding action items and anticipated benefits. These are used to guide the development of implementation items, identify responsible City departments, key partners, community stakeholders, and to establish any necessary timelines and budgets.

The Recovery Framework is meant to be flexible in response to evolving changes of the pandemic and the availability of resources. The Recovery Framework also considers strategies

to mitigate impacts to community members and suggests other strategies to ensure the recovery process is safe, equitable, and inclusive. The development of this Recovery Framework has better positioned the city to develop an equitable and inclusive plan for the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan:

On October 20, 2020, the City Council approved the *Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan*, identifying six strategic priorities. Cross-cutting threads are incorporated throughout all areas of the *Strategic Plan*, which is reflected in its outcomes. Implementation of all *Strategic Plan* priorities is reflected in all ARPA-funded outcomes, including: Community Trust, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Innovation, and Sustainability and Resiliency. These cross-cutting threads are implemented in designing and implementing projects and programs with the funds received.

Cross-Cutting Thread	Description	Applicable Evaluation for ARPA
Community Trust	Riverside is transparent and makes decisions based on sound policy, active and inclusive community engagement, involvement of City Boards & Commissions, and timely and reliable information. Activities and actions by the City serve the public interest, benefit the City's diverse populations, and result in greater public good.	Implementation of engagement of constituencies and communities in developing plans for the use of funds to catalyze broader economic recovery and rebuilding.
Equity	Riverside is committed to advancing the fairness of treatment, recognition of rights, and equitable distribution of services to ensure every member of the community has equal access to share in the benefits of community progress.	Evaluation of potential programs and projects and response to disproportionately impacted groups and the exacerbation of health inequities along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines.
Fiscal Responsibility	Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources while providing quality public services to all.	Evaluation of potential programs for necessary investments in services and infrastructure. Provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to COVID-19. Transparent and publicly accessible planning for use of ARPA funding.

Innovation	Riverside is inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.	Ongoing evaluation of programs to make necessary investments in projects that most impact community recovery over time.
Sustainability and Resiliency	Riverside is committed to meeting the needs of the present while planning and investing in the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to persevere, adapt, and grow during good and difficult times alike.	Evaluation of projects and programs adaptability to changes and continued change over time to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The above guiding plans, along with substantial community input and regional collaborations, met the infrastructure, and health and safety demands that were considered as the City as it developed programs and projects to promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery.

Uses of Funds:

On July 13, 2021, and again on October 5, 2021, the Riverside City Council considered a proposed expenditure plan for the first tranche of funds, considered community feedback, and subsequently approved an expenditure plan for the first allocation on November 9, 2021. Based on evolving information and best practices, on November 15, 2023, the City Council considered the proposed updated expenditure plan for the first allocation of grant funds and reviewed the proposed expenditure plan for the second allocation of grant funds. The proposed expenditure plans were guided by the Interim Final Rule and allowed for flexibility should changes be necessary to comply with updates when published by the US Department of the Treasury, and to meet the needs of the Riverside community as the pandemic recovery evolved.

Since approval of the expenditure plan for the first tranche of funding by the City Council, staff have continuously assessed needs and opportunities with careful consideration of program design to help support a strong and equitable recovery. These efforts have been done with consideration and in alignment with the City's *Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan*, adopted in October 2021, and the *Riverside Road to Recovery* approved in May 2020.

The City has engaged in successful collaborative efforts with community partners. Community partnerships continue to produce positive outcomes, resulting in services that have directly and meaningfully benefited the community. These community partners are a resource to stay apprised of the evolving needs of the community. Information gathered and learned by the activities and services offered by community partners continues to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Projects and programs were strategically structured and considered to offer the most affirmative response to community impacts. These programs and projects may include, but are not limited to :

- Mitigation and prevention;
- Broader health impacts;
- Negative economic impacts to households, businesses, and nonprofits;
- Resources and services to communities and populations that are disproportionately impacted; and
- Infrastructure supporting recovery.

On November 15, 2022, and again on February 7, 2023, a draft expenditure plan for the second tranche of ARPA funding was presented to the Riverside City Council. The plan outlined the projects and programs to be designed and implemented to further ongoing recovery efforts, including City services funded with the revenue replacement. On December 10, 2024, as the ARPA obligation deadline approached, City staff took a report to the City Council to provide an update of the ARPA expenditure plan, ensuring compliance with Treasury guidelines. In preparation for this report, City staff worked in collaboration with Moss Adams LLP, a consulting firm specializing in ARPA expenditure and grant compliance, to help fulfill obligation requirements before the deadline. It was City staff's recommendation to the City Council, in conjunction with Moss Adams' review, to allocate all unexpended funds to Revenue Replacement under the "Provision of Government Services", supported by qualifying public safety expenditures.

Public Health:

The first allocation of funds considered for SLFRF funding allocation to ensure resources for vaccines, testing, and sanitization of city facilities. The pandemic has also had an impact on the mental health and well-being of Riverside residents. Impacts on mental health and limitations to access for mental health services during the pandemic were found to be present in the Riverside community. Missed medical appointments and unhealthy behaviors resulting from the pandemic had negative health impacts on the community. To address these concerns, programs were designed to support residents and provide valuable resources.

Recreational opportunities have been made available to the community and are accessible at reduced rates to support physical activity and improved fitness through programming in Riverside’s Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department. In addition, programs within the City’s library system, which help support residents’ mental health, have been made continuously available through a partnership with a local non-profit partner organization. Having access to these resources in City facilities builds social connections and helps residents access them within their neighborhoods in a safe environment. During the pandemic, the City learned that parks, community centers, and libraries are critical connectors to the community. Designing the integration of programs at these community hubs has allowed residents, particularly those in underserved communities, to receive services alongside essential services.

The programs designed include:

- Workforce development for those who were impacted by COVID-19;
- Increased educational outcomes for students who were disproportionately impacted by school closures as a result of COVID-19;
- Risk mitigation to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses in the community;
- Mental health support; and
- Childcare support.

The goal is to provide resources to sustain and improve community well-being, completed in a manner that ensures equitable access and focuses on those disproportionately impacted. Some programs that aim to achieve this include, but are not limited to the following:

- Mental Health Support;
- EOC Ventilation Upgrade & Situational Awareness; and
- Safe at Your Library.

Negative Economic Impacts:

Community survey results indicated areas of need; the community identified priorities in response to the negative economic and fiscal impacts on Riverside households. Programs were designed to provide overall economic relief to pandemic-related hardships with a specific component to address inequities for the most vulnerable of Riverside residents and communities. Projects and programs range from resources to help families return to work and regain financial stability, to investment in resources to fill gaps in education and other skills that promote resiliency throughout the local communities across generations. Projects and programs are offered through City departments of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services; Library; Police; and Community and Economic Development Departments, and are focused on investing in the community to regenerate financial stability for households, businesses, and community organizations.

Small Business Support: Riverside's small and micro-businesses community accounts for between 60% and 70% of all local businesses, and over 32% of private employment in the City. This includes a growing number of home-based operations that may represent the primary income or serve as an important supplement to otherwise low-to-moderate-income households.

When designing programs, the City continuously assesses and considers how funds may be used to respond to these negative economic impacts and ways to more efficiently provide fiscal support that may infuse recovery capital into the most impacted sectors of the small business community.

The goal is to reduce financial impacts resulting from the pandemic and help long-term success and growth. Support to the small business community has resulted in employment opportunities for the community, helping to further improve economic sustainability. The following programs have achieved these goals.

- Riverside Small and Micro-Business Grant: The Riverside Small & Micro Business Resiliency Grant Program strives to facilitate access to essential resources and diminish obstacles to success encountered by small businesses in disadvantaged communities. This program is completed by leveraging financial support through grant awards of up to $25,000. The program seeks to provide a tangible and meaningful boost to qualified businesses, enabling them to overcome obstacles, maintain and boost local hiring, and contribute to the overall economic recovery. This project has assisted 473 businesses totaling $5,931,948.05 in grants.

- Business Security Match Program: The Riverside Police Department provided Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) walk-throughs. CPTEDs provide businesses with recommendations to improve safety and deter crime. The program funding provides high-quality video camera systems to businesses that cannot afford

them. This project has served 82 businesses totaling $721,756.12, on average, assisting each business with $8,801.90 in security upgrades.

Non-Profit Organizations: Non-profits, arts and cultural organizations, and event organizers, as with most businesses, had to strategize and implement new practices to serve, produce, and provide community services to the residents and visitors to the City of Riverside. The difference between arts organizations and businesses versus "traditional" businesses is they are often volunteer-driven and work on extremely tight financial budgets that rarely leave room for extreme emergencies, a reality that reared true during the pandemic. At the onset of the pandemic, City staff contacted over 300 non-profits to learn the unique needs of the organizations. The conversations with non-profits included identifying the resources and information that would best help their organizations to continue their valuable service, while also methods to connect the community with the resources that these organizations provide. Programs were designed to ensure the services and funding will provide opportunities for these organizations to stay relevant, allow them to transition to a new way of providing services, and diversify their programs to meet more of the needs of the community. Many non-profit organizations that received these funds provided critical social services, including mitigation of food insecurity, wellness advocacy, arts & culture, education, and career advancement.

The goal is to provide recovery funding for organizations in addition to training that will provide the resources to remain operational. The following programs aim to achieve:

- Non-profit Development Program; and
- Non-profit Grant Support.

Community Engagement

The City is currently working on developing a Community Engagement Plan to implement efforts for equitable outreach with the community. Upon adoption of the plan and toolkit, the City will utilize these tools to further efforts for equitable engagement with the community.

For ARPA SLFRF, provided the community with opportunities to participate and provide comments, feedback, and input in several ways, including but not limited to: City Council meetings, community surveys, community meetings, email correspondence, community-based organizations partners; information available on the dedicated ARPA web page; and in-person feedback at community facilities. This community outreach enriched the City's use of ARPA funds, and allowed the program to modulate itself over time as new pandemic related needs were addressed.

Riverside's ARPA expenditure plan was developed with direct input from the community. As the City formed its response to the pandemic through the Road to Recovery Framework, two key areas of focus - Community and Communication - would lay the foundation for public engagement to help identify challenges caused by the pandemic and how to best combat these challenges. As state and federal agencies allocated and released fiscal support to localities, Riverside was intent on gathering community input to find ways to best utilize funds in a meaningful way that aligned both the City's strategic priorities and the residents' needs. As the State of California released CARES Act funds, Riverside, following the framework set forth by the Road to Recovery, sought the community's input and offered the CARES Act community survey. The survey identified ways in which the pandemic affected each individual and how

each felt CARES Act funds could best help the community. Below is an overview of the survey's results:

Riverside Road to Recovery CARES Act Community Survey Results	
Impacts on the community:	Ranking of potential areas of need for the community:
• Experienced reduced work hours (31.29%) • Concerned about paying mortgage or rent (29.78%) • Assistance needed with distance learning for school-aged kids (19.51%) • Incurred significant debt (18.6%) • Lost a job (14.8%) • Experienced food insecurity (11.22%)	1. Food Assistance 2. Childcare Assistance 3. K-12 Distance Learning 4. Rental Assistance 5. Small Business Assistance 6. Affordable Housing 7. Health/Mental Health Assistance 8. Business and non-profit support * *Riverside Road to Recovery

Following the expenditure of CARES-funded programs, the abovementioned areas continued to express need. Conversations with community groups, as well as public comments given at various City meetings, proved that the areas identified by the CARES Act Community survey were seeing lasting impacts from the pandemic. As a result, many of the proposed ARPA projects introduced in both the first and second tranche of funding were aligned with the aforementioned identified areas.

Community engagement focused on promoting and facilitating community vitality and social connection among nonprofit partners and the residents that they served, creating an ongoing mechanism for Riverside to evaluate program expenditures and retailer programs as needed to achieve greater effectiveness.

Promote and facilitate Community Vitality: Developing opportunities and providing resources that empower the community and encourage continuity and stability within the community to adjust and evolve to achieve better outcomes. Obtaining input from the community to achieve better responses to the following:

- Employment opportunities and training for new skills and knowledge;
- Accessible and affordable temporary and permanent housing;
- Access to safe and nutritious food;
- Community health and safety resources; and
- Education and cultural resources.

Social Connection: Fostering social networks of support within the community enhanced the sense of community and increased resiliency and capacity, resulting in improved community health, engagement, and enrichment. Obtaining input from the community to better respond to:

- Identification of what activities, programs, and resources encourage community resiliency;

- Fostering the return to social integration with others in a manner that is safe and reduces risks; and
- Strengthening social capital and sense of community.

Labor Practices:

The City of Riverside will continue to implement workforce practices on any infrastructure projects being pursued using strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality services while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers, following strong guidance from federal, State, and local policies.

An example of these practices includes those listed below, but is not limited to:

1. Prevailing Wages;
2. Adherence to worker health and safety guidelines;
3. Competitive Bid Process with the lowest responsible bidder receiving the project;
4. Projects support the City's Strategic Priorities and Five Cross-Cutting Threads to benefit communities across the City; and/or
5. The City employs engineering and construction management staff to design, construct, and manage high-quality infrastructure projects.

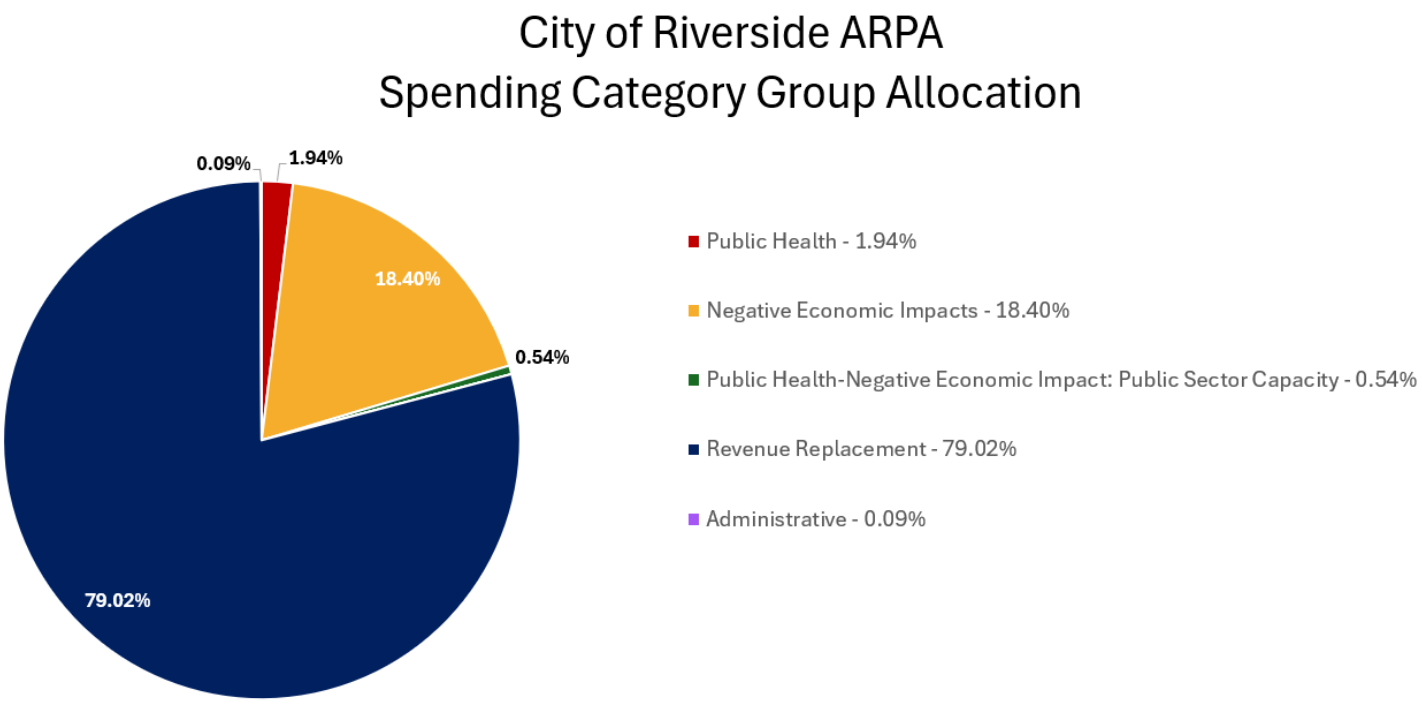
Use of Evidence:

Where applicable, and when updated information was available, the City used funds for programs and projects that were backed by data as evidence-based interventions. For instance, in offering a program to secure businesses during COVID shutdowns, the Police Department utilized best practices in building hardening and defensible space. When the City purchased playground equipment, it used industry analysis linked to the City's Parks Master Plan to evaluate the best placement and equipment offerings to promote public health in Riverside neighborhoods. When the Library offered behavioral health resources in neighborhood branches, it platformed these programs on Housing First and other studied behavioral health interventions. The City evaluated programs to ensure accountability and identify opportunities to improve them, and pivoted funds when necessary to work with evidence-based results. Programs were evaluated to ensure accuracy and equity. The City developed an overall approach for using evidence and evaluation that is specific to approved programs, services, and/or collaborations.

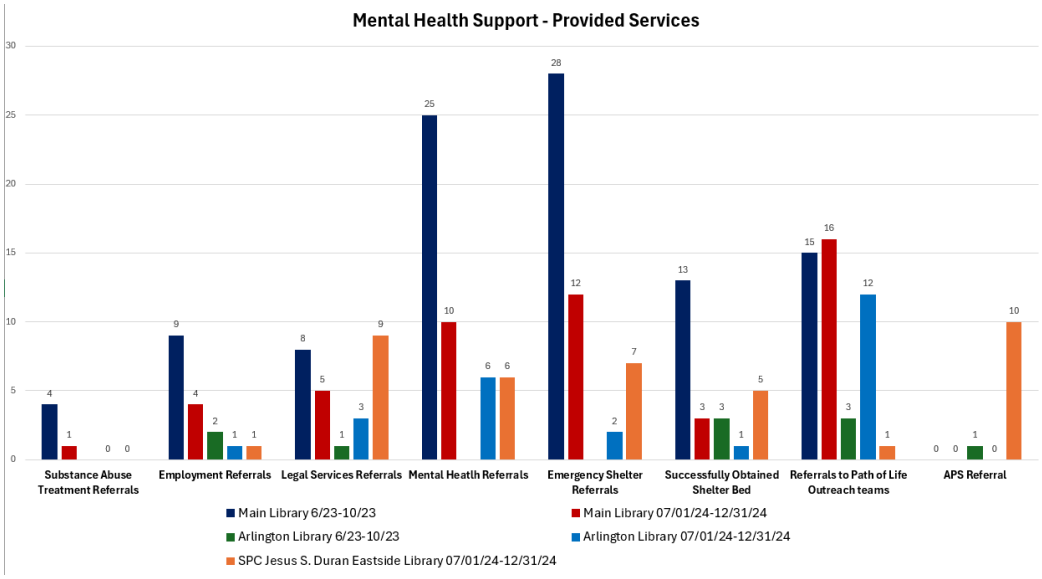
Performance Report:

Evaluation methods will be set and applied to each project as they are implemented and completed. Programmatic data has been collected at the project level based on expenditure categories and data that assisted in designing programs in the future that will support resiliency in the community. The project inventory below provides an overview of each project and its status.

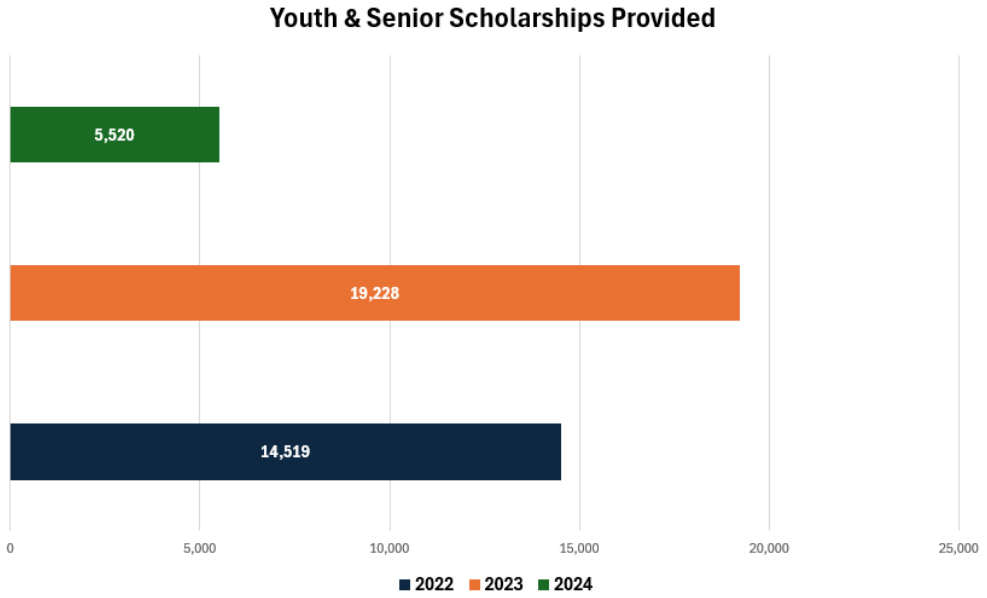
PROJECT INVENTORY



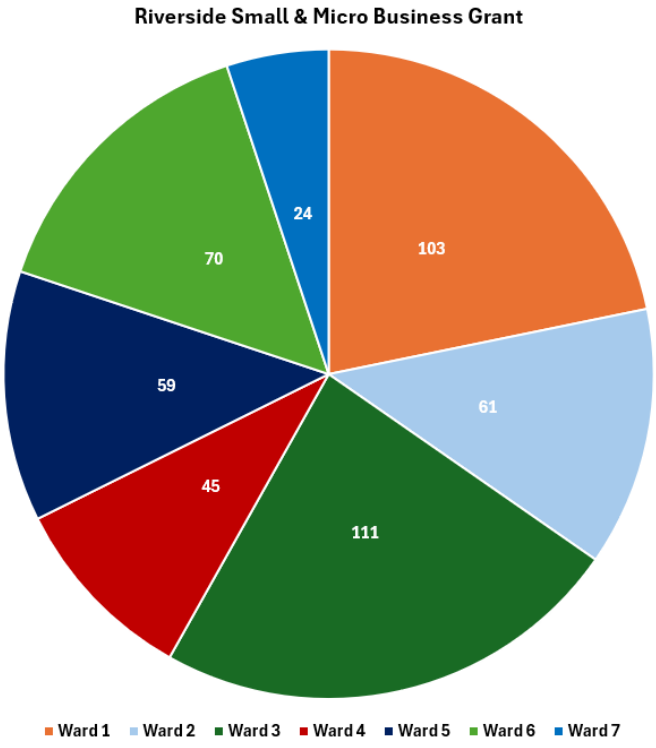
Public Health	
1-01	**Vaccination Site** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination** **Project Overview, Status, & Performance:** City-owned facility is the site of a community vaccination clinic. Because this facility has been committed for this use, there is a loss of revenue as a result. The funding is for the lease of the vaccination site and this vaccination clinic is managed by the Riverside County Department of Health and will provide vaccinations for residents of the City of Riverside. There is a public health benefit to the general public. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.

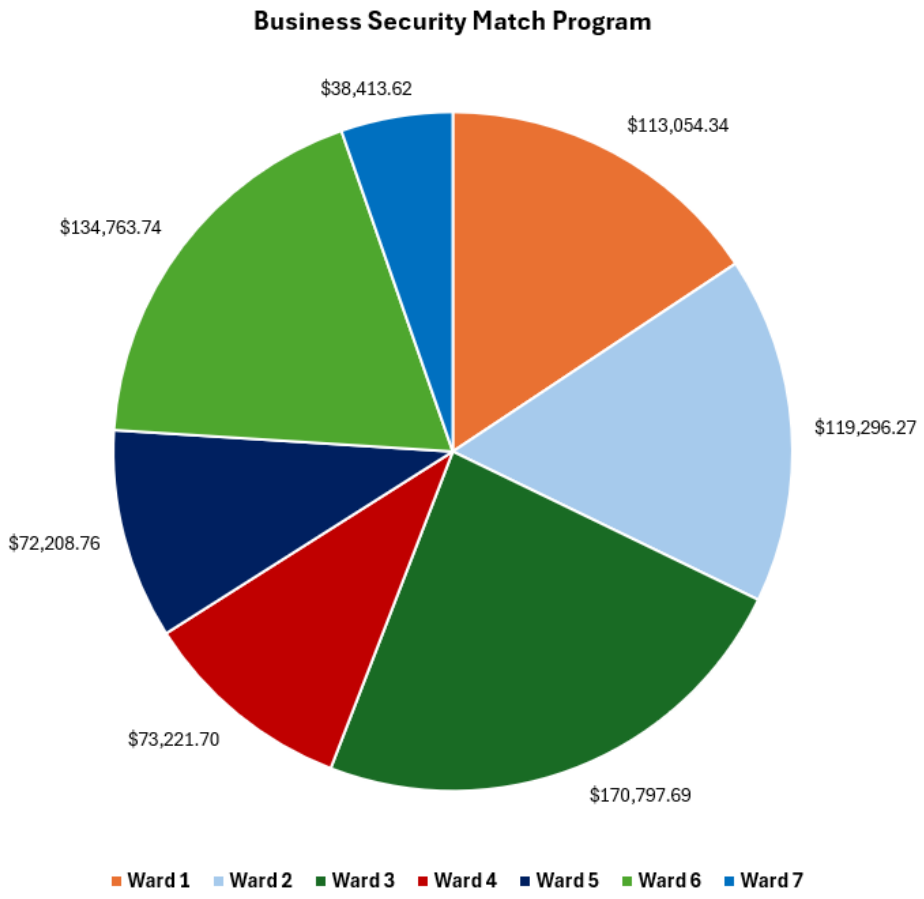
1-02	**Mental Health Support** **Funding Amount: $215,584.81** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Mental Health Resource Hub that provides services, counseling, and programs in various languages at no cost or reduced cost to residents facing mental health issues. City partnership between internal departments and local nonprofits. This resource hub can be used by the community and have focus areas that target the highest needs populations, i.e. families, youth, homeless population, etc. Potential partners may include health providers and related nonprofit organizations, including mental health programs at the Library.  **Status:** This project has been completed. Social work interns were placed at eight library sites across the City to perform outreach and needs assessments, providing 410 services.

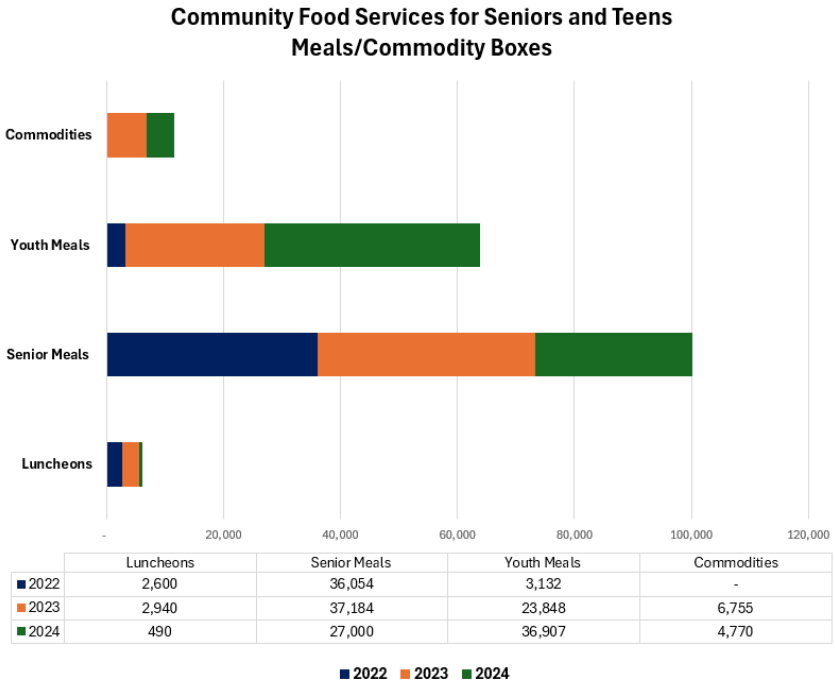
1-03	**Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Ventilation Upgrade & Situational Awareness** **Funding Amount: $230,778.46** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** This project is part of a phased approach to ensure the Emergency Operations Center can effectively operate in an all-hazard environment including during a disease outbreak such as a pandemic. Phase I includes a ventilation upgrade. Phase II includes remodeling of EOC layout (furniture) to provide enhanced capabilities, COVID/Pandemic safe working conditions, ADA accessibility, Upgrade the EOC audio/video situational awareness system, and improve the ventilation system. **Status:** This project has been completed.

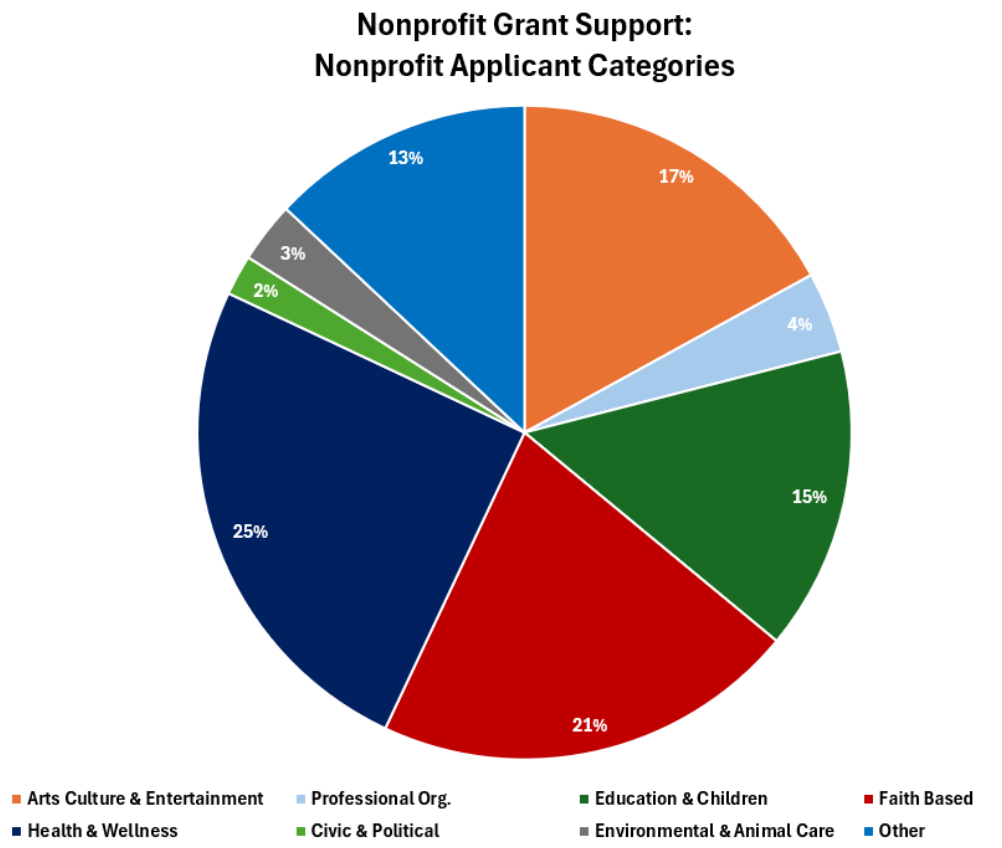
1-14	**Educational and Health Promoting Recreational and Active Living Programs Scholarships** **Funding Amount: $786,916.91** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** This program provides scholarships to participants that meet qualifying criteria or reside in a qualified census tract for activities to improve health coming out of the pandemic and reduce impacts from isolation. Serving the hardest hit communities and families – providing additional resources to high-poverty school districts (RUSD/AUSD) and offering recreational/educational services as well as services to address social, emotional, and mental health needs. The scholarships will help mitigate the lack of accessibility of recreational and educational programming and reduce and/or eliminate the financial burden to underserved communities. Programs are available to residents of all ages and include Senior Swim; Youth Contract Classes; Riverside Arts Academy; and Youth Sports.  **Status:** This project has been completed, with a total of 39,267 youth and senior scholarships provided from 2022 to 2024.

1-18	**Safe at your Library** **Funding Amount: $135,684.37** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Safe at Your Library is a host of mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. The ability to limit access to materials that may have potential hazards, safer drinking fountains for community members at the library, enhanced security, and safety throughout, and clean exteriors and interiors of each library location. Modifications include the addition of lockable book drops, water bottle filling stations, sanitizing kits for families, and an app-based circulation feature for the community to use to check out materials with their own digital devices. **Status:** This project has been completed. Funding produced five lockable book return drops and aided in the development of a mobile app feature allowing residents to check out materials, creating contactless check-out and return methods for Library materials for over 350,000 residents with library cards. Also funded the purchase of a vehicle used by City staff to clean interior and exterior of library branches.
2-01	**COVID-19 Testing Kits** **Funding Amount: $61,182.75** **Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 Public Health COVID-19 Testing** **Project Overview, Status, & Performance:** Testing Kits for city employees to prevent the spread of COVID-19. **Status:** This project has been completed.

Negative Economic Impacts	
1-05	**Riverside Small & Micro Business Grant** **Funding Amount: $5,996,948.05** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** The Small & Micro Business Resiliency Grant Program aims not only to meet ongoing pandemic recovery requirements but also to foster the enduring resilience and expansion of local small businesses. The program strives to facilitate access to essential resources and diminish obstacles to success encountered by small businesses in disadvantaged communities. This is completed by leveraging financial support through grant awards of up to $25,000, the program seeks to provide a tangible and meaningful boost to qualified businesses, enabling them to overcome obstacles and contribute to the overall economic recovery. In addition to direct financial assistance, the City of Riverside Small & Micro Business Grant Program incorporates a strategic approach to support by offering a FREE two-hour, one-on-one Business Resiliency Consultation for all applicants. This consultation serves as a valuable resource, helping businesses identify areas for improvement and develop customized strategies. The overarching goal is to enhance financial stability, ensure long-term sustainability, and build the capacity for success among small businesses in disadvantaged communities.  **Status:** This project has been completed, providing grant assistance to a total of 473 small businesses.

1-06	**Business Security Match Program** **Funding Amount: $721,756.12** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** The Riverside Police Department will provide Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) walk-throughs. CPTED's provide businesses with recommendations to improve safety and deter crime. The program funding will provide high-quality video camera systems to businesses that cannot otherwise afford them.  **Status:** This project has been completed, assisting a total of 82 businesses. On average, businesses were given $8,801.90 to enhance security cameras and security systems, exterior and interior security fencing, security gates, and doors, improved exterior lighting, and landscaping removal or improvements.

1-09	**Community Food Services for Seniors and Teens** **Funding Amount: $1,910,277.72** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Collaborate with sub-recipients to provide seniors, teens, and members of the vulnerable population with a nutritious meal at least once a week. The program will offer prepared meals to individuals for either breakfast, lunch, or dinner. The goal is to distribute a minimum of 300 meals per day, four times a week throughout the program. In addition to the prepared meals, the same population will be offered commodity boxes with dairy products, fruits, and vegetables to ensure accessibility to healthy snacks. Those interested in participating must sign up and meet the specified eligibility criteria.  | | Luncheons | Senior Meals | Youth Meals | Commodities | |---|---|---|---|---| | 2022 | 2,600 | 36,054 | 3,132 | - | | 2023 | 2,940 | 37,184 | 23,848 | 6,755 | | 2024 | 490 | 27,000 | 36,907 | 4,770 | **Status:** This project has been completed, providing 181,680 meals/commodity boxes.
1-11	**Nonprofit Grant Support** **Funding Amount: $1,876,233.01** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Non-Profit Organizations** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Grant program to support nonprofit organizations. This grant program for nonprofits 501(c)3 as defined by the interim rule will include: community organizations; food pantries; and performing arts organizations. Grants may be used for a variety of expenditures including, but not limited to: special event mitigation and prevention support; equipment, supplies, products, signage, etc. at events to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (e.g. hand

	sanitizer, sinks, signage for mask wearing, masks, etc.); mitigate interruption of services to the community; and economic hardships.  **Status:** This project has been completed. A total of 99 nonprofit organizations were approved to receive funding to continue with their programs and services, with grants ranging from $5,000 to $24,000.

1-12	**Essential Agriculture Workforce Development and Job Skills Training Scholarships & Workforce Programming Support** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed (e.g. job training)** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** This project provides funding to workforce and job skills programs to enable their operations to provide job and workforce training. Provide scholarships to populations who experience negative economic impact for workforce and job training programs specifically in agriculture to increase skills while simultaneously contributing to increasing food production to build food resiliency. Support and facilitate agriculture workforce training to provide program participants with a strong foundation in agriculture to connect and explore employment, career pathways, and opportunities in the food and agriculture sectors. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.
1-13	**At-Risk Teen Wellness Classes** **Funding Amount: $195,860.63** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Provide instruction on wellness and mental health to teens most impacted by the pandemic. This program supports the public health response by providing services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic. Serving the hardest hit communities and families: funding for community violence intervention programs, providing additional resources to high-poverty school districts (RUSD/AUSD), and offering educational services like tutoring or ASP as well as services to address social, emotional, and mental health needs. **Status:** This project has been completed. Wellness class hosted by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department served 1,105 teens.

1-15 **Santa Ana River Clean-Up and Improvements**

Funding Amount: $399,558.09
Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health & Safety

Project Overview, Status, and Performance: Santa Ana River Homeless Encampment Clean Up and Improvements. The project includes cleaning at the Santa Ana River area to encourage a safe and clean environment for public use and improvements to provide access to recreation activities that promote health and well-being to the community impacted and disproportionally impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

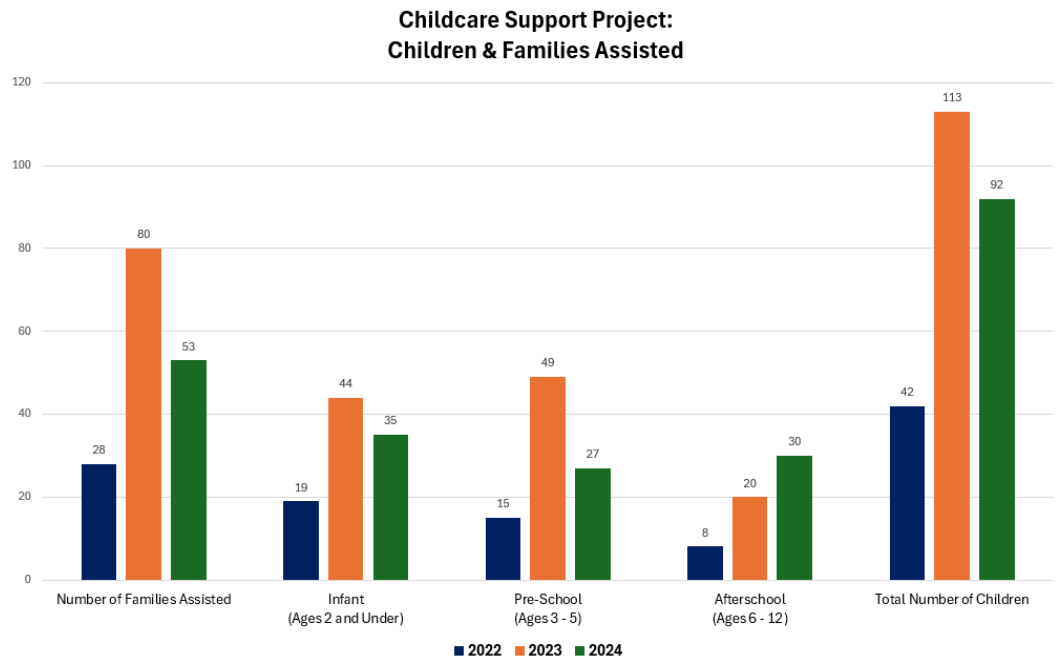
Status: This project has been completed. The City provided ongoing rental assistance to six individuals and assisted two individuals with past due utilities who were all formerly homeless and living in the Santa Ana River bottom. For 2025, activities include:

Santa Ana River Bottom Activity	Amount	Outcome
Encampment Clean up in SARB	$104,816.55	Clean up encampment and trash left by homeless individuals moved into housing through the SARB rental assistance program
Utilities	$ 1,405.63	Assisted two clients with utilities
Martha McLean SARB Access Barriers	$ 34,030.00	Installed barriers to prevent vehicles from accessing SARB trail
Rental Assistance	$259,305.91	Security deposit and rental assistance provided to 20 homeless individuals who achieved housing stability
Total Exp.	**$399,558.09**	

1-16	**Bordwell Park** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health & Safety** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Design and construction of a gymnasium at Bordwell Park to expand on public facilities and provide increased recreational, and educational opportunities that would serve all residents who wish to utilize them. The gym would be designed with conservation in mind to be as environmentally friendly and energy efficient as possible. The project will provide the community with access to a gymnasium facility and equipment for physical fitness & health programs. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.
1-17	**Project Bridge Program** **Funding Amount: $834,570.68** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Young Offenders and At-Risk Teen Wellness Classes for reintegration into society. Provides full program services to teens who are currently on probation (aged 16 to 22 years old at the time of program involvement). The program provides services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic. Serving the hardest hit communities and families: funding for community violence intervention programs, providing additional resources to high-poverty school districts (RUSD/AUSD), and offering educational services like tutoring or ASP as well as services to address social, emotional, and mental health needs. **Status:** This project has been completed. The project served 440 participants across 14 cohorts, while also using funds to purchase a new outreach vehicle and update computer software at the Teen Center.

1-19	**Sparking Knowledge Retention Program** **Funding Amount: $472,558.85** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Sparking Knowledge Retention provides new and continued access to resources to help those 0-12 who have experienced loss in literacy/early learning/academic skills due to the public health emergency. Opportunities are offered on-site at all 8 library locations, via a new Library to You outreach vehicle, and virtually through digital resources. Funds will pay for early learning tablets, HelpNow! online tutoring, story time and phonics kits for checkout, STEM-related toys and coding kits for checkout, book giveaways, an additional virtual learning resource, and a new outreach van. **Status:** This project has been completed. This project has provided 32,828 services.
1-20	**Your Library in Your Neighborhood** **Funding Amount: $181,338.07** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** To make library services more accessible to each resident and ensure a contact-less pickup of materials the library will install six (6) book lockers positioned at various locations throughout Riverside at Parks, Community/Senior Centers, select library locations, and other strategic locations. Customers will be able to request library books to be picked up at any of the lockers throughout the city, staff will deliver the items, and once notified customers will be able to pick up their items at their convenience, without having staff interaction. This will increase access to the library in a safe way that limits the spread of COVID-19 or other illnesses. **Status:** This project has been completed. Remote book lockers are accessible across three libraries and four community centers across the City, with the Cargo Van used for daily delivery of supplies and materials between each of the eight library branches and to the remote lockers.

1-21	**El Dorado Park Development** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health & Safety** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** This project adds new park facilities & amenities, provides access to physical fitness & health exercise equipment to all park users, and provides irrigation water conservation improvements by removing turf, installing water-efficient drip irrigation, and installing a smart controller to substantially reduce the overall use of water. The lighting system will provide additional safety and security with expanded security lighting throughout the park while reducing overall energy consumption & providing cost savings in perpetuity. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.
1-22	**Childcare Support** **Funding Amount: $444,774.57** **Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Childcare** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** The program is designed to link childcare providers in the City and eligible families in need. Childcare providers who provide eligible families with services receive a match to cover a portion of the monthly tuition from the City's ARPA funding. This program is available to all residents of the city with a particular focus on ensuring equitable resources to communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Families residing within CDBG Census tracks, low-income families, families with one or both parents re-entering the workforce, and/or families receiving subsidized funding through one of the approved agencies identified in the Final Rule. The payment allows families in Riverside to transition back into the workforce with a reduced cost in childcare for the initial transition back to the workforce. Currently, the match Information is qualified families will receive a match to cover a portion of the monthly fee(s) from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024. The following graphs include data collected from the program participants:



Status: This project has been completed, assisting 161 families with childcare services for 247 children.

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Career Connection Program

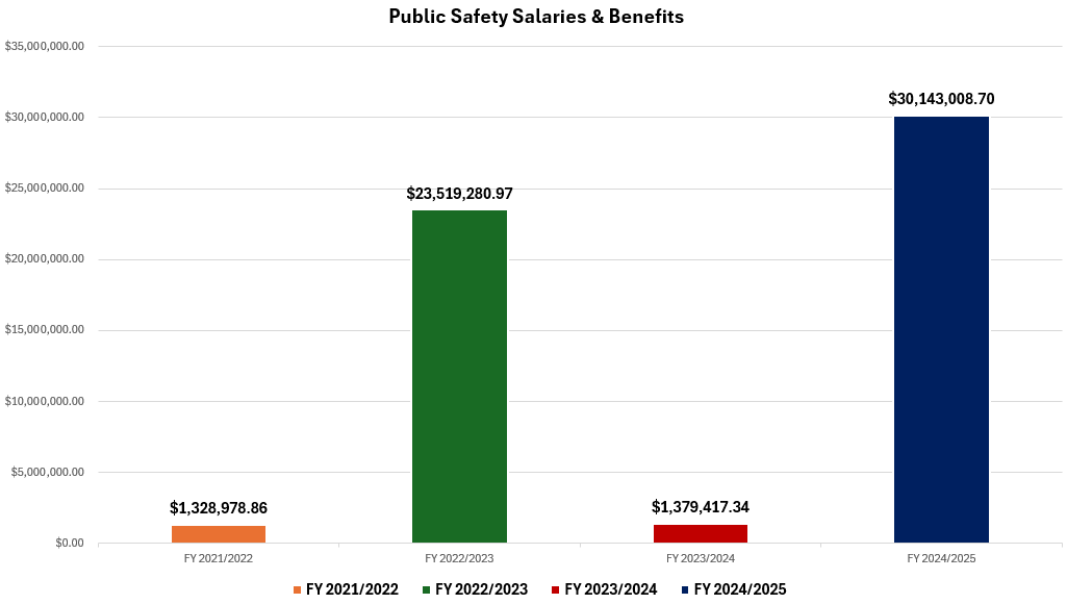
Funding Amount: $500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed (e.g. job training)

Project Overview, Status, and Performance: Career Connection Hubs in all 8 library locations encourage workforce development, job seeking, and skill building for those that are transitioning employment opportunities due to COVID-19. These are mindful of the emergence of remote workers and the need for space that is comfortable to work. Expanding on successful areas already funded through the CARES Act; funds will pay for laptop kiosks at 6 locations with/ minimal furniture needs, free printing for all customers, 3D printers, monthly workshops in Spanish, ASL, and English, and books/e-resources. These spaces will provide increased employment opportunities and success in finding work for community members who lost work during a health emergency or need to transition to new employment; and a location for those needing to work remotely which allows them to achieve work-related goals.

Status: This project has been completed. The six Laptop Kiosks and eight 3D Printers have yielded over 1,000,000 services (laptop checkouts and free printing usage).

Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	
1-25	**Cybersecurity Infrastructure** **Funding Amount: $400,000.00** **Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Replacement of the city's Internet-facing firewalls as it reaches the end of life, and end of support, and the city will no longer be able to get replacement parts or repair them if they fail. **Status:** This project has been completed, City IT has purchased firewalls that are in service supporting Citywide communication and security.

Infrastructure	
1-24	**Parkway Community Gardens** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Establish a project and launch several community gardens within City parkways that would serve as stormwater filtration "rain gardens" to treat runoff from impervious surfaces in addition to being a food security lifeline within Riverside's disadvantaged neighborhoods. Project to include community training & partnership. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.

Revenue Replacement	
1-28	**Revenue Replacement** **Funding Amount: $56,370,685.87** **Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries and benefits. The City incurred revenue losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic to include, but not limited to, property taxes and transient occupancy taxes. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, SLFRF funding was utilized for payroll and covered benefits for public safety employees. **Status:** This project has been completed. Project includes reallocated funds from cancelled and modified projects. 

2-09	**Police Department Equipment** **Funding Amount: $170,000.00** **Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Equipment to be used by Traffic team for traffic collision scenes and can be used by our Forensic Techs for outdoor homicide/rape/major crime scenes. This equipment replaces an older version of this equipment that is outdated due to the time it takes to process scenes. The new large scanner will process the same scene in less than half the time that the old scanner does as well as several other upgrades. Equipment purchase includes freestyle handle held 3d scanner for the Forensics unit that is used to process indoor crimes scenes. This does the same thing as the large scanner but is used for smaller indoor scenes and takes a fraction of the time that the large scanner takes. **Status:** This project has been completed. Funds were used to purchase two FARO Focus Premium 3-D laser scanners, two Freestyle 2.5 3-D Scanner, and the associated maintenance and the associated training of the systems.
2-11	**Library Materials** **Funding Amount: $567,777.19** **Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Purchase of Library materials including books, audiobooks, eBooks/audiobooks, and other digital resources. Library to provide a significant non-English language collection both in print and digital. It will also allow the Library to update adult education and career testing materials, small business collections, and legal collections at all locations. **Status:** This project has been completed. ARPA funds were used to purchase 34,053 print books, 2,677 eBooks, and 751 audiobooks. Purchase of books also includes a custom annual database package with access to an unspecified amount of eBooks and eJournals, totaling access to over 37,000 books.
2-12	**Affordable Housing Fund** **Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00** **Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Affordable housing fund for development incentives throughout the city. The $1,000,000 project is for the development of a mixed-use multi-family affordable housing project knows as Entrada Apartments. **Status:** This project has been completed. Funded 65 affordable housing units currently under lease.

Administrative	
1-32	**Consultant ARPA** **Funding Amount: $0** **Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Provide compliance and technical assistance. **Status:** Project funding was reallocated to Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services supported by qualifying public safety salaries.
2-03	**ARPA Program Administrator** **Funding Amount: $62,702.85** **Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery** **Project Overview, Status, and Performance:** Administration of the SLFRF program, including costs to support effective management and oversight. **Status:** This project has been completed. Expended funds cover the salary of City Staff member who oversaw ARPA project management.