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# **Executive Summary**

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

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

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

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, San Bernardino County received the first tranche of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) ARPA funds (\$211,727,977.50). On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the second tranche of funds were transferred to the County (\$211,727,977.50). Thus far, San Bernardino County has budgeted for 92 active projects. All projects go through a vigorous review by the ARPA team; the County's goal is to respond to the variety of needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing funds across all expenditure categories and to the numerous and disparate geographical regions throughout the County.

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

#### Pandemic Response:

To focus on the public health needs of the community and mitigate and prevent further negative impact of the pandemic, the County created the Pandemic Response subcategory. This subcategory is aligned with the guidance and requirements encompassed in U.S. Treasury Expenditure Category (EC), EC 1: Public Health, EC 3-Public Health-Negative Economic Impact Public Sector Capacity, EC 4-Premium Pay and EC 6-Revenue Replacement.

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

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

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

#### Economic Recovery:

San Bernardino County, like the rest of the country, experienced strong negative impact due to COVID-19. To consolidate efforts that address the same goal of bringing economic recovery and support to the county, the County has grouped certain U.S. Treasury EC 1: Public Health, EC 2-Negative Economic Impacts, EC 5-Infrastructure, and EC 6-Revenue Replacement into one category, Economic Recovery.

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

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

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

#### Government Operations:

The County has been working diligently to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the County. As the primary local government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County has learned the importance of developing the most efficient and effective programs and services for its residents. The Government Operations category aligns with the U.S. Treasury EC 6- Revenue Replacement and 7- Administrative and Other. The County is utilizing this category to plan and execute projects that support

all efforts taken through the SLFRF-ARPA fund. ARPA Administration initiatives and projects includes the ARPA Team establishment by the County to provide effective SLFRF administration. Additionally, it includes contracting with Local Equity, LLC to perform a Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting, as well as other consultants to perform various project feasibility studies to ensure the County's needs are efficiently met.

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update

During fiscal year 2022/2023 the County elected to utilize the calculated Revenue Replacement in the amount of \$275,751,261.00 to safeguard the County against potential future financial liability, to ensure completion of all ARPA-funded projects and initiatives.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

During fiscal year 2023/2024 the County continued its effort towards achieving its goal of timely obligation of funds, monitoring of projects and completion of projects in a timely manner. The County continued to review and select projects that served the community, with equitable outcomes, supported by evidence. Furthermore, the County consistently supported subrecipients to ensure compliance with all requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury. Currently, the County is in the process of finalizing its plan to obligate the remaining revenue loss balance prior to December 31, 2024.

#### Pandemic Response:

The San Bernardino County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority (PA) is deemed the employer of record for IHSS individual care providers for the limited purpose of collective bargaining within the meaning of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. IHSS providers are individuals who are compensated to provide care services to clients who receive in-home supportive services under the IHSS Program. IHSS PA serve elderly, blind, or disabled individuals who are not able to remain in their homes without assistance.

During COVID-19 pandemic, IHSS providers continued their effort in serving their service recipients. The County per request, and appropriate vetting and due diligence allocated \$8,828,250.00 for a one-time payment for a total of 35,313 care providers. Care providers were identified who meet the eligibility requirement of working 120 hours from July 2022 to December 2022. These providers submitted their timesheet for the eligibility period. (Per the California Department of Social Services, there is no deadline for timesheet submission.)

#### Economic Recovery:

One of the County's most inspiring projects is the development of Pacific Village – Platinum Campus. The Pacific Village – Platinum Campus, is a multi-disciplinary effort that will bring a holistic approach by repurposing existing buildings, improving property features, constructing new housing units, and renovating buildings.

The design for this sight is in development, and the stakeholders from the County include various departments, the key players being Department of Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorder, Department of Aging and Adult Services, and Guardianship, and Community Development Housing. Various other departments are involved with the development of this project. More than \$17,000,000.00 ARPA funding

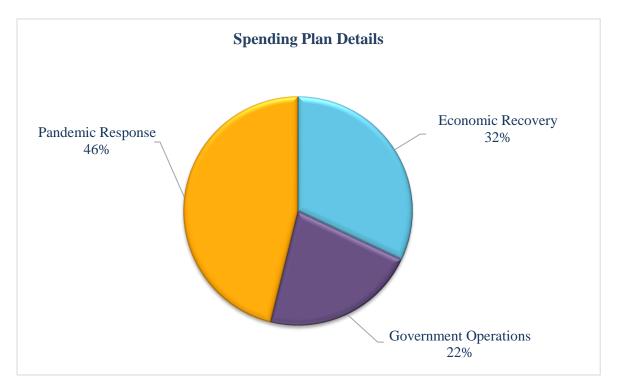
is allocated to this project.

#### Government Operations:

The County is continuing its efforts in conducting feasibility studies, diligent tracking and monitoring, and support for subrecipients to ensure successful results and outcomes, with everlasting benefits for the community.

The County is currently in the process of evaluating and obligating multiple projects towards the provision of existing government services. These projects represent the County's continued efforts to support historically underserved communities and the public through investments in community development programs and infrastructure with their respective community partners, as well as public health, social services, or safety related government operations.

Additional information and a breakdown of categories is provided in the Uses of Funds section of the report. Furthermore, a detailed description of each project is provided in the report.



## **Uses of Funds**

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

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

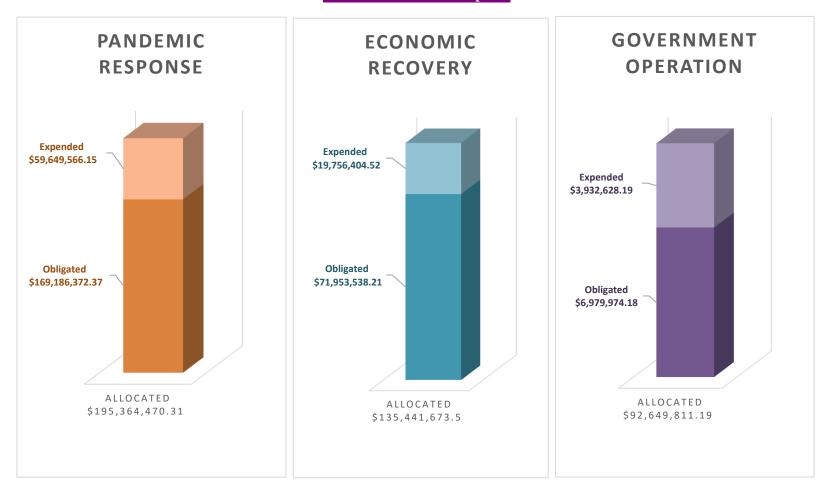
#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

The numbers have been updated to reflect the County's latest, fiscal year 2023-2024 ARPA fund breakdown and categorization. To learn more about the Uses of Funds, as it pertains to each project, please visit the Project Inventory section of the report.

YEAR 1: \$130.9 MILLION	YEAR 2: \$205.9 MILLION	YEAR 3: \$1.3 MILLION	YEAR 4 (6 Months): \$85.4 MILLION
Pandemic Response: \$59.1 million *\$59.1M – Valley EOC Construction, Emergency Communications System and County Department Responses	Pandemic Response: \$136.3 million *\$136.3M – Vaccination Incentive, Premium Pay, Additional Valley EOC, OES Warehouse Lease, and County Department Responses	Pandemic Response: No Additional Allocation	Pandemic Response: No Additional Allocation
Economic Recovery: \$68.8 million *\$20.0M - Homeless Services & Housing *\$3.8M – Economic Development Strategy *45.0M - Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements *Broadband *Water/Sewer	Economic Recovery: \$66.6 million *\$5.0M - Homeless Services & Housing *\$10.5M – Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements *Broadband *Water/Sewer *\$30.0M - Open Space/Healthy Communities *\$21.1M – County Regional Parks	Economic Recovery: No Additional Allocation	Economic Recovery: No Additional Allocation
Government Ops: \$3 million *\$3.0M - Administration	Government Ops: \$3 million *\$2.0M – Administration *\$1.0M – Mountain Small Business Recovery Grants	<b>Government Ops:</b> <b>\$1.3 million</b> *\$1.3M - Administration	Government Ops: \$85.4 million *\$9.1M – Pandemic Response *\$32.6M – Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements *\$23.7M – Open Space/Healthy Communities *\$5.0M – Homeless Services & Housing *\$10.0M – Strategic Business Partnerships *\$5.0M – Economic Development Strategy

# **Spending Plan – Breakdown**

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update



# **Promoting Equitable Outcomes**

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

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

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update

San Bernardino County continues to spearhead and fund projects that promote and provide the community with the most equitable outcomes. All projects are selected based on their short- and long-term impact and benefits.

To further expand and bolster its equitability, the County took an effective position in strengthening its efforts around homeless initiatives. Pacific Village – Phase 2 project which was initially planned to receive ARPA funds for development of a portion of a property to provide housing, was broadened – for development of a multi-disciplinary campus between the Department of Aging and Adult Services Public Guardian, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Community Development and Housing, with construction oversight from the Project and Facilities Management Department, and design and development agreement with an independent firm. The Pacific Village – Platinum Campus, which is currently in design and development stage, will include on-site improvements to increase residential capacity by re-purposing existing buildings, improve property features, construct new housing units, and renovate buildings. The concept will include access to affordable temporary, supportive, and permanent housing options with on-site services, through a collective impact partnership between County Departments and contracted providers. Pacific Village will provide those experiencing or at risk of homelessness with a safe home and resources for whole-person wellness and self-sufficiency.

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

care services for medical and behavioral health services, commercial kitchen and cafeteria, food, substance use disorder and recovery services, pet services and supportive services.

Furthermore, the County is allocating a considerable portion of funds toward improvement of schools and public athletic fields and facilities, as the County recognizes the negative impact of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of youth and adults, and also the significant impact and effect of sports and social activities especially for youth, and its association with greater school and education involvement. The goal is that through these improvement projects, the community, especially those historically marginalized communities, will have access to improved sport fields, parks, and facilities, and thus an improved quality of life.

Moreover, as one of its initial projects, the County allocated funds to the SB County Early Literacy Transmedia Project in 2021. Through a partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance, San Bernardino County families and community members gained access to three bilingual mobile literacy programs that support the early literacy (EL) development of children birth - 3rd grade. The project is currently in progress, and its success is exhibited in the data provided, and the positive impact it has by meeting its goal and purpose.

These provide only a glance into the robust collection of projects that the County has pursued. You can learn more about the County's projects in the Project Inventory section of this report.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

During fiscal year 2023/2024 the County continued to develop and expand on projects that serve the community and promote equitable outcomes, including clean water projects and community improvements that will improve the quality of life for the current residents and also set a positive outlook for generations to come.

To highlight a few projects, the SB County Early Literacy Transmedia Project continues its upward trajectory and achieving its goal. Between August 1, 2023 - May 22, 2024, 25,815 new student accounts were created. The number of new students enrolled in Footsteps2Brilliance applications continues to climb as more districts and community partners are adopting usage of F2B.

Improvements to parks across the County have provided the setting for healthier communities and promote equitable outcomes as they provide enhanced outdoor space; equally, the enhancement of school sporting fields, whether it is redoing the lawn, scoreboards, or additional lighting, has helped schools host more sporting events and increase interest from students to partake in more outdoor sporting events and activities.

These initiatives help San Bernardino County serve its residents, especially through promoting healthy communities. In a recent study by University of Bridgeport, "How do sports help students academically?" the following topics were discussed, and their contribution and long-term positive impact in the community were presented:

- Increased concentration and cognitive resources
- Interpersonal Skills
- Psychosocial
- Academic and Financial Assistance<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.bridgeport.edu/news/how-do-sports-help-students-

academically/#:~:text=Benefit%20%231%3A%20Increased%20Concentration%20and%20Cognitive%20Resources&text=With%20increased%20c oncentration%20levels%2C%20students,and%20high%20academic%20performance%20overall.

## **Community Engagement**

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

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

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



Furthermore, the County has been working thoroughly to

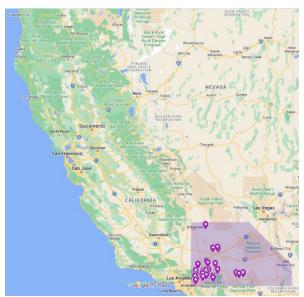
enhance its ARPA website to ensure that the public has full access to all necessary ARPA information. The County's goal is to provide transparency and awareness of its ARPA funding, its spending plan, its projects, and the processes that have been implemented to ensure access to projects for its residents.



#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update

San Bernardino County continues to include and update the community through its ARPA website on; quarterly, the ARPA expenditure report is posted on the website. The County is also assessing options for posting project updates throughout the year on the website, especially as many equitable projects and programs are coming to communities across the County. Below maps were developed utilizing Google My-Map to provide an outlook on the project distribution across the County; the County is exploring the utilization of ArcGIS mapping to show project sites, with potential interactive features. Once final, the County plans on posting the maps on the ARPA website.

The purple area on the map below provides a zoomedout view of the County location and size in relation to the rest of California.





The below map provides a closer view of the ARPA project and their distribution across the County.

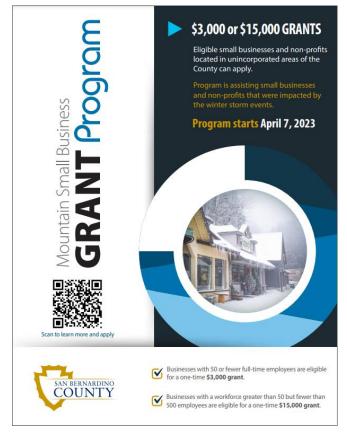


Moreover, in 2023 the ARPA team was the recipient of the NACo 2023 Achievement Award in the County Administration and Management Category; this was also shared on the website.

Furthermore, in Winter 2023, San Bernardino County experienced one of the worst winter storms in its recent history. Six to 8 feet of snow blanketed the mountains, all the way to the foothills, creating challenges for the mountain area residents and business owners to operate. The County took immediate action towards efforts in making life conducive and safe for residents. Other than services and financial support to the residents, the County launched its Mountain Small Business



Grant Program to assist and provide financial relief to business owners who experienced a loss in revenue. The County estimated that 300-400 business establishment exists in the unincorporated mountain areas, and thus allocated \$1,000,000 in ARPA funds to help the community and mitigate their concerns and need.



The COVID-19 pandemic impacted and strained businesses financially, and to follow that with another natural disaster would mean many small businesses would not be able to survive – these are business that serve the communities and rely heavily on daily transactions and income. In addition to the loss of business, many businesses, such as local supermarkets suffered structurally when their roofs collapsed as a result of heavy snow. Residents were notified on this program through various Newsletter posts and broadcasts. You can read more about this project under Project Inventory.

The County prides itself on its transparency, and project initiatives, and strives to continue this merit, and serve the residents and bring services and projects that directly meet the resident's needs, and is an answer to their feedback, suggestions, and requests.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

San Bernardino County continues to include and update the community through its ARPA website on a quarterly basis. The County is working with various departments to enhance its data tracking and reporting, and to develop dashboards. This would allow the community to have a better understanding and bird's-eye view of all the efforts and projects in the County. This is a long-term goal for the County, and once

executed, will be an asset.

As previously reported, during 2022/2023 fiscal year, the County experienced one of the worst winter storms in its recent history. For which the County allocated \$1,000,000 in ARPA funds to help the community and mitigate their concerns and needs. Of which, \$870,000.00 was expended. During fiscal year 2023/2024, the County received an award from the National Association of Counties for this effort.

County Administration and<br/>ManagementSan Bernardino County,Mountain Small Business GrantProgram

In February 2023, San Bernardino County experienced one of the heaviest snowstorms it has seen in recent decades. The mountain areas got more than twelve feet of snow in under three weeks. The County officials worked tirelessly to get resources to the impacted areas, clear major roadways for residents and businesses, but it was a battle with mother nature as the County resources were getting strained, and snow continued to fall. In a unison decision to provide financial assistance to businesses in the area that had and continued to experience economic hardship, the Board of Supervisors proposed the Mountain Small Business Grant Program, which would provide a grant in the amount of \$3,000 or \$15,000 to eligible businesses. The County Finance and Administration Office's American Rescue Plan Team was appointed as the task force to develop and implement the program. The program received great response from the community, as businesses had suffered financially through the storm, during what is typically the high season (ski season) for the mountain businesses.

Furthermore, on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the County held its annual employee picnic event at Glen Helen Regional Park. Glen Helen is located at the base of the chaparral covered hills of the Cajon Pass with scenic views of both the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains, Glen Helen Regional Park offers 1,340 acres of recreational activities from the relaxing to rugged. Glen Helen Regional Park is receiving ARPA funding for improvements and is a great example of projects serving the community and allowing the County for communal engagement. The improvement of parks, and recreational opportunities in the county, promotes more community engagement, and a sense of belonging, which allows for families to invest and grow roots in the County for generations to come.

#### 5K Race

- o Top 3 Men
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aaron Ronon (19:14)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Maximiliano Resendis (19:32)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Armando Nunez (19:41)
- Top 3 Women
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alexia Martinez (23:09)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Liliana Wilson (23:56)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Janie Hu (24:27)
- o Top 6 Youth
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Andrew Hernandez (23:34)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dax Barnes (30:03)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Amanda Hernandez (31:53)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Dominick Delgadillo (32:06)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Allison Gonzalez (36:59)
  - 6th Place: Azalea Felix (38:14)
- Kickball Competition
  - Let's hear it for our returning champions: Children and Family Services Heroes! This was a well-deserved win by employees who perform heroic work for the county's children under often-difficult circumstances. Congratulations to Children and Family Services!

County Employee Picnic: Fun for All!



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Thank you to everyone who attended the San Bernardino County Employee Picnic on Saturday, June 29! We hope you enjoyed the day, and we want you to know how much we appreciate your commitment to public service. Catch a glimpse of all the fun here and view photos from the event in the <u>County's Photo Library</u>.

Please join us in congratulating the winners of our picnic contests:

# **Labor Practices**

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

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

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

# **Use of Evidence**

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

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

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

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

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

• Parks and Open Space projects have been proposed to promote healthy neighborhoods and create safe settings for the community; most of the proposed locations are either within a QCT, within neighboring areas, or serving the residents of a QCT. Open space/parks will especially serve historically underserved/unserved areas. Additionally, the improvement of school facilities and sport fields encourage students to take part in sport activities. Studies verify a direct correlation between sport involvement and enhanced education outcomes; furthermore, per a study published by National Library of Medicine (NLM - NIH) "Past research has frequently linked physical activity and sports participation with improved mental and social well-being in young adults. These relationships are of interest because diagnoses of depression have grown increasingly common among U.S. college students in recent years (American College Health Association [ACHA], 2007), and many students experience symptoms of depression that go undiagnosed and untreated (Suicide Prevention Resource Center [SPRC], 2004).<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2908331/

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

Even diagnoged with diabeter	San Bernardino	Los Angeles	Orange	San Diego	Riverside	California	
Ever diagnosed with diabetes	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Diagnosed with diabetes (2020)	15.7%	12.9%	9.4%	7.3%	13.4%	10.9%	
				•	•		
Dody Mass Inday 4 layel (odult only)	San Bernardino	Los Angeles	Orange	San Diego	Riverside	California	
Body Mass Index - 4 level (adult only)	San Bernardino %	Los Angeles	Orange %	San Diego %	Riverside %	California %	

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update

San Bernardino County continues to work closely with its ARPA subrecipients and review incoming proposals diligently to ensure all projects meet all the criteria in their entirety. As part of its structure and assurance policy, all projects taken on by the County can be supported through evidence-based studies and data and research to have improved and impacted the environment and community, positively.

Whether the project is for new sewer line, park improvement, educational programs, the County has reviewed projects, with similar circumstantial indications to evaluate and to ensure positive trajectory and outcomes. Thus far, the County has three projects that have been completed. The SB Early Literacy Transmedia Project in collaboration with Footsteps2Brilliance has proven to increase literacy among its targeted population. Through the program, the number of books read, number of words read, and hours of literacy have improved. The number of enrolled students in the program has increased more than 71%.

The other project that concluded work and has launched its service is the Yucaipa Pool Emitter project. Regional Parks is currently tracking pool usage and will be collecting data through their online survey; nevertheless, the County is confident that evidence and data will validate the anticipated positive outcome, as the improvement to the facility will improve quality of life for the residence, and fulfil social determinants of health criteria, by creating healthy outdoor environment for socializing and sport activities, especially for a disproportionately impacted community.

Lastly, the Vaccination Incentive project fulfilled its final payment in June 2023. This project was an effective initiative in promoting vaccination against COVID-19 amongst County employees, making the County a safer place for work, and living – as the program served 9,226 employees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

From onset, San Bernardino County and the ARPA Administrative team have been adamant in pursuing project with strong evidence-based and data driven initiatives. In fiscal year 2023/2024 the County added projects to its already diverse and lucrative list of projects, all with strong basis in evidence, to ensure equitable outcomes and diligent fund allocation.

To name a few, in 2023/2024, the County allocated funds for Needles Unified School District Security Improvements, which would allow for installation of cameras as well as keyless entryways through various schools in the district. In an age where bullying at schools is on the rise, school safety and parents' concerns about their children's safety is on the rise, and student have access to mobile devises throughout the day, it is imperative that all areas of campus have proper surveillance. Additionally, keyless access will allow for easier restriction to areas, but also better tracking of access throughout the campus.

In a 2022 report by New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security Emergency management, "Cameras may be useful tools in deterring, identifying, and investigating crimes and other unwanted or unauthorized behavior in schools." 1 School officials need to be aware of their surroundings and/or have the capability to observe danger and potential threats."<sup>4</sup>

A Comprehensive Report on School Safety Technology by Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. A Comprehensive Report on School Safety Technology (Rep.). (2016). Laurel, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Retrieved June, 2019<sup>5</sup> Provides a deep dive into technological integration into school environments.

Another project undertaken by the County is the HVAC improvements are Crest Forest Senior Center. Though it might seem mundane, it is important to acknowledge the growing number of seniors in the country and the expanding need to serve their needs. Additionally, it is important of facilities and environments that cater to seniors.

This from a recent article by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging, on Loneliness and Social Isolation Linked to Serious Health Conditions:

"Although it's hard to measure social isolation and loneliness precisely, there is strong evidence that many adults aged 50 and older are socially isolated or lonely in ways that put their health at risk. Recent studies found that:

- Social isolation significantly increased a person's risk of premature death from all causes, a risk that may rival those of smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity.
- Social isolation was associated with about a 50% increased risk of dementia.
- Poor social relationships (characterized by social isolation or loneliness) was associated with a 29% increased risk of heart disease and a 32% increased risk of stroke.
- Loneliness was associated with higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- Loneliness among heart failure patients was associated with a nearly 4 times increased risk of death, 68% increased risk of hospitalization, and 57% increased risk of emergency department visits."<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://schoolsafetyresources.nh.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Cameras-and-Surveillance-56.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/250274.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/lonely-older-adults.html

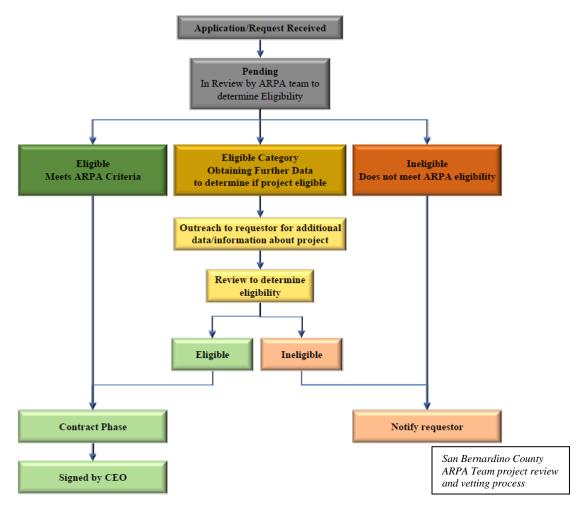
# **Performance Report**

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

Importance of data collection and reporting has been communicated and established with the subrecipients; additionally, the language has been incorporated into the contracts/agreements to ensure proper tracking and continued reporting. Most projects are still in the planning and design process, thus only a few have performance measures to report. The ARPA team is working with all subrecipients to gather current data, establish proper outcome and output goals, and based on that, begin data tracking and collection.

Moreover, the County has extended its contract with Crowe LLP, a reporting software, to ensure proper financial reporting as well as data tracking to measure outputs and outcomes.

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



#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update

San Bernardino County has established different methods of communication, data collection, and monitoring procedures for its projects, and with its subrecipients. On a quarterly basis, the team reaches out to all subrecipients to collect data – this is done by the Chief Administrative Analyst, ARPA Evaluation Officer, and Compliance Officers.

The Chief Administrative Analyst and the Compliance Officer collect spending and financial information, to ensure the County's Spending Plan is updated accordingly, and is current at all times; also, for quarterly reporting to the U.S. Treasury.

The Evaluation Officer collects data pertaining to the progress of the project, scope of work completed, and plans for the next quarter, additionally an update on the percentage spending as well as project progress is collected. The Evaluation Officer reaches out at the end of each reporting period. This process ensures that subrecipients are continuously tracking and collecting data for any ad hoc requests, and it assures that the project is on track towards completion, given funding timeline limitations.

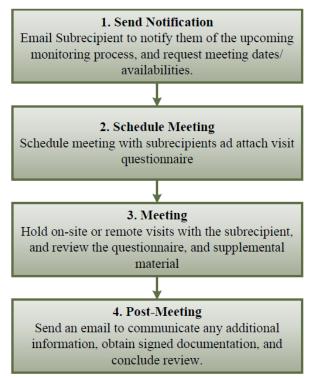
Furthermore, to enhance the subrecipient monitoring process, the Chief Administrative Analyst developed a Risk Assessment Matrix (RAM) tool. ARPA staff rate subrecipients on an array of criteria – timeliness, responsiveness to requests, quality of materials, data collection and reporting, number of projects, funding amount, etc. Utilizing the scores from the RAM, subrecipients are then placed into a risk category, from high risk to low risk. Subrecipients with a risk score over a threshold are deemed high-risk, and receive an on-site visit, while low risk subrecipients are scheduled for a remote visit held via Microsoft Teams.

The review process begins with an outreach to schedule meeting times with each subrecipient and collect point of contact information. Once the meeting time is established, then an internally developed Site Visit Questionnaire is shared with the subrecipient, with the prospect that it would at least be reviewed, and ideally completed, prior to the meeting. The questionnaire is directly centered on ARPA guidance and regulations.

Following that step, during the meeting, the County covers the contents of the questionnaire, and might occasionally request relevant supplemental documentation for potential Single Audit reports, policy manuals, etc. Aside from compliance and regulations reminders, the meetings serve to familiarize subrecipients with the County's philosophy on managing ARPA project compliance and reporting, as well as create avenues for interorganizational bonding to have greater familiarity with the subrecipients.

After each meeting, the County follows up with reminders of any materials that were requested during each meeting, in addition to signed copies of completed Site Visit Questionnaires.

#### **Subrecipient Monitoring Process**



The County intends to pursue this process as each new subrecipient is onboarded, therefore all County ARPA fund subrecipients will experience the procedure described above for at least their initial subrecipient monitoring meeting. Moving forward, following the introductory meeting with each subrecipient, the course of action will be determined by their RAM risk level, as well as any information the County learns during the meeting. If the subrecipients are low risk, a check-in and update to the Site Visit Questionnaire might be all that is necessary. Higher risk subrecipients might be subject to a more thorough meeting, with specific questions, and additional supplemental documentation requests.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update

As American Rescue Plan fund obligation period is nearing its end, San Bernardino County's ARPA Administrative team has been focused on monitoring and tracking all fund recipients to ensure compliance as well as accurate data tracking and reporting.

In addition to quarterly outreach to subrecipients and data collection the County developed a survey, ARPA Project Obligation – Soft Closing, conducted through Survey Monkey to gauge subrecipients' progress, and to ensure timely obligations.

The purpose of this brief nine question survey was to prompt subrecipients of timelines, and also to allow the County to assist the subrecipient stay on track.

In addition to the survey, the County has been conducting its subrecipient monitoring, utilizing the internally developed Risk Assessment Matrix (RAM).

As a result of COIVD-19 supply shortages, followed by inflation, many of the County's projects are still in development stages and

or development, therefore data and performance reporting is still scarce, however, through its vigorous effort and monitoring, the County has been able to guide subrecipients to develop tools and track progress and to set examples for others to model after.



#### **ARPA Project Obligation - Soft Closing**

1. ARPA Project Name

2. Total ARPA Allocated Amount

7. Expected project completion status as of 6/30/2024

5-10%
11-25%
26-50%
51-75%

○ 76-100%

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# **Project Inventory**

# 1: Public Health

#### 1.7 – Emergency Communication Nurse System

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

In 2022, the Emergency Communication Nurse System project was in the initial operation phase. Currently, the program is in the mid-to-latter operation phase of reaching its project goals and has expended \$212,942 year-to-date. Costs are primarily for ECNS operations consulting services such as EMK Consultants Inc., license fees such as Priority Solutions for lowcode software, travel costs for training in emergency dispatch, and system support and maintenance to operate the program. Other costs are for labor including the Contract Nurse Manager.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The Emergency Communication Nurse System (ECNS) project is now fully operational with a Medical Director, an ECNS manager, and other ECNS staff including Registered Nurses as of 2023-24. This year has been busy with hiring and training four ECNS Nurses who are working in a full-time capacity in the program. The ECNS program has decreased unnecessary hospital emergency department visits which potentially take resources away from those who truly have an immediate medical emergency while limiting unnecessary emergency responses, ambulance transports, and hospital emergency department visits.

The project has expended a total of \$1.1 million since the program began, which is approximately 50% of the funding amount. Costs are primarily for ECNS full-time nurses and contract staff, consulting services, software license fees, travel costs for training in emergency





dispatch, and system support and maintenance to operate the program.

In 2023-24, approximately 4,080 calls were directed to the ECNS nurse line and the ECNS staff were able to refer approximately 2,005 (49%) of those callers to more appropriate resources other than ambulance transport. It is important to note that full-time staffing did not occur until February 2024.

We anticipate the calls triaged by the ECNS program to increase next year as full-time staff is now in place.

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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012469 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$289,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 1.7, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

On November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a project budget of \$289,000 to fund the completion of a feasibility study and awarded the contract to Mission Critical Partners, LLC. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine the most effective solution to providing reliable cellular service. However, the study has not commenced due to winter weather conditions in Mount Baldy. Once it's begun, the contractor will have 180 days to report the findings.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Due to abnormally heavy snowfall in the San Bernardino County mountains, data collection efforts for the feasibility study were delayed until the weekend of July 1, 2023. It was discovered that the data collected on that weekend was incomplete and missing information. Additional data collection efforts were conducted on the weekend of September 23, 2023.

Mission Critical Partners, LLC (MCP) experienced delays but provided their data collection results in a report for Phase 1 on October 24, 2023. Phase 2 involved MCP providing coverage maps of the site location that would offer the best coverage. These efforts were delayed due to a lack of response from U.S. Forest Service and other utilities (SCE, Frontier, and Mt. Baldy Resort).

Currently, the County is finalizing the concluding phase, phase 3 of the report, with a final site visit scheduled for August 2, 2024, to document the constructability of the last proposed cellular site. MCP will provide their final report with an estimated cost for constructing the sites.

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

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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1011949 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,810,990.50 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.14, Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

The intended outcomes for the project include the following:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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



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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Collective impact alignment

- Educator capacity development
- Community and family engagement

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

Negative Economic Impact

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

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

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

Current and planned efforts to promote equity include the following:

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

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

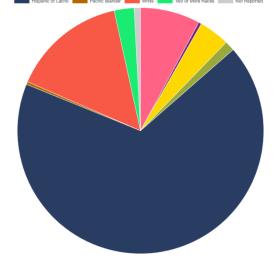
San Bernardino County is the largest geographic county in the United States, covering 20,105 square miles. One of the challenges of increasing equity with this project is reaching families in rural communities and small districts. As the project continues, the project staff will engage with the San Bernardino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

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

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

#### Enrollment by Ethnicity

African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Filipino



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

- Enrollment by Ethnicity Chart Data

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

#### Performance Report:

Output measures:

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

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

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

Outcome measures:

Data Point #1

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

Measurement: Footsteps2Brilliance program data for number of words read

Enrollment Period	Number of Words Read
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2021	263,037,961
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2022	321,859,499

Data Point #2

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

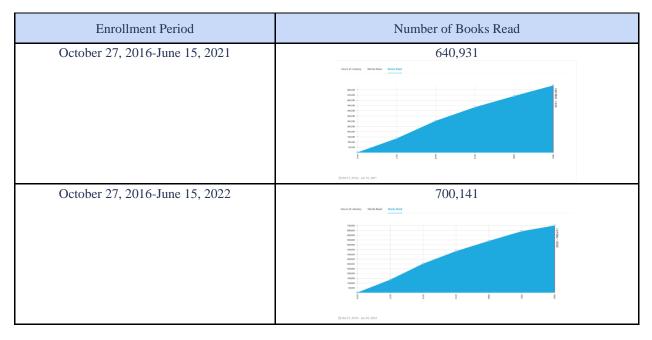
Measurement: F2B program data for the number of hours engaged in literacy

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

# Data Point #3

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

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



Data Point #4

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

Measurement: F2B program data for the foundational early literacy skills

	Phonological Awareness					
2021-2022 School Year	22 The form	71.56% to 79.8% proficiency growth				
	Phonics					
2021-2022 School Year 69.83% to 75.7% proficiency growth						
	Language					
2021-2022 School Year	A monotone and a monotone	70.18% to 76% proficiency growth				
Reading Comprehension						
2021-2022 School Year	B Transition Tra	72.26% to 77.03% proficiency growth				

# Data Point #5

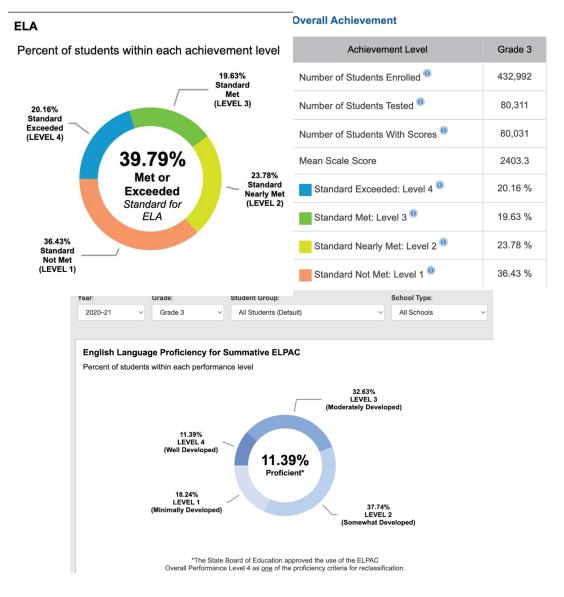
Goal: Increase achievement in early literacy proficiency for children by 3rd grade as a result of using the Footsteps2Brilliance early literacy platform

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

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

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



# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Between August 1, 2022, and May 22, 2023, 22,883 new student accounts were created. The number of new students enrolled in Footsteps2Brilliance apps nearly tripled in comparison to the same time frame the year prior. This surge in enrollment is due to the implementation of many Local Education Agencies (LEA) participating in the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools expansion to 3rd grade. Some LEAs have begun usage aligned with their adopted curriculum during the school day, while others have begun usage in their Extended Learning Opportunity programs. This data shows that the implementation of the initiative continues to remain on an upward trend, in turn continuing to lend credibility to the project's scalability and sustainability over time.

**Output Measures:** 

Enrollment Period	Enrollment Period Number of New Student Accounts Created	
August 1, 2020-June 16, 2021	3,115	
August 1, 2021-June 16, 2022	6,664	+53.25%
August 1, 2022-May 22, 2023	22,883	+71%

Outcome Measures:

Data Point #1

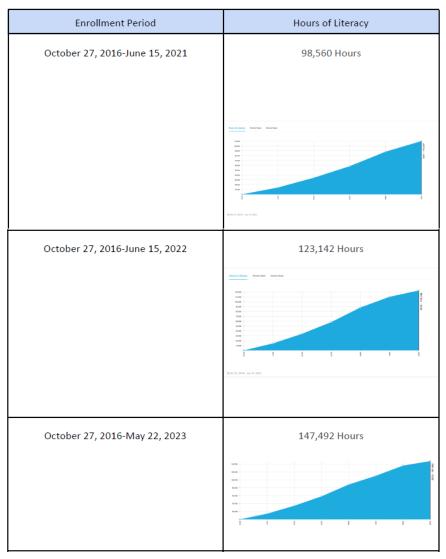
Goal: Increase access to early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the F2B mobile early literacy platform.

Measurement: Footsteps2Brilliance program data for number of words read

Enrollment Period	Number of Words Read
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2021	
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2022	321,859,499
October 27, 2016-May 22, 2023	376, 216,411

There has continued to be a consistent increase in the number of words read in the most recent data. A 30% increase was seen from year one to the present year.

Data Point #2 Goal: Increase engagement in early literacy experiences for children ages 0-8 using the F2B mobile early literacy platform Measurement: F2B program data for the number of hours engaged in literacy

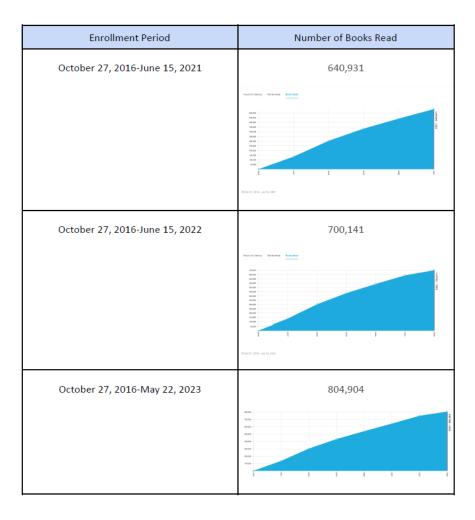


There has continued to be a consistent increase in the number of words read in the most recent data. A 33% increase was seen from year one to the present year.

Data Point #3

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

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



#### Data Point #4

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

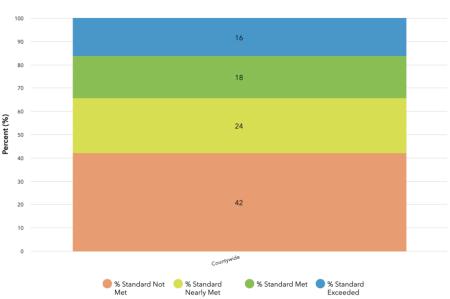
Measure: F2B program data for the foundational early literacy skills

	Phonological Awareness					
2021-2022 School Year		71.56% to 79.8% proficiency growth				
2022-2023 School Year	Prechapid Avenues	Slight decline in proficiency growth from 79.8% to 77.11%				
	Phonics					
2021-2022 School Year		69.83% to 75.7% proficiency growth				
2022-2023 School Year	Facts	75.7% to 76.35% proficiency growth				
	Language					
2021-2022 School Year		70.18% to 76% proficiency growth				
2022-2023 School Year	Lapage	Steady proficiency growth from 76% to 76.34%				
Reading Comprehension						
2021-2022 School Year	TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO TO T	72.26% to 77.03% proficiency growth				
2022-2023 School Year	Table Competencial	Slight decline of proficiency growth from 77.03% to 76.48%				

#### Data Point #5

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

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

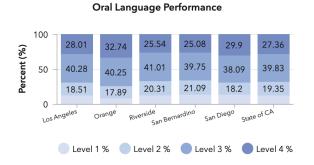


#### San Bernardino County Districts - Student Group: All Students in 3rd Grade 2022 ELA Overall Performance

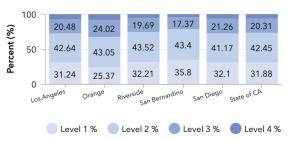




ELPAC Composite Performance - Surrounding Counties: 3rd Grade (2022)



#### Written Language Performance



# Programmatic Data:

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

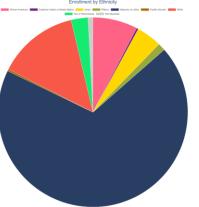
Enrollment Period	Number of Student Accounts
October 27, 2016-June 15, 2022	29, 671
October 27, 2016-May 22, 2023	34,729

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

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

# San Bernardino County 2023-24 Enrollment





Enrollment by Ethnicity Chart Data				
Ethnicity	Enrollment	Percent		
African American	30,240	7.69		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,259	0.39		
Asian	17,151	4.39		
Filipino	5,069	1.39		
Hispanic or Latino	272,391	68.69		
Pacific Islander	1,286	0.39		
White	54,715	13.89		
Two or More Races	11,433	2.99		
Not Reported	3,316	0.89		
Total	396,860	100.09		

# Output measures:

Enrollment Period	Number of New Student Accounts Created	Percent Increase/Decrease from 2020
August 1, 2020-June 16, 2021	3,115	
August 1, 2021-June 16, 2022	6,664	+53.25%
August 1, 2022-May 22, 2023	22,883	+86%
August 1, 2023 - May 22,2024	25,815	+88%

Between August 1, 2023 - May 22, 2024, 25,815 new student accounts were created. The number of new students enrolled in Footsteps2Brilliance apps continues to climb as more districts and community partners are adopting usage of F2B. While there is no surge in enrollment as large as years past, continued upward momentum supports the credibility to the project's scalability and sustainability over time. With most districts now enrolling their TK-3rd grade students, new enrollment is increasingly coming from families that may be considered underserved, thereby fostering equitable learning opportunities for the county's youngest learners.

Outcome measures:

Data Point #1

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



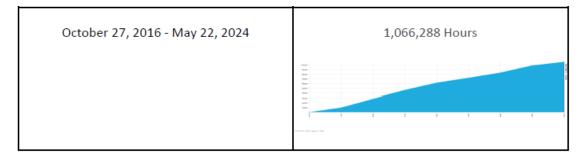
October 27, 2016 - May 22, 2024	3,341,357,651
(Year 3 Expansion)	

There has continued to be a consistent increase in the number of words read in the most recent data. A 5% increase was seen from last year to the present year.

Data Point #2

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

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



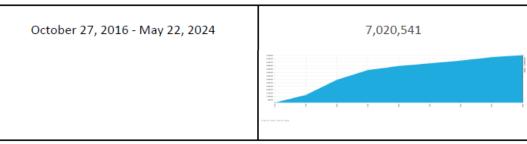
There has continued to be a consistent increase in the number of words read in the most recent data. A 7% increase was seen from year one to the present year.

Data Point #3

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

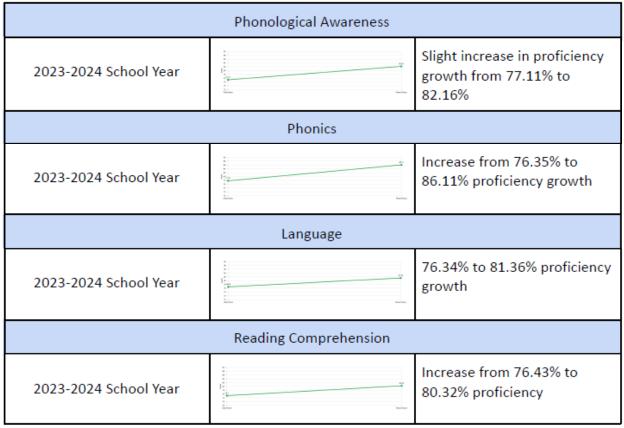
Measurement: F2B program data for the number of books read by children.

There has continued to be a consistent increase in the number of words read in the most recent data. A 4% increase was seen from year one to the present year.



Data Point #4

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



Measure: F2B program data for the foundational early literacy skills

### Data Point #5

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

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

Required Performance Indicators and Programmatic Data

Please see below for a comparison of enrollment and participation from the onset of the expansion to

#### present.

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





	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Enrollment	22,908	100,111	124,161	149,976
Literacy Hours	98,984	796 <mark>,</mark> 890	927,091	1,107,213
Words Read	264,277,041	2,724,997 <mark>,</mark> 993	3,043,634,443	3,467,308,764
Books Read	592,693	6,152,052	6,688,367	7,246,975
Skill-games played	1,322,966	8,364,642	9,887,775	11,965,078
Books Written	238,202	2,614,680	3,048,002	3,527,387

# 2.16 – Pacific Village Phase II – Community Development Housing (CDH)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012309 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$196,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.16, Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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



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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

As outlined in the 2022 Homeless Strategic Action Plan<sup>7</sup>, the goal is to create 100 unsheltered high utilizers of services assistance to exit homelessness, with 65% entering stable housing and 35% connected to services to support housing and safety. The Project concept design projects to create approximately 106 permanent supportive housing units and 32 Recuperate Care transitional units. This would reduce the unsheltered homeless count by 4.2%.

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> San Bernadino County 2022 Homeless Strategic Action Plan

#### Use of Evidence:

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



In 2022, 1,027 individuals in San Bernardino County were identified as chronically homeless. An Office of Homeless Services cost study<sup>8</sup> analysis of data from 2018 to 2019 found the annual average cost of serving homeless high utilizers of services was \$31,873 per person per year while homeless.

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

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count<sup>9</sup> found there were 3,333 persons who were counted as homeless.

# Performance Report:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Shinn, G. (2020). An Analysis of Chronic and Veteran Homeless Cohorts in San Bernardino County:

Fiscal Impacts and Market Demand for Sustainable Housing Solutions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Count and Survey Final Report

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

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

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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Pacific Village – Platinum Campus project is a unique multidisciplinary effort between the department of Community Development and Housing, Department of Behavioral Health, and Department of Aging and Adult Services. The Campus and the plan for it has been in development and restructuring; in an effort to make it a holistic ground; thus, the plan has shifted, and new design is in development to make for a cohesive site.

Phase II expansion of the Pacific Village Platinum Campus utilizes various funds, the Community Care Expansion (CCE) – Expansion grant funds, and ARPA funds will include on-site improvements to increase residential capacity by re-purposing existing buildings, improve property features, construct new housing units, and renovate buildings. The concept will include access to affordable temporary, supportive, and permanent housing options with on-site services, through a collective impact partnership between County Departments and contracted providers. Pacific Village will provide those experiencing or at risk of homelessness with a safe home and resources for whole-person wellness and self-sufficiency.

The Campus as a whole will improve access to services such as mental health services, recuperative care services for medical and behavioral health services, commercial kitchen and cafeteria, food, substance use disorder and recovery services, pet services and supportive services.

On August 23, 2022, the County approved Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) No. 23-069 in the amount of \$500,000. The CIP allows the Project and Facilities Management Department (PFMD) to assist CDH with the planning and development of the project.

Currently, PFMD has regular meetings with the design group Kitchell to develop an executive summary and site plan for the project.

The County meets bi-weekly to ensure the project timeline stays on track from design through to development.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The expansion of Pacific Village – Platinum Campus is steadily progressing. During the fiscal year 2023-24, the County has taken several steps to advance the project. On December 5, 2023, the Board authorized PFMD to use the design-build project delivery method and approved the Design-build Pre-Qualification package for selecting a contractor to handle both design and construction. In early 2024, PFMD released a Request for Qualification for the design and development drawings and subsequently received multiple proposals from interested contractors. On May 21, 2024, the County approved CIP for \$11,721,04 to support the project's expansion and move forward with the RFP to Prequalified Design-Build Entities. The RFP represents the second phase of a two-step process to implement the design-build project delivery method for the project's design and construction. The selection of the contractor will take place in the spring of 2025, and construction is estimated to begin summer of 2025.

# 2.17 – Inland Empire REBOUND – Reentry Services (Cancelled)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013410 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$150,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.17, Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Inland Empire Rebound provides accessible and effective services to those reentering the community by offering intensive case management services that will help identify crucial needs for long term growth, and developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address barriers and challenges faced by reentry individuals.

The mission for Inland Empire Rebound is to help those impacted by the justice system, as they transition back into society.

### Project Demographic Distribution:

ieREBOUND provides services to an almost entirely low-income population, as most released from incarceration do not possess assets or money. The largest client population receiving services is male, ages 26-36, Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish. The below chart is data between January- June 2023. The number of clients served currently is 56. Last year, 153 clients were served in total, demonstrating similar statistics of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish, Male between the ages 26-36 as its highest population, followed closely with same demographics between the ages of 37-47.

Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Number of Clients	<b>Economic Status</b>
18-25	Male	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	4	Low Income
26-36	Male	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	18	Low Income
26-36	Male	Black or African American	3	Low Income
26-36	Male	White	6	Low Income
26-36	Female	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	4	Low Income
26-36	Female	White	2	Low Income
26-36	Female	Black or African American	3	Low Income
37-47	Male	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	6	Low Income
37-47	Male	Black or African American	1	Low Income
37-47	Male	White	3	Low Income
37-47	Male	Other	1	Low Income
37-47	Female	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	3	Low Income
48-60+	Male	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	2	Low Income
Total			56	

# Uses of Funds:

The use of the ARPA funds will help create and convert the My Brothers Keeper from a teen curriculum to an adult version to be used at Day Reporting Centers. In addition, ieREBOUND has a need to automate its

client files from paper to electronic system to improve communication and response time with its fund support and sponsors, as well as client needs. ARPA funding will also help the center offer discount classes to those who cannot afford them, by extending them a scholarship. Funds will help offer hotel vouchers and hygiene kits to those who are recently released and need a place to stay while awaiting long term housing.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The clients served by Inland Empire Rebound (ieREBOUND) all have been impacted by the justice system. ieREBOUND works with youth and adults both inside custody and those who have been released are and reentering into the community. The center does an assessment of each client to determine their needs and work plan. The case manager will work to meet those needs, housing, employment, documentation, health care or family reunification.

# Use of Evidence:

"At least 95% of all state prisoners will be released from prison at some point; nearly 80% will be released to parole or probation supervision. They have the potential to rejoin society as positive, engaged, contributing members of their communities and workplaces.

Inland Empire Rebound provides evidence-based services that will prevent crime, facilitate reentry, and reduce recidivism. Evidence-based programs are programs that have been demonstrated as effective by high-quality outcome evaluations. The aim is to develop programs by looking at empirical evidence and working to understand what programs rigorous research has shown to be effective, promising, or ineffective.

Inland Empire Rebound works to ensure that people in reentry who desire a second chance have the opportunity for successful reintegration and are "reentry ready" and able to meet their goals of employment, housing, education, family reunification, and financial stability.

The purpose of reentry programs is to mitigate these problems to allow the offender to concentrate on adjusting to life on the outside."  $^{10}$ 

The goals of the project are to develop, train on and implement the program The Road We Travel. Secondary goals include assistance to clients by scholarship for mandated classes and temporary housing for those impacted by the justice system. Ultimately mitigate the negative financial impacts that have hit Inland Empire Rebound due to the effects of COVID. 90% or \$135,000 goes towards evidence-based programming.

# Performance Report:

At ieREBOUND, success is measured by the success of clients on the completion of milestones. As each client may have different needs, the wants of the clients are determined with an assessment. Based on the assessment and discussions between the client and their case manager, milestones are established for that specific client.

The client and their case manager work together to complete the milestones. These can be tasks such as obtaining documents (ID, social security card) or training/education (such as job ready, skill specific and GED classes), mental health/relationships (counseling/therapy sessions, family reunification mediation, and mentoring), and or physical needs (clothing, basic needs, and housing).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.ierebound.org/

The case managers are hands-on, meeting with and working on removing barriers for clients. The team works with clients (adults and youth) in-custody and mentors them - working on social and emotional issues. Out of custody, the case managers work with clients on reentering society. The clients have a trusted partner in their case managers once released.

This project is in the design phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports; nevertheless, enrollment and admission data will be utilized for tracking and monitoring program success.

### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project is no longer receiving American Rescue Plan funding and has been removed from San Bernardino County's list of ARPA projects, thus it will be omitted from future reports.

# 2.22 - Colton Avenue Bike Path Improvement

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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



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

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

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

# Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

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

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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



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



# Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

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Fatal	Severe Injury	Visible Injury	Complaint of Pain	Pedestrian	Bicycle	Total
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Crash List

# Performance Report:

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

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

# Safe Routes to School Crash Map Viewer

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

 Types of Crashes:
 Image: Bicycle Image: Pedestrian

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

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

#### **Alice Birney Elementary**

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# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

On September 16, 2022, the city of Colton solicited a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design, estimate and specifications of the Colton Avenue Bike Path Improvement project. The scope of the RFP included upgrades to current standard the existing bike trail striping and signs, ADA ramps and landscaping and irrigation system.

Three (3) RFP submittals for the engineering design were reviewed and evaluated by the City. An engineering contract was awarded on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to Engineering Resources of Southern California, Inc. (ERSCI) for \$70,659.75. The notice to proceed for the design and engineering was issued on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The design of the project is on-going with an estimated completion date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The estimated project schedule is as follows:

Activities	Description	Duration	
		From	То
1. Preliminary/Final Design	Issue RFP, award of contract,	September 2022	December 2023
	Preliminary and Final PS&E		
2. Bidding/Contract Process	Advertise, award and contract	January 2024	April 2024
	processing		
3. Construction Phase	Issue NTP, material submittal and	May 2024	December 20024
	Construction		
4. Project Close-out	Project acceptance & Final	January 2025	March 2025
	Reimbursement		

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

In fiscal year 2023-24, the design, landscaping and irrigation or the bike lane started. During this process, City and ERSCI staff met multiple times on site to resolve and coordinate design questions and issues. 60% of the plan was submitted to the City for review in October 2023. The design of the project is still ongoing and 90% complete with estimated completion by July 31, 2024.

In fiscal year 2024-25, it is anticipated that the project will be advertised and out for bid by August 15, 2024. The project will be advertised in a regional newspaper to reach as many prospective bidders as possible. The anticipated award of contract is October 15, 2024, and the anticipated construction start is December 2024 and completion by April 2025.

It is estimated that the project is at 12% progress, and 9.5% spending at this time.

Activities	Description	Duration	
		From	То
1. Preliminary/Final Design	Issue RFP, award of contract,	September 2022	July 2024
	Preliminary and Final PS&E		-
2. Binding/Contract Process	Advertise, award and contract	August 2024	October 2024
	processing	_	
3. Construction Phase	Issue NTP, material submittal and	November 2024	Aoril 2025
	construction		
4. Project Close-out	Project acceptance & Final	May 2025	June 2025
	Reimbursement		

# 2.22 – Needles Unified School District Security Improvements Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014506 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$48,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.22, Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Needles Unified School District is receiving American Rescue Plan funding to address safety and security across multiple school sites. Plans include keyless entry systems and additional security cameras at Needles High School and Vista Colorado Elementary School, and a keyless gate between Needles Middle School and Vista Colorado Elementary School. Keyless entry systems have been installed at the Needles High School Office, NHS 400 Classroom building, and the Vista Colorado Elementary Office. Systems have been installed but are not operational as of yet. Systems will be fully operational and programmed in the near future. Additional security cameras have been installed at Needles High School and Vista Colorado Elementary.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

In 2022, Needles had a population of 4.9k people with a median age of 48.8 and a median household income of \$38,368. Between 2021 and 2022 the population of Needles, CA declined from 4,921 to 4,895, a -0.528% decrease and its median household income grew from \$32,839 to \$38,368, a 16.8% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Needles, are White (Non-Hispanic) (51.6%), White (Hispanic) (13.9%), Two+ (Hispanic) (11.7%), American Indian & Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic) (7.58%), and Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (4.72%).

None of the households in Needles, reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household. 98.7% of the residents in Needles, are U.S. citizens. In 2022, the median property value in Needles, was \$132,500, and the homeownership rate was 57.6%.<sup>11</sup>

# Uses of Funds:

The scope of Needles Unified School District (District) Security Improvements Project (Project) includes the purchase and installation of keyless doors and gate, cameras, and fencing at Vista Colorado Elementary School, Needles Middle School, and Needles High School.

The County is funding the project cost of \$48,000 with American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through investments in the community and infrastructure.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project brings security and peace of mind for all stakeholders - school staff, parents, and students. It

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> https://datausa.io/profile/geo/needles-ca/

serves the community equitably and promotes a safe environment. It allows for any incident to get addressed quickly, and seamlessly. It allows everyone to focus on the priority – which is education and allows technology to manage the rest. It protects against theft and vandalism, but more importantly against bullying, as it will secure areas on campus that are usually out of sight of school officials to get seen. This project promotes an equitable outcome for all.

#### Use of Evidence:

"Security cameras allow schools to respond to emergencies and give parents peace of mind. Security cameras that provide schools access to centralized video footage allow them to find incidents of interest quickly and, more importantly, share this footage with authorities."<sup>12</sup>

When done right, security cameras in schools and on campuses provide improved security, reducing the chances of violence as well as vandalism and theft, while also preserving privacy."<sup>13</sup>

#### Performance Report:

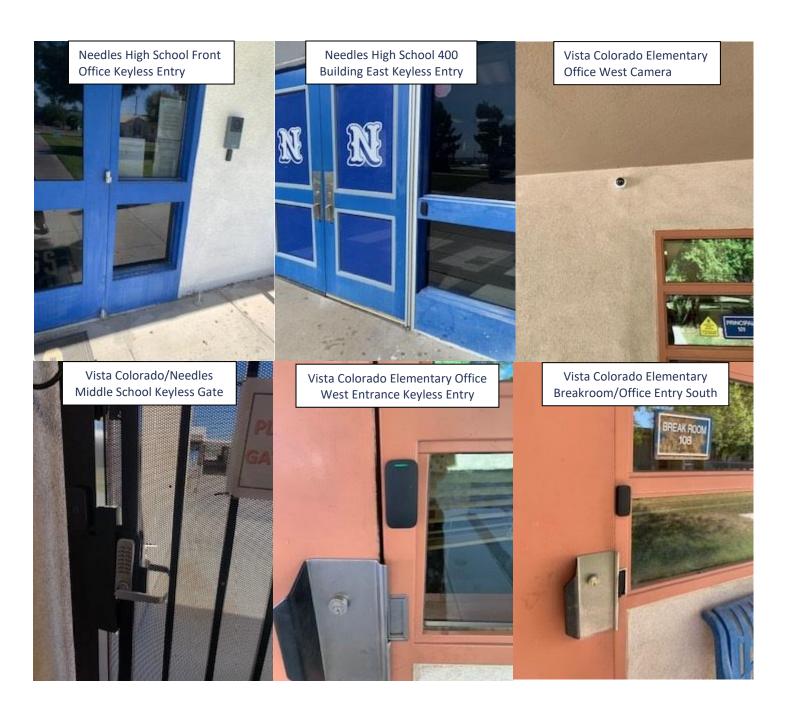
This project is in its final phases; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

<sup>12</sup> https://getsafeandsound.com/blog/benefits-of-security-cameras-in-

schools/#: ``text=Security%20 cameras%20 allow%20 schools%20 to, share%20 this%20 footage%20 with%20 authorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://solink.com/resources/state-of-school-security-cameras/





# 2.22 – Upland Downtown Camera Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012313 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$500,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.22, Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The area of Downtown Upland, located in the City of Upland, is geographically situated in a qualified census tract. This project aims to install multiple surveillance cameras in the downtown area to improve public safety and security. The cameras will be strategically placed in areas with high foot traffic, high crime areas and public spaces. Overall, this project is an important step towards creating a safer and more secure downtown area for residents, workers, and visitors which would help the community mitigate some of the effects of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments and socialization.

The project will involve the following steps:

- Needs Assessment: A needs assessment will be conducted to identify the specific security concerns of the downtown area and determine the number and types of cameras required.
- Design and Planning: Based on the needs assessment, a detailed design and plan for the surveillance camera system will be created. This will include identifying the locations for the cameras, the type of cameras to be used, storage capacity needed, and the necessary wiring and infrastructure required.
- Installation: The cameras and infrastructure will be installed according to the design and plan.
- Testing and Monitoring: After installation, the system will be tested to ensure that it is functioning properly. The system will also be monitored to detect any issues and ensure that it is operating at its optimum level.
- Maintenance and Upgrades: Regular maintenance and upgrades will be conducted to ensure that the system continues to function effectively and meet the changing needs of the downtown area.
- Smart County: Consideration will be given to systems used in other SB County cities, especially those that border Upland, for ease of sharing.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

"In 2022, Upland had a population of 78.8k people with a median age of 37.1 and a median household income of \$93,994. Between 2021 and 2022 the population of Upland, CA grew from 78,624 to 78,847, a 0.284% increase and its median household income grew from \$82,259 to \$93,994, a 14.3% increase. The 5 largest ethnic groups in Upland, CA are White (Non-Hispanic) (34.9%), Other (Hispanic) (16.7%), White (Hispanic) (13.2%), Two+ (Hispanic) (11.7%), and Asian (Non-Hispanic) (9.88%).

None of the households in Upland reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household. 92.3% of the residents in Upland are U.S. citizens.

The largest universities in Upland are Salon Success Academy-Upland (203 degrees awarded in 2022).

In 2022, the median property value in Upland was \$647,400, and the homeownership rate was 55.4%."<sup>14</sup>

### Uses of Funds:

The projected expenditures of not-to-exceed \$500,000 will be funded by American Rescue Plan dollars. The expenditures identified in the schedule include project materials, design and planning, installation, testing, and data storage.

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project is an important step towards creating a safer and more secure downtown area for residents, workers, and visitors. It will help reduce crime and make the area for residents. The benefits of this project include but not limited to:

- Improved public safety and security in the downtown area.
- Deterrent effect on crime and anti-social behavior.
- Rapid response to incidents and emergencies.
- Improved investigation and prosecution of crimes.
- Increased public confidence and perception of safety in the downtown area.

# Use of Evidence:

In a report by National Association of Counties, "Eyes on the Street: How wireless video solutions are transforming public safety" – "Neighborhoods where video is deployed have seen reductions in crime of up to 40 percent. Video surveillance allows monitoring of previously hidden or out of the way areas, helping to improve response times and effectiveness by alerting police of potentially volatile situations or crimes actually in progress."<sup>15</sup>

# Performance Report:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://datausa.io/profile/geo/upland-ca

 $<sup>^{15}</sup> https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/Video\%20Solutions\%20Transforms\%20Public\%20Safety.pdf$ 

# 2.22 – Yucaipa Pool Emitter Project

Project Identification Number: 1012339

Funding Amount: \$602,903.00

<u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.22, Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Yucaipa Pool Emitter project included a comprehensive design study as well as the removal and replacement of existing emitters. The improvements provide a cost-effective system for preventing high chemical concentrations in the well water distribution system and reducing or eliminating the possibility of bathers being exposed to high concentrations of these chemicals. The project has created a customized electrical panel system that will use flow sensors in the well water supply pipe at the point of chemical injection. The system controls the electrical current to the chemical feed pumps and will only allow them to operate when there is well water flow in the



well water pipe. It utilizes the same type of chemical feed pumps that are currently in use, as well as adapting a control system for the new Carbon Dioxide gas feed system that has been partially installed at the facility.

The previous chemical system was old and caused a health problem in 2021 due to chemical leaks into the pool, forcing the pool to close for the swim season that year. The proposed project ensured the health and safety of the local community and visitors to the park while providing an enjoyable amenity that offers escape from the summer heat.

Project Demographic Distribution:

Yucaipa - 2022 Population Estimate = 54,420

- White Alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 54.4%
- Hispanic or Latino = 37%
- Persons under 18 years = 25.4%
- Persons 65 years and over = 14.6%
- Median Household Income = \$75,456 (Persons in poverty = 9.6%)

# Uses of Funds:

Funds were used for design, development, and installation of a cost-effect system for preventing high chemical concentrations within the Yucaipa Regional Park pool. The goal was for park users to be able to safely utilize the pool as an outdoor recreation activity. 100% of the funding for this project was ARPA funds.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Regional Parks Department provides outdoor recreation opportunities to all park patrons. These opportunities are provided at a low cost that ensures all members of the public have access.

Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

There is no difference in the level of access to benefits or services at the swim facility, and no administrative requirements that result in disparities.

It is anticipated that the project outcomes will see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

Since the completion of the swim facility, the park was able to immediately provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for park patrons.



#### Use of Evidence:

The goal of this project was and continues to be to increase customer satisfaction and safe use of the swimming facility at Yucaipa Regional Park. According to a scientific journal article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014).

Furthermore, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people report enjoying water-based exercise more than exercising on land. They can also exercise longer in water than on land without increased effort or joint or muscle pain. In this article published on the CDC website it states that swimming improves arthritic symptoms, positively affects mental health, and is



a physical activity that is often more accessible for older adults and those with disabilities. <sup>16 17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Health Benefits of Swimming | Healthy Swimming | Healthy Water | CDC



As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, a satisfaction survey is offered on the website. The goal of this project is to provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors with a focus on providing full and safe accessibility. The Department will continue to monitor the number of park visitors who enjoy the swim facility and will encourage customers to complete a survey about the effects the amenity has on their overall health and wellbeing.

# Performance Report:

The Coronavirus pandemic saw a marked increase in camping reservations. Present day travelers prefer distance from others, natural space, and outdoor recreation as their preferred mode of vacationing. Camping has become a way to safely distance your family from others while enjoying the great outdoors. The following table shows the progressive increase in camping reservations at Yucaipa Regional Park.

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	4,734	14,073	12,291
2020	3,800	13,727	10,099
2021	5,148	21,510	13,658
2022	5,028	26,250	13,158

The Department saw an increase in campers by 154% from 2019 to 2022. This increase to campers continues to trend. To the right, is the number of swim complex entries for the last 4 years: The sharp dip in 2022 was due to a fault in the emitter system. This project was completed on Friday, May 26, 2023. Regional Parks will be recording the number of park patrons utilizing the swim facility to show the

	Swim Entry
2019	32,439
2020	22,877
2021	23,057
2022	13,298

increased usage and will be installing a sign with a QR code linking them to a survey. Future reports will reflect the updated usage data, and visitor feedback.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project was completed on Friday, May 26, 2023. Regional Parks is in the process of recording the number of park patrons utilizing the swim facility to show the increased usage and has installed a sign with a QR code linking them to a survey.

This project included a comprehensive design study as well as the removal and replacement of existing emitters within the swim complex at Yucaipa Regional Park in Yucaipa, California. It provides a cost-effective system for preventing high chemical concentrations in the well water distribution system and reducing or eliminating the possibility of bathers being exposed to high concentrations of these chemicals.

# 2.25 – Indian Springs High School: Wellness Center - NEW

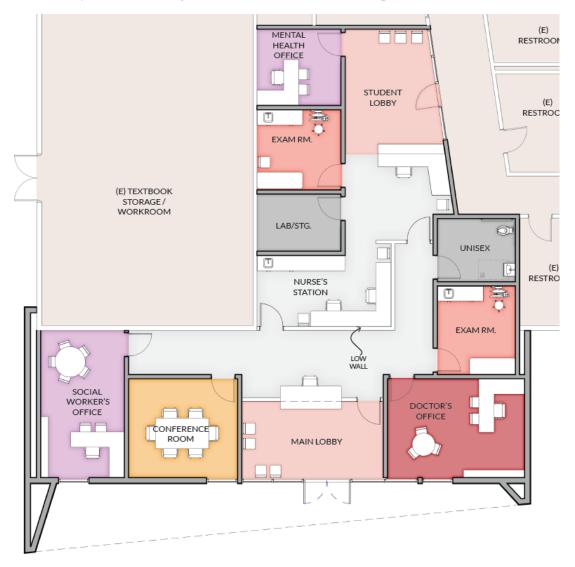
Project Identification Number: 1014315

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000.00

<u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 2.25, Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Indian Springs High School is located on the eastern side of the San Bernardino City Unified School District boundaries. The school is located just north of the San Bernardino International Airport and within a heavily trafficked logistics corridor. The purpose of this project is to provide students and the community with a local clinic to serve their physical and mental health needs. These proposed improvements will provide two exam rooms, a lab room, a conference room, and mental health, social worker and doctor offices. The plans are being developed by Ruhnau Clarke Architects. The schematic design phase is completed, and they are now moving into the construction documents phase.



The architect is targeting Fall 2024 for the submission of the plans to the Division of the State Architect. Once approved the District will issue a public bid.



# Project Demographic Distribution:

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

# Uses of Funds:

The total estimated cost for this project is \$2,626,000. Of this amount, \$1,500,000.00 will be ARPA funds, it is estimated that \$606,000.00 of the grant will be used for soft costs such as design, surveys, agency fees and approvals. The construction costs will be covered by the remaining grant amount of \$894,000.00 along with District funds. Nearly 90% of the Indian Springs High School scholars come from homes that are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged which qualifies them for free and reduced lunch. Upon completion, this project will provide the students and families in the Indian Springs community access to mental and physical health care which will improve their social-emotional, physical and mental wellness and reduce the negative impacts caused by the pandemic.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Indian Springs High School community is 83.9% Hispanic with a median household income of \$46,928 according to the latest Census information. Similar to most of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, the project area is identified as a disadvantage community by CalEnviroScreen due to a high potential exposure to pollutants and the adverse environmental conditions caused by pollution.

With the completion of the project, the community will have direct access to mental and physical health professionals. Since the pandemic struck our community, mental health has become an increasing concern voiced by the students of our District. This project will allow the student population to seek the assistance they need, and are asking for, without having to leave the campus.

# Performance Report:

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

# 2.31 – Mountain Small Business Grant

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013638 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$870,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.31, Rehabilitation of Commercial Properties or Other Improvements

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Beginning February 22, 2023, communities located within the San Bernardino County mountains were subjected to one of the worst winter blizzards in recorded history. With snowfall levels in the range of 6-8 feet, most highways and roads were inaccessible for nearly two weeks because snowplows were unable to keep pace. This became a financially devastating situation for local business owners who had to shut their doors during that period.

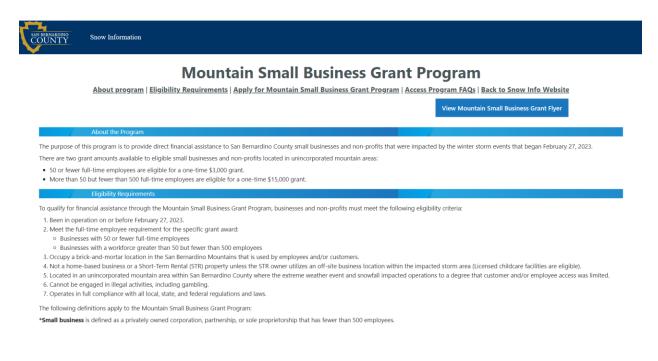


In addition to the financial damage, several businesses suffered substantial structural damage due to the weight

of the snow. In fact, two of the largest grocery stores serving the mountain communities of Blue Jay and Crestline will remain closed for a prolonged period of time as a result of collapsed roofs. Those stores employed more than 200 workers combined.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

Businesses located in the mountain areas of the San Bernardino County, impacted by the weather condition are eligible for the program. The San Bernardino Mountain areas have a population of about 44,000, and between 300-400 businesses.



# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:



To disseminate information about the program, information was published by the Board Offices, as well as the County Newsletter. To be equitable, a website portal was developed, to allow business owners to submit an application. The program parameters were designed to be inclusive and support businesses that had overhead costs and suffered financially as a result of the interruption in operation.

#### Uses of Funds:

On March 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of up to \$1,000,000 of ARPA funding to establish the Mountain Small Business Grant Program. Businesses with 50 or fewer fulltime employees are eligible for a one-time \$3,000 grant, while those with more than 50 but fewer than 500 employees may receive a onetime \$15,000 grant. The grant awards are forgiven and may be used to address the financial impacts of the blizzard.

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#### Performance Report:

The program launched April 7, 2023, and, as of June 15, 2023, 170 applications have been approved, totaling \$555,000 in grant awards.

The County will continue to accept new grant applications until funding is exhausted.

#### Photos courtesy of:

*Photo #1: <u>https://www.sunset.com/travel/san-bernardino-mountains-snow-storm-2023</u> <i>Photo #2: <u>https://www.sbsun.com/2023/03/02/snow-collapses-roof-of-goodwin-and-sons-crestlines-only-grocery/</u>* 

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

No further payments were issued under this project during fiscal year 2023/2024, thus this project is closed and complete. For its success in serving the public and execution of the program, the County received an award from the National Association of Counties.

# 2.35 – Center Stage Theater Exterior Rehabilitation

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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



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

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

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

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

On June 28, 2022, the Fontana City Council accepted \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funds from the County of San Bernardino to make interior and exterior improvements to Center Stage Theater. The city will issue a Request for Proposal to begin construction.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

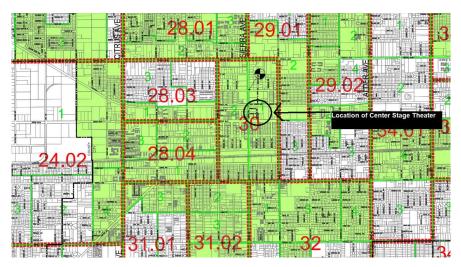
This project brings access and assistance to the general public, households, as well as assistance to small business impacted and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

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



This census tract has a total population of 3,158 people in

a 0.5 square mile land area. Of this population, 80.4 percent are Latino, and 19.6 percent are non-Latino.



# Uses of Funds:

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

Expenditure Type (e.g., Payroll)	<b>Projected Expenditures*</b>
Remediate and repair moisture intrusion	\$50,000
Re-paint exterior	\$50,000
Additional exterior improvements	\$200,000
Total Expenditure	\$300,000
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\*Note: Projected expenditures may differ from the actual costs, but a total amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount specified above.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

key to the success of the downtown revitalization.

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

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



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

## Use of Evidence

According to the American Planning Association<sup>18</sup>, downtowns are more than retail, commercial, service, and work centers. They are the symbolic centers of cities and are unifying forces for their communities. These are the reasons cities across the country are committing resources, both financial and human, to bring them back to economic health.

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

# Performance Report:

Please see the below statistics for 2022:

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

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

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

 $<sup>^{18}\</sup> https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9142015//$ 

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Center Stage Exterior Rehabilitation project scope was created and disseminated for bid on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The project bid closed on April 6th. All bids are currently being evaluated by the Purchasing Department. The City awarded the contract on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Currently, the project is about 30% complete – as the initial steps for establishing and starting a project are time consuming and require detailed work; thus far, no funding has been expended for this project. It is expected once the project is awarded, the project progress and spending will proceed promptly.



# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The project at Center Stage Theater (Stage Red) focused on the exterior restoration of the building. The project went out to bid in June of 2023 and construction began in July of 2023.

The construction of the project was completed in June 2024. The process involved re-stuccoing the building, preparing the surface by cleaning, repairing, and removing the old stucco, followed by applying new layers of stucco in stages: scratch coat, brown coat, and finish coat. Each layer was properly cured to ensure durability and a consistent finish.

Weather conditions impacted materials during the construction process. The city experienced some challenges on the project due to the heavy rains. Aside from this, the city has experienced no major issues with this project.

Moving forward, the city plans to hold live entertainment and concerts at Stage Red to help boost downtown Fontana. The city contracts with an entertainment management firm that creates a schedule of events and organizes the promotion. Recently, Stage Red hosted Sammy Hagar during its opening day concert in June 2024. The event sold out on the first day. The city's goal is to attract other bands and more entertainment groups in the future.

This City will be tracking uses of the theater for reporting, and program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports.

# 2.37 – Ayala Park Splash Pad Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014307 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,194,524.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Ayala Park (Park) is located within the Bloomington Recreation and Park District (BRPD), which encompasses the community of Bloomington. The Department of Public Works – Special Districts (Special Districts), through its operations Division, directly manages, operates, and maintains the district, including the Park.

The Project proposes the construction of a 40-foot diameter splash pad. The new water system will utilize water storage tanks, purification systems, recirculation pumps, and programable controllers to ensure water conservation and sufficient water supply to the new splash pad.



The addition of the splash pad will provide a fun, low-impact, and social environment for families to enjoy within the Bloomington area, serving the public purpose of providing for the public benefit, welfare, health, recreational and social needs of residents.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

- Bloomington, CA 2020 Census Population Estimate = 24,339
- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 31.2%
- Hispanic or Latino = 87.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 25.1%
- Persons 65 years and over = 10.2%
- Average Household Income = 74,414 (Persons in poverty = 15.7%)19

## Uses of Funds:

The Project has been determined to be eligible for ARPA funding in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$1,194,524 to fund the design, construction, and construction management of the splash pad installation. There are very few water facilities in Bloomington. This project will provide an exciting new amenity for families, increasing their use of the park, and adding a new outdoor recreational resource to the community.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the recent census data, over 87% of the residences in Bloomington are of Hispanic or Latino origin with average median household income of \$74,414. The Bloomington community is identified by CalEnviroScreen as disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. Bloomington lacks the public spaces and amenities compared with neighboring cities such as Rialto and Fontana, as many of the

surrounding residential zoned properties or open fields have or are in the process of being converted into logistic warehouses or truck storage yards.

By implementing the proposed improvement, the Bloomington community will have more direct access to qualify outdoor recreation and outdoor exercise. Upon completion of the splash pad, the park will immediately be able to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for park patrons.



#### <u>Use of Evidence</u>:

One of the goals of this project is to promote outdoor exercise for youths in the predominately

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Bloomington CDP, California

Hispanic/Latin community in order to alleviate the negative impacts to their mental wellness caused by the pandemic, which also affects their academic performance. According to the National Library of Medicine, evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness has a direct correlation to improve academic performance and mental health wellness.

Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).

# Performance Report:

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

# 2.37 – Baldy View Dog Park Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012324 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The area of Baldy View Dog Park, located in the City of Upland, is geographically situated in an area that serves nearby qualified census tracts. The dog park improvements will include the redesign and expansion of the large and small dog areas, update the infrastructure for appropriate irrigation, raise the height of perimeter fencing for safety, replace existing turf with new dog-friendly sod, address drainage issues, add electric connections for the addition of lights, and the addition of park and play amenities. By improving the Baldy View Dog Park in the City of Upland, it would help the community mitigate some of the effects of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments and socialization.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

"In 2022, Upland, CA had a population of 78.8k people with a median age of 37.1 and a median household income of \$93,994. Between 2021 and 2022 the population of Upland, CA grew from 78,624 to 78,847, a 0.284% increase and its median household income grew from \$82,259 to \$93,994, a 14.3% increase. The 5 largest ethnic groups in Upland, CA are White (Non-Hispanic) (34.9%), Other (Hispanic) (16.7%), White (Hispanic) (13.2%), Two+ (Hispanic) (11.7%), and Asian (Non-Hispanic) (9.88%).

None of the households in Upland, CA reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household. 92.3% of the residents in Upland, CA are U.S. citizens.

The largest universities in Upland, CA are Salon Success Academy-Upland (203 degrees awarded in 2022). In 2022, the median property value in Upland, CA was \$647,400, and the homeownership rate was 55.4%. Most people in Upland, CA drove alone to work, and the average commute time was 30.4 minutes. The average car ownership in Upland, CA was 2 cars per household."<sup>20</sup>

# Uses of Funds:

Projected expenditures of not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 will be funded by ARPA. The County Board of Supervisors (Board) recognizes the need to strategize in its effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, its negative economic impacts or make necessary investment in the community. The area of Baldy View Dog Park, located in the City of Upland, is geographically situated in an area that serves nearby qualified census tracts, which serves communities which have been historically underserved.

# Use of Evidence:

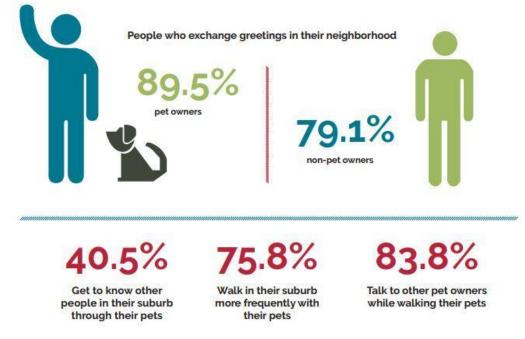
"Dog parks are social capital catalysts. These green open spaces bring people "out and about" by promoting walkable neighborhoods and an enhanced sense of community. In addition, communities have seen a positive effect on the visible presence of individuals walking with their dogs and the motivation dogs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://datausa.io/profile/geo/upland-ca

provide for their owners to walk. This generates an increased feeling of collective safety. Further research explains that 'animal presence can facilitate human social approach, increase the likelihood of social contact, and serve as a conversation trigger between strangers or casual acquaintances.'

To further define the social and community benefits, it was found that a total of 40.5% of pet owners indicated that they had become acquainted with other people in their suburb through their pets. Three quarters of dog owners (75.8%) indicated that owning a dog encouraged them to walk in their suburbs more frequently. Of those who walked their dogs, more than four-fifths (83.8%) talked to other pet owners when doing so. Pet owners were more likely to feel that people in their suburb generally say hello to each other, 89.5% of pet owners compared with 79.1% of non-pet owners.

Dog parks can act as a gathering spot for people. They bring their pets to the park to get exercise and socialize with other dogs, while they often engage in similar behavior. Dogs are natural icebreakers. In a study published in Leisure Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Journal16, authors Taryn Graham and Troy Glover of the University of Waterloo explore the ways that dog parks may help people build relationships, therefore enhancing their community. The study found that pets serve as a common thread among people at the dog park, allowing owners to meet people and navigate space through their pets."<sup>21</sup>



Performance Report:

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

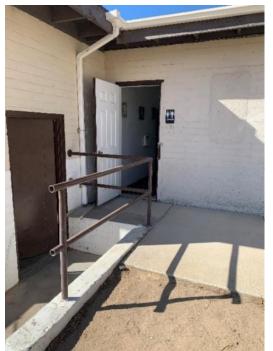
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://www.playcore.com/news/social-and-community-benefits-of-dog-parks

# 2.37 – Barstow Memorial Cemetary Park Restroom Construction

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013269 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$400,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Barstow Cemetery District (dba: Mountain View Memorial Park) is located at 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow, California. It is a self-governed special district with trustees appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The cemetery was established under private ownership in the 1930s. In 1947 it was donated to the community and became a self-governed special district that operates under the direction of a five-member Board that is appointed by the County of San Bernardino's Board of Supervisors.





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The District owns a total of 22 acres with approximately 9,000 internments on site. The purpose of this project is to install two handicapped-accessible restrooms adjacent to the current office building.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

The area of the Cemetery District is considered a disadvantaged community.

- Population 11,853
- White (Hispanic) (26%)
- White (Non-Hispanic) (23.5%)
- Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (16.1%)
- Other (Hispanic) (11.1%)
- Two+ (non-Hispanic) (9.43%)
- Median Household Income \$38,529
- Households 4,249
- Per Capita Income \$19,162
- Median Age 30.7 Unemployment Rate 19.8% <sup>22 23</sup>

In addition to being economically disadvantaged, the Barstow Cemetery District area is ethnically diverse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> university.datausa.profile.geo.barstow-ca

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> ESRI, August 2020

# Uses of Funds:

Funding for the cemetery comes from the sale of grave sites as well as from a very small portion of property taxes paid to the County of San Bernardino within the cemetery district's boundaries. These limited funds do not provide the District sufficient funding for capital improvements to upgrade the current restrooms. The Cemetery District has a very small budget and limited staff (4 employees). Due to the importance of this project for the community, the City of Barstow has agreed to partner with Cemetery District to provide staff and resources to oversee the installation of the handicapped restrooms. The \$400,000.00 ARPA funds will help the district make the necessary capital improvement, with the construction of the new restroom.

Currently, representatives from the City of Barstow, the Barstow Cemetery District, the County of San Bernardino (ARPA) meet regularly to discuss and plan the Cemetery restroom project. The location of the new restrooms has been determined. City staff are currently working to finalize the engineering and design work as well as working with County staff to prepare necessary agreements between the County



and the City. It is expected that these documents will be completed within the next several months.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Cemetery has suffered financial hardships for years, and unfortunately COVID-19 strained its resources further, and sadly, increased the use of facilities as families lost loved ones to the virus; additionally, more families visited gravesites, to be outdoors and by their late family and friends.

The Barstow Cemetery averages 73,700 visits per year.

- Weekday visits average 100 per day X 5 days per week = 500
- Weekend visits average 300 per day X 2 days per week = 600
- Average number of visits each week is 500 weekdays plus 600 weekend = 1,100 total
- 1,100 visits per week X 52 weeks = 52,700 visits per year

This project will bring a clean, healthy, and required facility to the cemetery, the improvements will help create a place for the community to come together and visit those they've lost. In addition to having a cleaner restroom, it will also bring a required ADA compliant facility.

Using these funds for upgrading the restroom at the Mountainview Memorial Park will provide a benefit to the historically underserved residents of the District which include an ethnically diverse, economically disadvantaged population with a primary benefit to handicapped persons. All visitors will have access to the facility.

# Use of Evidence:

The improvement to the facility will promote a better and healthier environment for visitors. It will

encourage more families to visit loved ones, especially as COVID-19 brought a rift in families, and also many families lost loved ones to the disease.

The addition will create a safer environment for the cemetery staff, as the new restroom will help the employee restroom remain limited to staff and meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. Also, with the addition, ADA compliance will be met.

# Performance Report:

The cemetery conducts an average of 110 funerals per year with an average attendance of 80 which adds another 8,800 visits. There are four annual community celebrations/special events held at the cemetery (Memorial Day, September 11th, Veteran's Day, All Souls Day) which bring in an additional 500 visits per event adding 2,000 visits per year. Holidays bring an increase in visitors as many people have time to place holiday-themed decorations upon their loved ones' graves. Christmas & New Year's bring an additional 2,000



visits, Valentine's Day brings 1,200, Easter brings 1200 and Thanksgiving brings 800 visits. These holidays combined add another 5,200 visits.

57,700	Average Weekly Visits
8,800	Average Funeral Attendance
2,000	Special Events
5,200	Major Holidays
73,700	Average Total Visits Per Year

The District will continue to compile data on annual visits to the Cemetery. It is expected that the number of visits will increase yearly. The District will also acquire annual data supporting the District's status as a disadvantaged community including the economic status and ethnic diversity of the region. This information will be included in

future reports.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

A major milestone was completed last year when the ARPA subrecipient contract for the Barstow Cemetery Restroom Construction Project was approved by the Barstow City Council and signed in December of 2023. This contract outlines the role of the City of Barstow which includes designing the project, preparing the bid documents, overseeing the bid process, managing the construction of the restrooms, as well as handling the related inspections, payments and documentation.



The city had a few setbacks as the lead engineer on the project retired, and simultaneously, the City reduced the hours with Merrell-Johnson Engineering which serves as the City's contract engineering firm.

Nevertheless, the design phase was able to be completed in fiscal year 2023-24 and the City has increased the contract hours with Merrell-Johnson Engineering. The City is confident the project will go out to bid in June 2024. Once the winning bid is determined then the Barstow City Council will formally award the construction contract to the successful bidder in July 2024. It is estimated that construction will then begin in August of 2024.

Since all of the work to date has been done in-house by the City staff and the City's contract engineering firm, no funds have been expended.

Task	Project Dates
City Council - Authorization to Bid	N/A
Advertisement of Project	Friday June 6, 2024, 8 am.
Job Walk / Pre-Bid Meeting	Wednesday June 19, 2024, 11 am.
RFIs Due	Thursday June 27, 2024, 5pm
Addendum Issued	Friday June 28, 2024, 5pm
Bids Accepted	Wednesday July 3, 2024, 2:00 pm

Monday July 15, 2024

City Council - Award of Contract - as needed

Proposed Bid Schedule for Mt. View Cemetery Restroom Replacement Project - City of Barstow

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

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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



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

## Project Demographic Distribution:

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

# Uses of Funds:

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



# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

surrounding residential zoned properties or open fields have or are in the process of being converted into logistic warehouses or truck storage yards.

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

# Use of Evidence:

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

# Performance Report:

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

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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Fiscal year 2022-2023 has been a preparation time for the school, as it conducted meetings with various synthetic turf manufacturers to look at available products. Additionally, the school has conducted meetings with the stakeholder groups. Lighting studies and synthetic turf studies have been performed.

As required, the school has been working on procurement documents for professional services as the scope of work will require review and approval from the California Division of State Architect and the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The school is working with its attorney on drafting the procurement and scoping documents for architectural and engineering services as well as CEQA consultant.

It is expected that once the initial steps of the project are established, the progress and spending will advance rapidly.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Over the past 12 months, significant progress has been made on the Bloomington High School varsity baseball and softball field improvement project funded by the ARPA grant.

Design Phase Achievements

1. Stakeholder Engagement: Multiple design meetings and site visits were conducted with school staff to gather input. Their feedback in conjunction with reviewing the campus-wide master plan were instrumental in finalizing the scope of work. Presentation of synthetic turf and infill materials was also made to the staff by different manufacturers to assist with selecting the best system that meets the user's needs. Staff visited a newly installed synthetic turf baseball field at Cal Baptist University and spoke with their staff to get their feedback and things to consider when designing a new synthetic turf infield.

The finalized scope of work for the varsity baseball field remained close to the original plan which includes the conversion of infield to synthetic turf and the addition of field lighting. As for the softball field, the scope of work has increased significantly. In reviewing the updated master plan and the future needs for the campus, it was determined that that the varsity softball field would need to be shifted southerly from its current location in order to provide sufficient room for the future aquatic center. In addition to the original scope to add field lighting, the updated scope would also include the regrading and sodding of the field, new irrigation, and the relocation/reconstruction of the backstop, dugouts, bullpens and scoreboard. The varsity softball infield would remain natural material.

- 2. Design/Survey Milestones:
  - Electrical Survey: Detailed analysis of existing electrical infrastructure to support new field lighting requirements has been completed. Due to the long lead time for electrical equipment, we are considering the possibility of procuring the electrical equipment in advance of the rest of the project.
  - Topography and Geotechnical Studies: Conducted to inform the design of the exercise track and foundation for field lighting and other pertinent structures.
  - Project Estimate: The architect of record has also conducted a preliminary opinion of probably cost for the project. Based on the current design, the district will need to supplement the project with additional funding to provide a full project buildout. The design team and district staff will also continue to look for value-engineering options to help better align project scope with the available budget.

The completed technical drawings were submitted to the California Division of State Architects on June 25th, 2024. Anticipated plan review and approval duration is estimated at 2-3 months. Upon approval, the project will proceed to bidding and award phases.

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

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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

# Project Demographic Distribution:

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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



## Use of Evidence:

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

## Performance Report:

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



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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Fiscal year 2022-2023 has been a preparation time for the school, as it conducted meetings with various stakeholder groups. Lighting studies and synthetic turf studies have been performed since the last reporting period. The school is currently working on procurement documents for professional services as the scope of work will require review and approval from the California Division of State Architect and the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Furthermore, the school has held several design meetings with internal staff to review the lighting design and the possible soccer field size and location; also, has met with various synthetic turf manufacturers to review available products. The school is working with its attorney on drafting the procurement and scoping documents for architectural and engineering services as well as CEQA consultant.

It is expected that once the initial steps of the project are established, the progress and spending will advance rapidly.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Over the past 12 months, significant progress has been made on the field improvement project funded by the ARPA grant.

Design Phase Achievements

- 1. Stakeholder Engagement: Multiple design meetings and site visits were conducted with school staff to gather input. Their feedback was instrumental in finalizing the scope of work. Based on stakeholder input, the scope of work includes:
  - Addition of a decomposed granite exercise track around the field.
  - Addition of field lighting to support community activities and events after dusk.
  - Conversion of existing basketball courts into a dual-function mini-soccer field.
- 2. Design/Survey Milestones:
  - Electrical Survey: Detailed analysis of existing electrical infrastructure to support new lighting requirements.
  - Topography and Geotechnical Studies: Conducted to inform the design of the exercise track and foundation for field lighting.
  - Project Estimate: The architect of record has also conducted a preliminary opinion of probably cost for the project.

The design team, comprising architects, civil engineers, and electrical engineers, is finalizing technical drawings, and are scheduled to submit the finalized plans to the California Division of State Architects on July 18th. Anticipated plan review and approval duration is estimated at 2 months. Upon approval, the project will proceed to bidding and award phases.

The project remains on track with milestones achieved in stakeholder consultation, scope finalization, and technical preparation. We look forward to advancing to the next phases of implementation.

# 2.37 – Bon View Park Little League Field

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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



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



# Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

020-2021 OMSD Student Enrollment:

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

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 OMSD Student Demographics:

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

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

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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



# Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

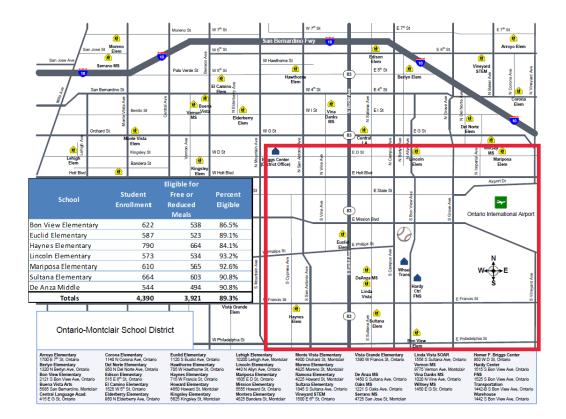


Furthermore, OMSD plans to use the facility at Bon View Park as a part of a larger Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) that will be implemented district wide. The goal of this program is to offer beyond the bells and weekend enrichment and academic activities for students and families. OSMD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

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

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

Implementation timeline:



## Performance Report:

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

Furthermore, Behavioral Health data provided below demonstrates the ever



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

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

Count of Mental Health Clients Residing within City of Ontario							
Age GroupMar-18Mar-19Mar-20Mar-21							
Adult	1,504	1,547	1,712	1,544			
Youth	1,367	1,424	1,217	1,008			

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

During fiscal year 2022-2023, the City of Ontario and Ontario Montclair School District worked closely and tirelessly to move the Bon View Park Little League Field project forward, and ensure timelines set forth were met, and bring the new amenities and features to the students. Except for one last piece, all parts of the project have been completed.

Date Range	Tasks	Needs
August 2021-March 2022	*Work with City to plan and	*Meeting with City of Ontario
	renovate the Bon View baseball	*Park Walkthrough
	field	*Schedule and begin Improvements
March 2022-Aprill 2022	*Determine field use priorities	*Implementation plan
	between City and District	Stakeholder meetings
	*Gather stakeholder input	
April 2022-May 2022	*Develop potential skills clinics	*Coaches
	and identity weekday and	*Busing
	weekend dates to hold clinics.	*Meals
		*Dates
April 2022-June 2022	*Review planned implementation	*Annual budget review
	and make staffing and budgeting	*Council approval of Funding
	adjustments as needed.	*Agreement and acceptance of funds
	*Bon View Park baseball field	*Level the ball field
	improvement	*Sod installation
July 2022-June 2023	*Bon View Park snack shack	*Bidding process for the snack shack
	renovation	renovation project.
		*Purchase of materials and equipment.
		*Begin and complete the renovation of
		snack shack.

Below is the project schedule and key accomplishments during this reporting period:

Start Date	Completion	Description	Status
	Date		
7.7.2022	7.7.2022	Bid Closing – Rebuilding of the snack shack	Completed
8.1.2022	8.1.2022	Award of Contract for the snack shack	Completed
8.22.2022	8.22.2022	Purchased two drinking fountains	Completed
8.29.2022	9.2.2022	Repaired wood framing of the snack shack	Completed
8.29.2022	9.2.2022	Installed insulation and drywall	Completed
8.29.2022	9.30.2022	Began mudding process on the drywall, repainted the exterior of the building, cleaned the dugouts and the concrete bleachers. Repainted the dugouts, safety bollards, and the concrete bleachers.	Completed
8.29.2022	12.22.2022	Completed the rebuilding of the snack shack	Completed
10.20.2022	10.20.2022	Installed two drinking fountains	Completed
12.22.2022	12.22.2022	Installed the scoreboard and checked the Wi-Fi of the scoreboard.	Completed
3.1.2023	4.25.2023	Received quotes for a mower from a manufacturer. Submitted a requisition for a Purchase Order for a mower for OMSD community's future use on the ball field.	Completed
5.3.2023	5.3.2023	Received the Purchase Order	Completed

5.3.2023	Current	Waiting for the mower to be shipped in order to complete the	Pending
		project.	

New data:

- Number of students (Socio-Economically Disadvantaged) -18,875 (98%)
- Number of students receiving free or reduced lunch 16,854 (87%)
- Unduplicated Pupil Count 17,097 (89%)

The Project is at an estimated 80% completion. Though most of the steps of the deliverables are complete, the closeout process is still in progress.



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





#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Ontario Montclair School District started using the field in October 2023.

In addition to OMSD, the following user groups will start using the field for this year 2024 from March to May:

- Braves Travel Baseball Tuesdays 6-8pm & Thursdays 6-8pm (Started getting permits this past March)
- Toro's Baseball Tuesdays & Fridays 6-8pm (Started getting permits this past April)

The City is waiting for a mower that is currently in backorder. Estimated delivery date was mid-January or end of January 2024, but now it is pushed back to September 18, 2024, per manufacturer. (Expected to receive in September 2024.

The school will continue to track the use of the field and provide additional data on future reports.

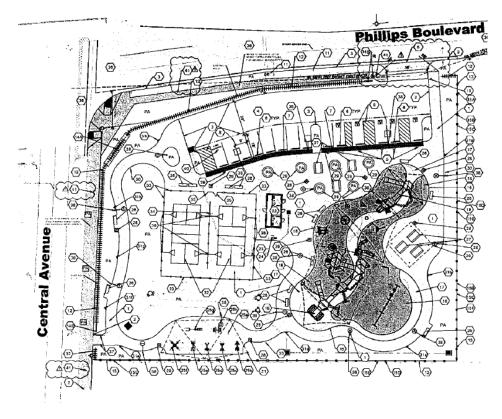
		d at Bon View Park Practice Sched mes 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	ule		
Date	Team 1	Team 2	Bus Confirmation	Supp	ort Staff
Monday, March 4, 2024	Team 1	lean z	Bus commutation	Suppo	at Stan
Wednesday, March 6, 2024					
Thursday, March 7, 2024					
Monday, March 11, 2024	Аггоуо		Reg: 16202	David Flores	Jeff Shee
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Buena Vista		Reg:16203	David Flores	Jeff Shee
Thursday, March 14, 2024	Lincoln	Corona	Req:16204	David Flores	Jeff Shee
		nference Week you need a different time.			
Monday, March 18, 2024					
Wednesday, March 20, 2024					
Thursday, March 21, 2024		Corona		David Flores	Jeff Shee
	9	Spring Break			
Monday, April 1, 2024	Аггоуо	Buena Vista		David Flores	Richard F
Wednesday, April 3, 2024		Berlyn		David Flores	Jeff Shee
Thursday, April 4, 2024					
Monday, April 8, 2024	Lincoln	Buena Vista		David Flores	Richard F
Wednesday, April 10, 2024	Berlyn				
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Lincoln	Corona		David Flores	Jeff Shee
Monday, April 15, 2024		Buena Vista		David Flores	Richard F
Wednesday, April 17, 2024		Berlyn			
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Corona	Lincoln			Jeff Shee
Monday, April 22, 2024	Buena Vista			David Flores	Richard F
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Berlyn				Richard R
Thursday, April 25, 2024	Corona	Lincoln		David Flores	Jeff Shee
Monday, April 29, 2024		Buena Vista		David Flores	Richard R
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Berlyn				Richard R
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Corona	Lincoln		David Flores	Jeff Shee
	Games	(8:30 am - 2:00 pm)			
	Sature	lay, April 13, 2024			
	Satu	rday, May 4, 2024			

# 2.37 - Chino Rancho Park Development

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014507 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Chino (City) is developing a park located on the Southeast corner of Central Avenue and Phillips Boulevard. The scope of the Chino Rancho Park Development Project (Project) includes the construction of two pickle ball courts, inclusive playground, outdoor fitness stations, walking trails with benches, shade pavilion, restrooms, parking lot, open space, and drought tolerant landscaping. The Project also includes utilities connection and the undergrounding of communication lines.



# **CHINO RANCHO PARK**

# Project Demographic Distribution:

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Chino, CA are:

Hispanic or Latino (54% - may include at least one other race/ethnicity), Asian alone (18.5%), White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (18%), Black or African American alone (6.7%), and American Indian and Alaskan Native alone (0.7%). 46.5% of households in Chino, CA reported a language other than English

spoken at home.<sup>24</sup> This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household.

## Uses of Funds:

The County is contributing \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding towards the total estimated project cost of \$5,488,775. The park and open space improvements associated with the Project will mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic, as they foster social, economic, and health benefits to disproportionately impacted residents. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to respond to the negative impacts of COVID-19 pandemic through vital investments in the community and infrastructure.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The need for outdoor and social meeting spaces was increased in the aftermath of COVID-19. The negative impact on social and mental health of communities still lingers. This project will promote healthy lifestyles for the whole community and provide a service or activity for various ages in the community – and be equitable for all. With activities such as pickleball court, inclusive playground, shaded courtyard, and walking path, it will create an area that serves all.

## Use of Evidence:

"Recreation opportunities and parks are essential for strengthening and maintaining a healthy community. Proximity to parks and recreation facilities leads to safer, cleaner neighborhoods, volunteerism, stewardship and creates a livelier community atmosphere."<sup>25</sup> This is especially true as many communities are still going through the negative impact of COVID-19 on communities, and the exacerbated need for social and recreational venues and facilities.

#### Performance Report:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/795/files/health\_benefits\_online\_6-1-05.pdf

# 2.37 – Crest Forest Senior Center HVAC Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 10101531 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$238,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Crest Forest Senior Citizens' Club (CFSCC) was formally established on March 15, 1960. The organization had 150 members in 1960 and currently has a membership of 250. Over its 60-year history in the Crestline Community, the CFSCC has provided countless hours of community service. The CFSCC currently utilizes the Leisure Shores building at Lake Gregory Regional Park under lease Agreement, approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 24, 2010.



The Leisure Shores building currently has outdated and inoperable forced air heating and three inoperable rooftop-mounted swamp coolers. The building requires a Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system in order to be used as a cooling center by the CFSCC for at-risk individuals during power outages or any other time needed in the summer months to escape extreme temperatures.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

In 2022, Crestline, CA had a population of 9.34k people with a median age of 44.6 and a median household income of \$76,022. Between 2021 and 2022 the population of Crestline, CA declined from 9,350 to 9,335, a -0.16% decrease and its median household income grew from \$64,523 to \$76,022, a 17.8% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Crestline, CA are White (Non-Hispanic) (69.4%), Two+ (Hispanic) (10.9%), White (Hispanic) (8.04%), Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (3.45%), and Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (3.22%).

None of the households in Crestline, CA reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household. 96.8% of the residents in Crestline, CA are U.S. citizens. In 2022, the median property value in Crestline, CA was \$331,000, and the homeownership rate was 76%.

# Uses of Funds:

The \$238,000.00 required funding for this project will be provided through ARPA. The recommended capital improvement project will replace the outdated existing HVAC system with a new one. The HVAC system will allow simultaneous heating and cooling from a single unit mounted on the ground to avoid stress on the structure. All other electrical, plumbing, and structural repairs will be completed to ensure successful installation of the system.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Crest Forest Senior Citizens' Club is a dynamic club that strives to meet the changing needs of the senior population in Crestline and nearby communities. They offer both ongoing weekly activities and special programs, a twice-weekly Senior Nutrition Lunch in the beautiful San Moritz Lodge, and many opportunities to meet new friends and socialize with old ones.

They offer an array of classes and activities that promote a healthy and equitable outcome for the senior community, especially in what is a remote area, and access is limited.

## Use of Evidence:

"Senior centers often offer support services, including counseling, health education, and access to resources, to address the holistic wellness of seniors. By encompassing these strategies, senior centers can significantly contribute to mitigating social isolation and loneliness among older adults."<sup>26</sup>

With close to 18% of the U.S. population as senior citizen, it is imperative that we invest in services and centers that provide an environment for healthy lifestyles that provide activities and surroundings. According to a report by the National Institute on Aging, "Being alone may leave older adults more vulnerable to loneliness and social isolation, which can affect their health and well-being. Studies show that loneliness and social isolation are associated with higher risks for health problems such as heart disease, depression, and cognitive decline."<sup>27</sup>

## Performance Report:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://friendshipcenters.org/the-role-of-senior-centers-in-promoting-active-

aging/#:~:text=Senior%20centers%20often%20offer%20support,and%20loneliness%20among%20older%20adults.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/loneliness-and-social-isolation/loneliness-and-social-isolation-tips-staying-

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# 2.37 – Cypress/Knopf Community Center Rehabilitation

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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



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





Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

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



## Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  $(CDC)^{28}$ , parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones.

#### Performance Report:

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

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

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

 $<sup>^{28}\</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html$ 

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The City of Fontana is currently in plan check with Building and Safety. The entire Cypress/Knopf Community Center Rehabilitation project went out for bid in June 2023, with anticipation of award by the end of July 2023. It is estimated that construction will begin in August 2023. As of right now, the project is at 15% completion, and no funds have been expended yet.



#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The construction at Cypress Knopf Community Center was focused mainly on the Tiny Tots room, Community Center room, Tiny Tots bathroom, and the kitchen. This work included exterior painting, new floors, new interior painting, bathroom remodels for Tiny Tots, a kitchen remodel, and the installation of a new roof.

The project went out to bid in June of 2023 and construction began in July of 2023. The construction of the project was completed in June 2024. The city and staff have recently moved into the Neighborhood Center, and the programs are now just becoming fully operational. Moving forward, the city plans to expand community programs and continue the existing programs.

Challenges for the project included providing an alternative space for the existing community programs at the Neighborhood Center while the construction was taking place. In addition, the city experienced heavy rain which caused slight delays. Inflation and fluctuating prices caused some uncertainty, making it challenging to plan and stick to a fixed budget. Aside from this, the city has experienced no major issues with this project.

Moving forward, the city will determine if there are any increases in the number of people registering for community programs or attending events. The city uses park monitors who manually count visitors as they enter or move into the Neighborhood Center. The city also uses registrations and sign-in sheets to keep track of attendance. The city uses Microsoft Excel and a Shared Drive to store information digitally.

## 2.37 – Eisenhower High School Baseball Field - Rialto USD

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013883 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,500,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

In 2019, the State of California passed SB328, the Late Start legislation, requiring that secondary schools begin classes no earlier than 8:30 a.m. This had a huge impact to after school program and sports, as it postponed afternoon practice into the late hours. Schools did not have adequate lighting in all fields to ensure students practice in adequately lit areas, nor were they provided funding to make necessary improvements.

This project is for the installation of a Musco lighting system to keep the baseball field as a safe space for students to practice. In addition, Eisenhower High School's baseball field will receive new bleachers, dugout, and score board.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

The city of Rialto is home to 81,516 people, with a median household income of \$44,550. The population is predominantly white at 43.3%, followed by Black or African American, at 15.5%, followed by 2% Asian, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, and Other Race. The City of Rialto has among the highest percentage of people in nation that did not graduate high school. The area has a less than average percentage of people who have a college degree, thus the importance of enhancing environments and programming in schools, to promote school programs, social events, and student engagement in activities that promote an equitable outcome.

#### Uses of Funds:

The funds will be used for the installation of a Musco lighting system, bleachers, dugout, and scoreboard. The baseball fields do not have any of the infrastructure needed for the lighting system, therefore, part of the project will include running electrical and data lines to operate the system. This project will require Division of State Architect (DSA) approval; any time the District seeks DSA approval for



a project, they also review the path of travel, which may trigger additional costs.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Access to quality behavioral and mental health can be challenging in the Rialto community. The Rialto community is an emerging population challenged by poverty. Rialto students and families, as well as members of the larger Rialto community, find themselves in need of access to help meet their various

mental, nutritional, and physical health needs. High school sports programs have a proven record of helping community youth improve physical health, develop social skills, manage stress, and improve academic performance. The Baseball Field Lighting project will help the Rialto High School students resume outdoor activity and provide an avenue to manage depression, anxiety, stress, obesity, and other ailments through sport activity.

The Rialto USD serves an at-promise community, rich in racial diversity. Access to affordable mental and physical health can be challenging. Equity is achieved when all students and families are acknowledged, accepted, and valued, and have the needed support and encouragement to take personal responsibility to realize their highest aspirations. The Baseball Field Lighting project gives access to all Rialto High School students the opportunity to play, whether it be during physical education or competitive sports.

High school sports provide a microcosm of inclusion and diversity; they exemplify equity by having student athletes from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and abilities. This should also be reflected in the condition of the school facilities used by Rialto students daily. This project will give them a comparable field as students may observe when playing baseball games in affluent communities. Currently the program at Eisenhower High School serves over 500 students.

#### Use of Evidence:

Mental health awareness has grown over the last twenty years. In school districts, mental health services became part of the continuum of services for the whole child. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the need for mental health support; isolation for over 18 months required the school district to evaluate its mental health program. The school setting is a natural access point to mental health related services as students attend daily.

A study performed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that adolescents are more comfortable receiving health care services in school-based clinics.

The importance of these supports was further evidenced by the publishing of various resources by



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

The District recognizes the need to provide students with social skills, leadership, self-awareness, self-regulation and many other strategies. The District continues to be committed to the wellness of the whole

child. High School sports is one of the initiatives supported by the District to support student wellness. Each high school is assigned a full release Athletic Director, athletic trainer, and several coaches specific to the sport being played. Annually the school district invests over \$3 million in its sports programs.

#### Performance Report:

The District will maintain statistics on student use of fields as a metric of performance. Additionally, the District will be able to provide the number of students and the percentage of economically disadvantaged students that use the Eisenhower High School baseball field on an annual basis, upon completion of the project.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The District was able to fully execute a contract for grant funding that was approved by the Rialto USD Board of Education on August 9, 2023.

The District hired the project architect, Perkins Eastman, on July 12<sup>th</sup> to begin the design process. Initial conversation for the project identified that the City of Rialto has a specific ordinance that governs the maximum illumination. The type of Musco lighting request for the project exceeds the city's ordinance therefore the District is working with the manufacturer to provide a modified light fixture. The District has also obtained a proposal from a geotechnical consultant to conduct soil testing and will be approved at the October 25 meeting. Results from the study provided the District assurance that soil is clear for the project.

Projects were submitted to the District State Architect (DSA) but the District has been required to address notes on Path of Travel requirements. Eisenhower High School has not had construction projects in the areas that will be updated through this project, therefore DSA is seeking ADA access compliance from the front of the school to the baseball fields. District will continue to work with architects to incorporate requests into plans. Another issue the District has encountered with DSA is that they have requested the structural calculations for the steel posts for the original scoreboard at Eisenhower High School. Plans were resubmitted after initial comments from DSA. They have requested additional modifications to Eisenhower High School plans. The District is currently working on finding these documents.

CEQA compliance review has been completed for the projects and will be approved by board April 24, 2024. The District continues to work through the design process to be able to receive approval from DSA.

## 2.37 – Elizabeth Davis Park Improvements

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

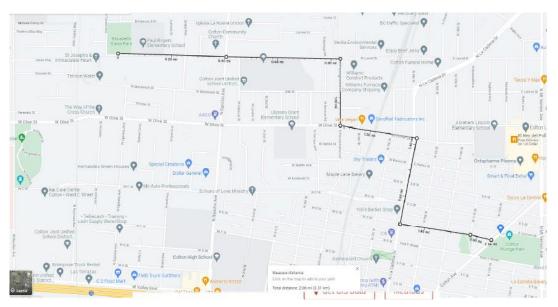
#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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



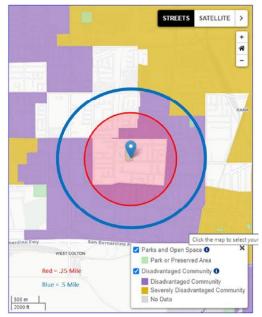
Davis Park is located within a designated census tract 66.03. While the park itself may not fall into a QCT, it is less than 500 feet from 66.04 which is a QCT and it is over a two-mile walk to the nearest park in any direction, even neighboring cities.

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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



#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

## Use of Evidence:

The overreaching goals are to provide.

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



As noted by the National Parks & Recreation Association, use of Parks improves mental health and quality of life. More time spent in parks and green spaces can help individuals fight against mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and stress. Making sure that all people have access to parks and outdoor

programming is a critical way to increase these positive effects on health and quality of life for your community.

The Facts:

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



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

#### Performance Report:

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

After renovation:

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



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

# California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

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

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

PROJECT AREA MAP

# PROJECT AREA STATISTICS

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

#### REPORT BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

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#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

On September 22, 2022, the fully executed contract for the Elizabeth Davis Park Improvements project was provided to the City of Colton. Since then, the city has produced a project timeline to ensure all requirements are met. Currently, the City is drafting a Request for Proposal for design.

The Project Schedule key is provided below for a brief description and outline of upcoming events and their order.

Davis Park Renovation – Project Schedule				
TaskStatusStart DateDue DateTask Notes				Task Notes
Notice of Project Approval	Complete		3/21/2022	

MOU Drafting	Complete	3/21/2022	6/30/2022	
Approved by City Council	Complete	2/1/2022	6/13/2022	R-85-22
Contract Fully Executed	Complete	7/1/2022	9/20/2022	
Preliminary / Final Design	In Progress	9/1/2022	06/30/2023	Issue RFP for design, Award Contract, Preliminary & Final PS&E
Design Review & Approval	Not Started	7/1/2023	12/30/2023	by R&P Commission & City Council
Bidding / Contract Process	Not Started	9/1/2023	12/30/2023	Advertise, Award and Contract Processing
Construction Phase	Not Started	1/1/2024	6/30/2024	Issue Notice to Proceed, Material Submittal, and Construction
Project Close Out	Not Started	7/1/2024	3/1/2025	Project Acceptance & Final Reimbursement

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The Elizabeth Davis project has not yet started, nevertheless still on track to meet its completion deadline. The below Schedule key is provided for a brief description and outline of upcoming events and their order.

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## 2.37 – Family Resource Center Rehabilitation

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

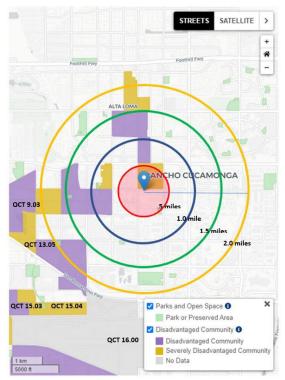
COVID-19 and other communicable disease transmission, replacement of flooring, installation of energy efficient lighting, community kitchen improvements, interior and exterior paint, and courtyard improvements for outdoor gatherings. With these improvements, the programs offered at the Family Resource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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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



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

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

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



#### Uses of the Funds:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

#### **Promoting Equitable Outcomes:**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Providing assistance for the completion of forms.

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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



#### Performance Report:

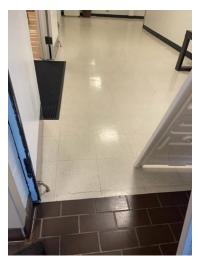
Upon completion of the ARPA funded rehabilitation of the RC Family Resource Center, the City will once again be able to offer the previously described programs and services. In measuring the effectiveness of the programs that will be offered in the newly rehabilitated RC family Resource Center, the City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

**Key Indicators** 

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

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

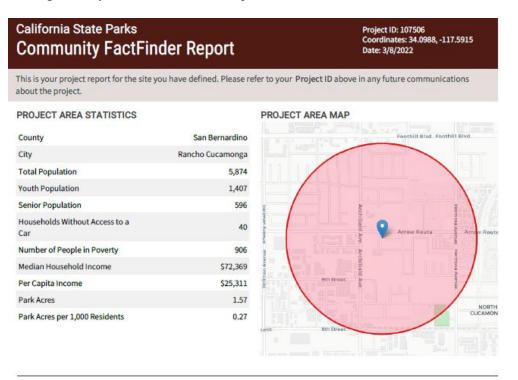
For the years 2018 and 2019 respectively, the RC Family Resource Center served 17,241 and 13,746 clients.



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

Project Demographic Distribution:

Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center - Map



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#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The construction phase of the Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center rehabilitation has not yet commenced. The City of Rancho Cucamonga approved and funded a contract with Transtech in April of 2023 for project management. In May of 2023 the City hosted a project site walk with Transtech. Transtech will complete a final draft of Request for Proposals inclusive of federal procurement standards for public bidding. The City is soliciting, selecting, and funding a vendor to prepare a Property Health Assessment.

The project will begin construction in Fall 2023.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

To date, the construction phase of the RC Family Resource Center rehabilitation has not commenced. However, the RC Family Resource Center Rehabilitation Project is progressing with the selection of a City-funded architectural design consultant, IDS Engineering Group, during this rating period. The initial design has been completed with the first review and corrections submitted back to the design consultant as of mid-May 2024.

It is anticipated that the design phase will be completed, and the project will be out to bid in August 2024 with the contractor selected by September/October 2024. In accordance with the agreement, costs will be obligated by December 31, 2024.

## 2.37 – Glen Helen Island Building Demo & Amenity Installation

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013257 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,461,927.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Regional Parks Department is submitting to demolish the existing Glen Helen Regional Park Island tower and construct a new themed playground. The playground will have a nature educational theme with hands-on activities that provide an opportunity for participants to increase the children's love of nature and the environment.

This project serves the general public by providing safe, fully accessible access to the island at the Park. Currently, the existing museum building is boarded up and causes a safety hazard, as well as unappealing aesthetics for visitors. Removal of this building and the addition of a nature themed



play amenity will encourage families to utilize this outdoor space while offering an interactive learning environment that supports both physical and mental health.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

Glen Helen (San Bernardino) - 2022 Population Estimate = 220,328

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 13.7%
- Hispanic or Latino = 67.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 28.4%
- Persons 65 years and over = 9.4%
- Median Household Income = \$55,372 (Persons in poverty = 20.9%)

## Uses of Funds:

This project is fully funded by ARPA - all funds will go towards the demolition of the dilapidated museum building and installation of a fully accessible, nature themed playground at Glen Helen Regional Park to allow local community members and tourists alike the opportunity to be outdoors and enjoy other aspects of nature. The department hopes that this will improve both the physical and mental well-being of the community. Additionally, the work will include installation of new landscaping, removal of the existing walkways, and installation of new walkways to make them ADA compliant, and thus ensuring access for all park visitors.

This project will positively impact travel and tourism to the San Bernardino/Devore area as it will encourage travelers to visit the area and will provide a safe island area for use by fishers, families and businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the appeal of outdoor recreation, increasing the number of people who visit the park daily. The project will be designed to improve the island facilities by demolishing the museum abandoned building and constructing a new playground with a nature educational theme with hands-on activities that increase the kids' love of nature and the environment.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Glen Helen Regional Parks is 1340 acres. The Park currently has a playground, swimming facility, two lakes, campground, walking trails, disc golf course, picnic shelters, and the following three concessions. Sheriff's Rodeo, Glen Helen Amphitheater, Glen Helen Raceway. and According to the Community Fact Finder Report, the Median Household income for residents in



the area places the population below the poverty line. Improving playground amenities will provide additional opportunities for youth, seniors, and families the opportunity to interact in an outdoor environment.



Moreover, the Regional Parks Department has an active website and social media following. Upcoming projects are detailed on all platforms and signage is also created to let the community know of these projects when they visit the park.

The proposed project would offer an accessible playground available for use by anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions. Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

The Glen Helen Regional Park improvements will positively impact low-income families as it is a great option for families to participate in outdoor recreational activities without any high cost. Families often utilize the park for fishing, celebrations, and regular day use.

#### Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to increase visitor satisfaction and provide clean, accessible playground amenity and encourage families to utilize outdoor space while offering an interactive learning environment.

According to a scientific journal article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for



children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).

In an article published by the American Academy of Pediatrics it states that physical play is important for children's development. It helps them develop gross and fine motor skills, learn new things and socialize. Physical play also benefits a child's health. Studies have shown that play activates the whole neocortex and about one-third of the 1,200 genes measured were significantly changed simply by having a half-hour of play. This combined with the benefits of outdoor recreation will provide a play environment that will impact the health and wellness of disadvantaged youth who frequent this park. <sup>29 30 31 32</sup>



Regional Parks conducted an online survey and a virtual community workshop on May 26, 2021. The Department received 72 responses to the survey and 10 participants in the virtual community These responses indicated that the workshop. community was in favor of moving forward with adding additional playgrounds to the park and making the island more accessible. Participants also requested new restrooms, improved picnic shelters, new entry monument, improved campgrounds (landscaping/irrigation), and additional park amenities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bonds | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics (aap.org)



#### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design, and therefore there are no performance measures to report. The Request for Proposal is currently with the County Counsel for review. Once completed, Regional Parks will track the number of entries into the park for day use and will provide a QR code with a link to a survey to capture customer feedback and measurable outcomes.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project will demolish the existing Glen Helen Island tower and construct a new themed

playground. The playground will have a nature educational theme with hands-on activities that provide an opportunity for participants to increase children's love of nature and the environment.

This project design phase was completed January 11, 2024, therefore there are no performance measures to report. The RFP will be released July 09, 2024, award of contact expected September 24, 2024, and project completion the fall of 2025.

## 2.37 – Guadalupe Field Improvements

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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



or open spaces. By improving Guadalupe Field, we can help our community mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments, outdoor recreation, and socialization.

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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



the drug trade (4.1%), and human trafficking (1.4%) but most are personal disputes (67%) (SB City Problem Analysis 2018). 69% of the City's population has a HS Diploma, whereas only 12% have a BA or higher (Census 2020).



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

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

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

#### Use of Evidence:

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

educational resources, and reducing violence. Reference provided to programs in other Cities.<sup>33</sup>,<sup>34</sup>

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



#### Performance Report:

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The City of San Bernardino's Engineering Division conducted research regarding specifications for irrigation, electrical, soils, concrete work, building improvements, as well as player and audience seating,



<sup>33</sup> https://www.lagryd.org/summer-night-lights-2021-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> https://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news-releases/pasadena-parks-after-dark-programs-announced/

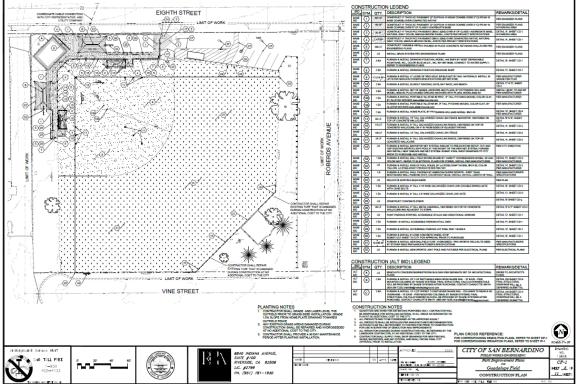
and completed its in-house design and project scope of work for the procurement of Design Engineering Services. The timetable of events is as follows:

- Request for Proposal Design Engineering Services was issued on April 10, 2023.
- Proposals for Design Engineering Services were received on May 10, 2023.
- The Design Service Agreement award was taken to the City Council for approval on June 7, 2023.
- The design is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.
- Construction is projected to start by the second quarter of 2024 and be completed by the end of 2024.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

A design services agreement was awarded on June 21, 2023. Field visits were conducted in September and October 2023 to discuss the scope of work and collect additional information. 100% construction documents and cost estimates were completed in April 2024. Due to the estimated cost of the project, it was divided into phases based on the amount of available funding. The first phase of the project was advertised for construction on May 7, 2024, and the bid period closed on May 21, 2024. A single bid was received, and a bid analysis was completed to confirm the bidder's responsiveness. An agreement is scheduled to be awarded at the City of San Bernardino Mayor and City Council meeting on June 5, 2024. The estimated time for construction is approximately 4 months from the commencement date.





# 2.37 – International Healing Garden Construction

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

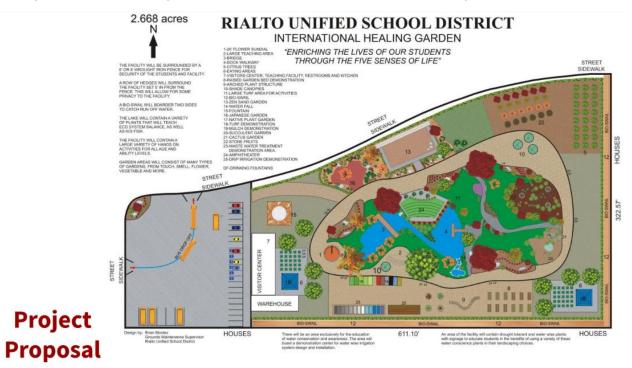
The Cities of Rialto, Colton, Fontana, and San Bernardino are located within San Bernardino County with a total population of 588,681. The total enrollment for Rialto Unified School District is 26,437. The Opportunity Zones Database has designated the region as a "low-income community." Regarding housing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

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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



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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

The ARPA aligned goals of our project include:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

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

## Performance Report:

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

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

Data and metrics will be reported in future reports.

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Rialto Unified School District worked on the International Healing Garden Construction project design to present to the District State Architect (DSA). As it is policy, getting projects approved for a school district is an extremely long process, requiring a tedious administrative

course. DSA must approve all plans and each step of construction. One of the hold-ups in the process for the School was the inclement weather the region experienced in the late fall to winter months of 2022-2023, which delayed the geological testing, as it could not be performed due to the unprecedented rain, and the data was a required component for the submittal and review.

Nevertheless, the School District has prepared its plan, and submitted the plan to the District State Architect in June 2023, estimating that the review and approval will take approximately 6 months. Once the plans are approved, the next step will be to produce and begin the competitive bidding process in January 2024, with the goal of breaking ground in February 2024. The projected project completion date is December 2024.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The 2023-2024 school year was an exciting year for the construction of the International Healing Garden. The District received approval from the District State Architect (DSA) on November 2, 2023, to proceed with the project. The District team met during the month of December to review in detail the specifications of the approved plan in order to prepare а comprehensive scope of work required for the bidding of the project. Bid documents were prepared and vetted during the month of December. The bid was publicly posted on December 27<sup>th</sup> and was due on January 31, 2024. The lowest, responsive bidder was presented for approval from the Board of Education at the February 21, 2024, meeting.





Pre-construction meetings laid the schedule for the construction work to begin. The first phase of the project required the location of utilities and bringing those services to the current vacant land. Simultaneously, the contractor began the grading of the property to ensure the cement pad can be ready for the installation of the modular building, which is scheduled for delivery mid-June. The project continues to progress in accordance with the schedule timeline and should be completed by December 2024.

CEQA compliance review has been completed and will be approved by the board April 24, 2024. The District continues to work through the design process to be able to receive approval from DSA.



# 2.37 – Jack Bulik Park Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012320 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,415,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

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



# Uses of Funds:

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

Expenditure Type*	<b>Projected Expenditures*</b>	
Installation of 12 Baseball Dugout Shade Structures	\$60,000	
Installation of 7 Baseball Scoreboards	\$35,000	
Installation of 14 Baseball Spectator Area Shade	\$1,050,000	
Structures		
Installation of new ADA Inclusive Playground	\$400,000	
Structures and Rubber Playground Safety Surfacing		
Total Expenditures	\$1,545,000	

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

# Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>35</sup>, parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise, away from busy streets and commercial zones. The city believes that this project will make these positive impacts in the community.

# Performance Report:

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

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

Rental groups

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

Park monitors visit each park daily and document park usage. The city also keeps records on the number of permits issued for groups that reserve the baseball fields. For special events that are open to the public, city staff creates a sign-in sheet and will count the number of people who attend each event. City staff also files monthly attendance reports and accounts for every person that interacts with the park. City staff estimates that as a result of the improvements, Jack Bulik Park could see as much as 35% increase in registration for the youth baseball organization and a 25% increase in foot traffic to the park annually. The city will continue to have our park monitors and staff record inquiries, rentals, and event attendance. The city will also continue filing monthly attendance reports to measure the results of the improvements.

 $<sup>^{35} \, \</sup>underline{https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html}$ 

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

### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The City has thus far installed twelve (12) dugout shade structures. The work and funding for this portion of the work is 100% complete and exhausted. Additionally, the City has purchased and installed seven (7) baseball scoreboards; this portion of the project was completed in May 2023; and 100% completed and funding for this portion has been exhausted as well.

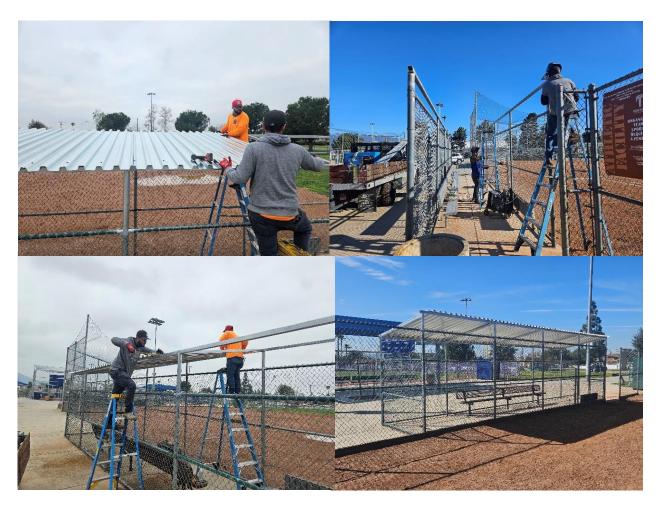
The next portion of work includes installation of fourteen (14) fabric shade structures over spectator areas. Bid closed on March 16, 2023. This item went to the City Council and approved on June 13, 2023. This portion of the project is only 30% complete, and



no funding has been exhausted. The last portion of the project is installation of new ADA inclusive playground with new rubber safety surface. This item also went to the City Council and approved on June 13, 2023. Similarly, this piece is also only 30% complete, and no funds have been exhausted for this portion yet.

Provided photos are from current progress and status of the project.





## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The project at Jack Bulik Park focused on 1) Installation of 7 Baseball Scoreboards, 12 Dugout Shade Structures, and 14 Spectator Shade Structures. 2) Installation of a new ADA Inclusive Playground with a Shade Structure and Rubberize Safety Surface, 3) Repainting the Pickle Ball Courts, 4) Installation of Security Cameras and Fiber Optic Lines. The project went out to bid in June 2023 and construction began in July 2023.

For the baseball fields, all 7 scoreboards have been installed as of May 2023. Not all shade structures for the dugouts and spectators have been installed. The city is in the process of performing a design and build process for the shade structures. Some of the shade structures require a custom designed, which will begin August 2024.

The ADA Inclusive Playground has been fully installed as of March 2024. The resurfacing and repainting of the Pickleball Courts was completed February 2024. The Security Cameras and Fiber Optic Lines are not fully installed, the bidding process has been completed and the installation will begin August 2024.

Some of the challenges included slight construction delays due to weather. Inflation and fluctuating prices caused uncertainty, making it challenging to plan and stick to a fixed budget. Aside from this, the city has experienced no major issues with this project.

# 2.37 – Kessler Park Snack Bar and Restroom Renovation

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013886 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,183,935.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Bloomington Recreation and Park District (District) encompasses the community of Bloomington. The Department of Public Works – Special Districts (Department), through the Operations Division directly manages, operates and maintains the District, including Kessler Park. The existing 1,383 square foot snack bar and restroom building at Kessler Park, originally constructed in 1972, is approaching 50 years old. The interior spaces have been adapted for use as Bloomington Little League (BLL), the current tenant, as enrollment and league participation has grown.

The building's electrical system is in need of improvement in order to support the load of snack bar equipment. The building also has no Heating, Ventilation, Air Condition (HVAC) or air circulatory systems and the existing snack bar equipment has deteriorated over time and is in need of replacement. The structural walls and foundation of the building are in good condition and will not require replacement. The Project will perform a complete renovation of the snack bar food service area, men's and women's restrooms and office area, and the construction of a shade canopy on the west side of the building.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

"Bloomington is a city located in San Bernardino County California. Bloomington has a 2023 population of 22,107. Bloomington is currently growing at a rate of 0.91% annually and its population has increased by 0.91% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 21,907 in 2020.

The average household income in Bloomington is \$64,592 with a poverty rate of 18.67%. The median rental costs in recent years comes to - per month, and the median house value is -. The median age in Bloomington is 35.3 years, 31.5 years for males, and 37.4 years for females.

Bloomington Demographics:

- White: 47.24%
- Other race: 36.16%
- Two or more races: 11.95%
- Black or African American: 2.51%
- Asian: 1.26%
- Native American: 0.87%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0.01%

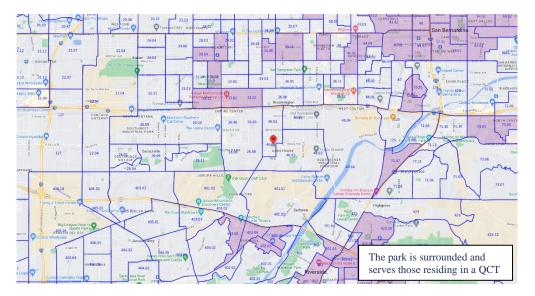
# Uses of Funds:

The ARPA funds will help improve public facility infrastructure and improve service delivery to youth and families who use the park by addressing the issues the facility is experiencing. This will increase the overall use of the facility for our youth recreation leagues, and anyone who visits and uses the park daily for sports programming or general park use.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

By implementing the proposed improvement, the Bloomington community will have more direct access to qualify outdoor recreation and outdoor exercise.



# Use of Evidence:

Studies by Center for Disease Control revealed that black and Hispanic children displayed a number of risk factors related to childhood obesity. Some of the risk factors included increased rate of depression and rapid weight gain. One of the goals of this project is to promote outdoor exercise for youths in the predominately Hispanic/Latin community in order to alleviate the negative impacts to their mental wellness caused by the pandemic, which also affects their academic performance. According to the National Library of Medicine, evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness has direct correlation to improve academic performance.

# Performance Report:

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

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024 fiscal year:

- The construction contract was awarded on July 25, 2023, in the amount of \$2,132,237.
- Construction for the project was substantially completed on March 8, 2024. There are minor punch list items currently being completed by the contractor. It is anticipated that the project will be 100% completed at the beginning of the 2024/2025 fiscal year.
- The snack bar and restroom are currently in use by the local little league team.





# 2.37 – Lucerne Valley Community Center

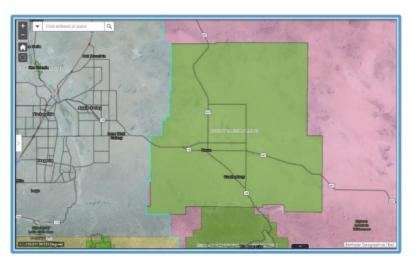
<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013574 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$940,086.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

## Project Overview/Project Description:

County Service Area 29 Lucerne Valley (CSA 29) was established by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in December 1964 to provide, among other things, cemetery, TV Translator, Fire Protection, Parks and Recreation, Street Light, Ambulance, and water services for the communities of Lucerne Valley.

The community center is also used for public meetings and events, as well as a voting center during elections, and a needed stopping point for tourists traveling through the desert.

#### CSA29-Lucerne Valley Service Area Map



The existing community center has been a great asset to the local community offering many programs and has been utilized regularly by local non-profits and private parties for community meetings, celebrations, and classes. Over the years the community center has become outdated and rundown due to severe weather and extensive use of the facilities. The community center's condition further declined during and following COVID-19 pandemic, as resources were strained further.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access to a small community that was disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Lucerne Valley Census Designated Place (CDP) has a population of 5,331 with 37.1% of the population in poverty.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Lucerne Valley CDP, California; United States

## Uses of Funds:

The goal of this project is to increase safety, equitability, and usage of the Lucerne Valley Community Center. The project will bring in updated equipment allowing programs and services to perform at a much higher efficiency, help staff serve a larger number of residents in the community, add ADA compliant upgrades will allow community members with disabilities access to the facilities.

The \$940,086.00 ARPA funding will fund renovations to the kitchen equipment, bathrooms, meeting rooms, and will ensure the community center complies with current ADA accessibility standards. The scope of work will also include walkway repairs and modifications to park facilities within Pioneer Park.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Investing in the improvement of the Lucerne Valley Community Center is essential for fostering community engagement, expanding educational opportunities, promoting health and wellness, enriching local culture, driving economic development, and empowering youth. These enhancements will create a thriving and inclusive community, where individuals can grow, connect, and contribute to a brighter future for everyone involved.

The Lucerne Valley Community Center is accessible to the public and programs and services will be advertised on the CSA 29 – Lucerne Valley website, social media accounts, and to residents in the area.

# Use of Evidence:

Several studies have been conducted demonstrating the positive impact of community centers in communities.

"The Role of Community Centre-based Arts, Leisure and Social Activities in Promoting Adult Well-being and Healthy Lifestyles" (2013): This study found that group-based activities in community centers are associated with improvements in health and wellbeing of adults who experience poor health and other forms of social disadvantage.

In 2017, a survey conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) found that more than half of all Americans agree recreation centerers should offer a variety of services, such as healthy living classes, programming directed toward older adults, nature-based activities, arts and crafts opportunities, access to computers and the internet, inclusive facilities for all abilities and needs, and health clinics. The ARPA funding would allow for the facilities to be improved and for additional programming to occur.

## Performance Report:

The project is still in the development; therefore, usage data will be provided after the completion of the upgrades to the Lucerne Valley Community Center. The District will maintain logs that will track daily use of the facility, and an event calendar will be maintained to ensure the facility continues to support the needs of the community.

Currently, the project is in the planning phase. It is anticipated that a Request or Proposal to solicit engineering and architectural design services will be released upon Board approval of the Capital Improvement Program, which is scheduled for end of July 2023.

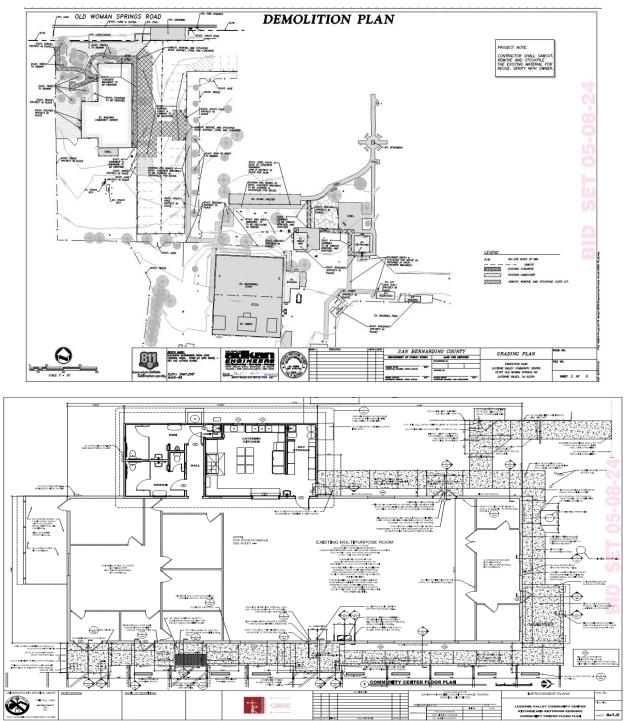
## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- On June 27,2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Capital Improvement Project for Lucerne Valley Community Center in the amount of \$940,086.
- Plans and Specifications were presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 11, 2024.

The next milestones for the project are:

• It is anticipated the construction contract will be awarded by the beginning of fiscal year 2024-2025.



# 2.37 – Mojave Narrows Splash Pad Reconstruction Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013576 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$4,603,228.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

This project includes the demolition of the existing splash pad, water equipment, underground plumbing, and electrical systems at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, and the installation of the expanded splash pad with new water equipment. The expansion of the new splash pad necessitates roughly 10,000 sf. of required excavation and fine grading needed for the new splash park. New water conserving plumbing equipment, water storage tanks, pumps, controls, and the installation of new water park equipment throughout is required and will demand extensive runs of underground electrical and plumbing.

The existing splash pad water system is a supply and drain to waste system which fails to capture and reuse any water. The existing plumbing system is outdated and does not comply with the current California building code. In addition, the current infrastructure will not support the installation and operation of new water equipment. In order to update the plumbing system, the existing concrete splash pad, water equipment, and underground plumbing will have to be completely removed to allow for the new codecompliant plumbing to be installed. The plumbing system requires upgrading for the new water equipment to be warrantied. The new water system will utilize water storage tanks, purification systems, recirculation pumps, and programable controllers to ensure water conservation and sufficient water supply to the new splash pad.

This project serves the public by providing a safe, fully accessible, improved, and expanded splash pad amenity. Summers in the High Desert have extreme temperatures for a community that has limited outdoor resources for recreation and cooling down. The splash pad will offer this opportunity to the local community and visitors.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Mojave Narrows (Victorville) - 2022 Population Estimate = 137,221

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 21.4%
- Hispanic or Latino = 21.4%
- Persons under 18 years = 18.6%
- Persons 65 years and over = 19.3%
- Median Household Income = \$61,206 (Persons in poverty = 18.8%)

## Uses of Funds:

Funding for this project is provided by ARPA Funds. All funding will go towards the expansion of the splashpad within Mojave Narrows Regional Park. This project will improve the existing splash pad facility at this park. There are very few water facilities in the High Desert. This project will provide an exciting new amenity for families, increasing their use of the park, and add a new outdoor recreational resource to the community.

Regional Parks marked an increase in camping reservations since the COVID-19 pandemic. Camping has become a way to safely distance your family from others while enjoying the great outdoors. The following table shows the progressive increase in camping reservations at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. This

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	2,536	6,717	5,350
2020	3,471	12,335	7,262
2021	4,265	15,538	9,827
2022	3,974	13,027	9,618

table includes park patrons who participate in our Equestrian Camping areas.

The Department noticed an increase in campers by 143% from 2019 to 2021. This increase to campers continues to trend. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the Vehicles People increase in Park guests. In addition to campers, the park also sees 2019 12,322 43.127 many day users. The following is the number of vehicle entries for 2020 20.850 72,975 the last 3 years with the estimated total number of people: 2021 21.748 76,118

These numbers are estimated to continue to increase, especially with the popularity of the park for hosting large events such as corporate picnics, reenactment events, sports races, festivals, and family functions.

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Regional Parks Department provides outdoor recreation opportunities to all park patrons. At Mojave Narrows Regional Park the County has a Memorandum of Understanding with the local jurisdiction that allows Victorville residents to walk or bike into the park at no cost to the resident. The City covers the entry fee for their constituents, thus providing access to the local underserved community.

Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

There are no different levels of access to benefits or services at this park facility. There are no administrative requirements that result in disparities. Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

Upon completion of the splash pad, the park will immediately be able to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for park patrons.

### Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to increase customer satisfaction and expand use of Mojave Narrows Regional Park. According to a scientific journal article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits.

Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions

and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).<sup>36 37 38</sup>

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, the Park offers a satisfaction survey on its website. The goal of this project is to provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors with a focus on providing full and safe accessibility.

### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A Request for Proposal is under review by the Project and Facilities Management Department. The RFP will be released to JOC (Job Order Contract) contractors once the review process is complete. Once completed, Regional Parks will track usage of the facility and will provide surveys to users to measure outcomes.

### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project includes the demolition of the existing splash pad, water equipment, underground plumbing, and electrical systems and the installation of the expanded splash pad with new water equipment. The expansion of the new splash pad necessitates roughly 10,000 square feet of required excavation and fine grading needed for the new splash park. New water conserving plumbing equipment, water storage tanks, pumps, controls, and the installation of new water park equipment throughout is required and will demand extensive runs of underground electrical and plumbing.

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This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A request for proposal is under review by the PFMD team and board agenda item anticipated to be signed by the board on August 6th, 2024. The RFP will be released to JOC contractors September 10th, 2024, once the review process is complete. Regional Parks expects to seek approval from the County Board of Supervisors and November 5th, 2024, and award the contract and expected completion date is January 2026. Once completed, Regional Parks will track usage of the facility and will provide surveys to users to measure outcomes.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)
 <sup>37</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

# 2.37 – Muscoy Elementary School Improvement Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012986 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,171,932.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

### Project Overview/Project Description:

Muscoy Elementary School is located on the western side of the San Bernardino City Unified School District boundaries in an area known as Muscoy. The school is located north of the 210 and west of the 215 freeways. The purpose of this project is to provide students with an improved area to participate in outdoor learning as well as provide green space for the community to use in evenings and



weekends that will promote outdoor exercise. These proposed improvements will provide a futsal court, sensory garden, synthetic turf berm and amphitheater seating. The plans for the project are currently under review at the Division of the State Architect. The project will be publicly bid once approval has been obtained.

### Project Demographic Distribution:

The Muscoy Elementary School community is 89% Hispanic with a median household income of \$45,907 according to the latest Census information. Similar to most of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, the project area is identified as a disadvantage community by CalEnviroScreen due to a high potential exposure to pollutants and the adverse environmental conditions caused by pollution.

## Uses of Funds:

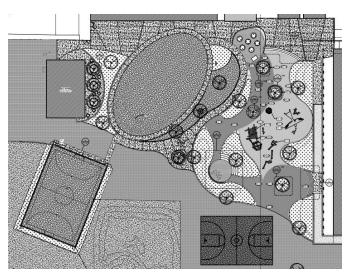
The total estimated cost for this project is \$3,211,074. Of this amount, \$2,171,932.00 will be ARPA funds; It is estimated that \$242,000.00 of the grant will be used for soft costs such as design, surveys, agency fees and approvals. The construction costs will be covered by the remaining grant amount of \$1,929,932.00. Nearly 89% of the Muscoy Elementary School students come from homes that are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged which qualifies them for free and reduced lunch. Upon completion, this project will provide the students and families in the Muscoy community additional outdoor space to improve their social-emotional, physical, and mental wellness and reduce the negative impacts caused by the pandemic.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project brings access and services to the public, and a community disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As mentioned, the project area is identified as a disadvantage community by CalEnviroScreen and lacks community green spaces when compared to neighboring cities such as Fontana and Redlands.

With the completion of the project, the community will have direct access to outdoor space in which they can exercise. Additionally, the students and staff will have access to educational spaces outdoors which will enhance their learning experience and limit the amount of time in confined space.



## Use of Evidence:

This project's goal is to improve and provide a healthy and safe space for students and the community. By providing an outdoor and indoor space for activities, students will be able to play, learn, and socialize, which are important skills that most students were deprived of due to the pandemic. A study led by the University of York "showed that taking part in outdoor, nature-based activities led to improved mood, less anxiety, and positive emotions. The study found that activities lasting for 20 to 90 minutes, sustained for over the course of eight to 12 weeks, have the most positive outcomes for improving mood and reducing anxiety."<sup>39</sup>

### Performance Report:

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

### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The plans were approved by the Division of the State Architect on 11/29/2023. With the plans approved the District was able to issue a public works bid on January 18, 2024, with bids being opened on March 7, 2024. The District's Board of Education awarded the project to D & M Martin Construction, Inc at their April 16, 2024, meeting. The project is resuming on schedule.

The Muscoy project will be under construction over the next year. The demolition has been completed and new features have already been introduced to the project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> https://www.york.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/research/nature-can-improve-mood-and-reduce-anxiety/

# 2.37 – Norman Smith Park Renovation Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013579 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$40,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Founded in 1902 and originally named Otis, Yermo is situated at a division point of the Union Pacific Railroad line. A post office was established three years later with William J. Flavin serving as Yermo's first postmaster. It later developed around serving motorists traveling the Arrowhead Trail (later U.S. Route 91), which ran through the community.

Today, Yermo is governed by an elected five-member board of directors comprising the Community Services District authorized by the County of San Bernardino. The Board, which meets monthly, oversees the community's volunteer fire department, the Yermo/Calico VFD, as well as its street lighting and parks. Its U.S. Postal Service branch provides post office boxes to local residents and businesses; there is no letter-carrier service.

Yermo Community Services District is committed to helping those in need while advocating for fair and equal conditions for everybody in Yermo. Yermo (Spanish for "wilderness") is an unincorporated community in the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County, California. It is 13 miles east of Barstow on Interstate 15, just south of the Calico Mountains. Its population is estimated to be 1,750. Moreover, Yermo-Calico Fire Department YCFD is an all-volunteer department where approximately 80% of calls are medical aids and a considerable number of them are from multi-vehicle accidents on Interstate 15 that usually requires the use of helicopters to move the patients to various hospitals, etc. The community works very closely with adjoining departments including the US Marine Corps base at the Yermo Annex.

Yermo hosts the 1,859-acre storage and industrial annex of the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. When Interstate 15 opened in 1968, Yermo was immediately bypassed by traffic traveling to and from Las Vegas, Nevada. As a result, 90 percent of its local businesses closed. During its prime, Yermo had 27 gas stations with mechanics, seven bars, two grocery stores, a hardware store, a pizza shop, four real estate offices, three motels, a thrift store, several restaurants, roadside camping sites and two parks. As of 2020, it has one grocery/general store, one thrift store, three restaurants, four gas stations, one park, and one hotel. The fast-food restaurant chain



Del Taco was founded in Yermo in 1964; the original structure remains active as a local fast-food restaurant, The Burger Den.

This project is for construction of a 750 square foot splash pad, an outside basketball court, new playground equipment, and new park amenities to include new cement park benches and drinking fountain/sink.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

Based on the most recent census data, "There are 1,014 residents in Yermo, with a median age of 37. Of this, 69.43% are males and 30.57% are females.

There are a total of 444 households in Yermo, each made up of around 2 members. Family establishments represent 41.67% of these Yermo households, while non-family units account for the remaining 58.33%. Additionally, 11.71% of households have children and 88.29% of households are without children.

The average annual household income in Yermo is 69,579, while the median household income sits at 52,005 per year." <sup>40</sup>



### Uses of Funds:

The Board of Directors have received a grant from State Parks to be matched with 20% other funding, which will be supported by ARPA funds, to build a 750 square foot closed system recirculating water splash pad, repairing the outdoor restrooms, installing sinks with bottled water fill stations, new playground equipment, adult exercise station area and a 30' by 30' outdoor basketball half court. The District is excited about bringing the park into the 21st century so better serve the children of the community that gather in the park after school, while waiting for their parents, and for the adults that appreciate bringing their kids to the park on the weekends.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Norman Smith Park is the only Public Park in Yermo. Yermo School is two blocks away and has a current enrollment of 338 students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our park is sadly outdated with play equipment and the summer heat offers several straight days of greater than 120 degrees. The water company has delivered a cease-and-desist order to stop watering the grass so it's all just a dirt field right now. The District is working on a grant with the Mojave Water Agency to get low water maintenance ground cover. This project will have an equitable outcome for this community, that was once thriving, but has since lost its glamour, and its residents are left unserved and underserved.

## Use of Evidence:

COVID-19 has left a lasting impact on society, not discriminating by age, gender, or race. Humans thrive in social settings, nevertheless, that primary need was disturbed as a result of the pandemic. People are slowly adapting back to the pre-COVID norms, and thus the importance of parks, community centers, and venues alike. "City parks provide access to recreational opportunities, increase property values, spur local economies, combat crime, and protect cities from environmental impact.

- City parks encourage active lifestyles and reduce health costs.
- City parks strengthen local economies and create job opportunities.

 $<sup>^{40}\,</sup>https://www.point2homes.com/US/Neighborhood/CA/Yermo-Demographics.html$ 

- City parks make cities more resilient.
- City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime.
- City parks help clean the air and improve public health.
- City parks are a tool for cities to achieve their equity goals."41

This project will help the community and improve the physical and mental health of residents, by offering an improved outdoor environment, where they can socialize and engage in sporting activities.

### Performance Report:

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

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The subaward agreement is expected to be executed between the County and the District prior to December 31, 2024.

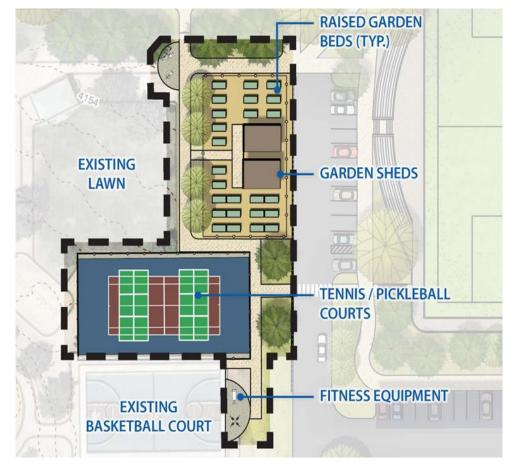
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> https://cityparksalliance.org/about-us/why-city-parks-matter/

# 2.37 – Phelan-Pinion Hills Community Park

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013411 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$457,194.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

COVID-19 placed a major burden on communities across the County. Given the lack of outdoor community park space in the Phelan and Pinon Hills area, residents have felt this impact greatly. The high percentage of retired individuals that reside in the area have fixed incomes, which limits them on activities to participate and attend, thus isolates them socially, paired with the overall lack of park and recreation facilities for the community, have both contributed to social, mental, and physical health problems. On the other end of the spectrum, young adults and teens are also isolated and would benefit from the educational aspects of agriculture and horticulture, as well as interacting with other youth, adults, and seniors.



The gardening program that the District has operated over the last several years was inundated with interest during COVID-19 lockdowns and this demand has continued through today. Additional facilities would support a broader program and help the community improve their mental, social, spiritual, and physical health. The social aspects of gardening and pickleball / tennis would support more socialization and activity. The exercise trail and exercise equipment nodes would support increased physical activity. No work has been performed yet as the District and the County are still finalizing the agreement.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will serve the whole community from youth, young adults, to seniors. As all segments of the population were negatively impacted by COVID-19, these outdoor activities will allow members of the community of all ages to enjoy the spaces, interact with each other, learn, and get the essential exercise that they need. During the lock down period of the pandemic, the lack of outdoor recreational spaces was evident. This prohibition on outdoor areas in a community like Phelan, meant there were no options for outdoor group activities and experiences. This made it difficult for educational programs for school age children. The outdoor community garden will support outdoor teaching opportunities including education on agricultural and horticultural skills and careers, along with the opportunity for people of all ages and walks of life to interact and help grow a community as well as a garden.

"In 2020, Phelan, had a population of 19k people with a median age of 31.7 and a median household income of \$63,533. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Phelan grew from 15,987 to 19,038, a 19.1% increase and its median household income grew from \$59,375 to \$63,533, a 7% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Phelan, CA are White (Non-Hispanic) (50.7%), White (Hispanic) (28.5%), Two+ (Hispanic) (6.69%), Other (Hispanic) (5.84%), and Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (4%)."<sup>42</sup>

### Uses of Funds:

The County ARPA allocation will fund \$457,194, approximately 50% of this project. The project will consist of design, engineering, and construction of the project. Any elements that are ineligible with the ARPA funding will be paid by the District or an alternative funding source.

The total capital expenditure is expected to be \$914,388.

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The project will promote equitable outcomes ranging from social, environmental, cultural, educational, and economic health and quality of life for youth, seniors, and families by providing various areas where the community can gather and recreate.

The project will include various raised planter beds, a greenhouse, and community gardening classes and education to promote water-wise planting and fitness nodes and equipment. Each of these features will be highlighted through signage and educational plaques.

The tennis and pickleball courts will provide an area for community members of all ages to relax and enjoy healthy activities with other families and friends. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and is a multigenerational activity that allows players of all ages starting from early teens to the older adults in the community. It is an equitable sport based on the ability for this multigeneration and gender play ability. The trails and exercise equipment will tie all these activities together and provide the community with areas to obtain the needed 30+ minutes of exercise each day.

### Use of Evidence:

Based on the comprehensive community Parks Master Plan completed in 2019, the level of service for the community was considerably low for the area at 0.23 acres per thousand. The current population size of 21,299 only has access to 4.8 acres of parks in two locations. As such, the Phelan Pinon Hills Community

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> https://datausa.io/profile/geo/phelan-ca#economy

Service District (District) has committed to building a large community park to the east of the existing Phelan Community Park to help increase the park level of service. However, as this is a large project with multiple phases, the park amenities will not be available to the community for the next several years. The District has determined that infilling the existing park which is lacking in amenities would help provide park amenities in the short term to allow space for community gathering, education, healing, and general welfare to serve the immediate needs of social space following the COVID-19 impacts. These infill amenities include a multi-use tennis & pickleball court, a community educational garden, and walking paths with exercise equipment and shade.

There are numerous studies and evidence linking the importance of community centers and improved community health. American Hospital Association (AHA) Center for Health Innovation has published several articles based on data supporting the thesis. "Community health refers to non-clinical approaches for improving health, preventing disease and reducing health disparities through addressing social, behavioral, environmental, economic and medical determinants of health in a geographically defined population." <sup>43</sup>

Furthermore, "Community centers are evolving to fit the changing needs of their local citizens by providing programs and locations that support physical and mental well-being. These are factors that impact overall quality of life, whole health, and community health — just as public libraries can be a vital source of health information, partnerships, and programs."<sup>44</sup>

## Performance Report:

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

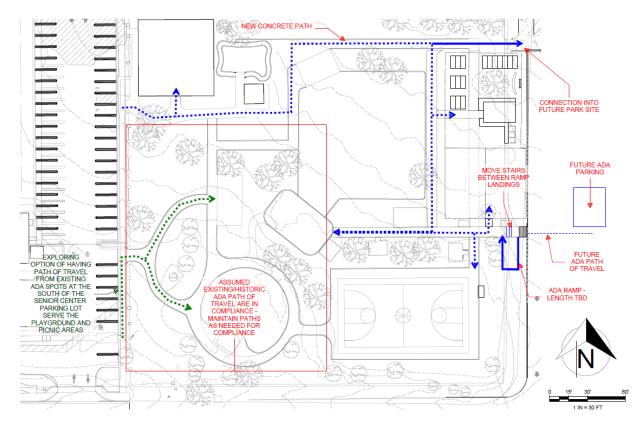
### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

In fiscal year 2023/2024, there was an effort to move the project forward - currently the project is in preliminary stages of planning and design phase. Project management and design was awarded to Wallace Group, and they are in the process of finalizing the layout. In order to save trees, the tennis court has been removed but two pickleball courts will remain. A site survey was conducted to ensure ADA compliance and good access to the new areas. The allocation is to fund construction related items; thus, the ARPA funds have not yet been spent for this project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> https://www.aha.org/center/community-health-well-being

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> https://www.elevancehealth.com/our-approach-to-health/whole-health/community-centers-and-their-role-in-supporting-a-whole-health-approach





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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> Previously: 1012629 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,551,600.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Lake Gregory Regional Park has a shortage of restrooms, especially after the removal of restrooms required for the Lake Gregory Dam Improvement Project. The Department wants to provide ample, accessible restrooms surrounding the lake to serve the local community and tourists visiting the Park. This project will provide a prefabricated restroom with four (4) unisex stalls that will benefit Park staff, their concessionaires, and guests.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

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

# Uses of Funds:

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



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

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

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

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

This project will bring equity for its residents as well as businesses serving the area. The community of Crestline is highly dependent on tourism. Installation of this restroom facility will both offer a clean and safe facility for consumers to utilize while hiking, bicycling, or just visiting the park, but will also promote tourism and bring economic value to struggling small business owners in Crestline and the nearby communities.

# Use of Evidence:

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

A Park Pulse poll conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) asked 1,013 Americans ages 18+ what's important to them when choosing a vacation destination. Most Americans take local park and recreation amenities, such as parks, trails, beaches and botanical gardens and museums, into strong consideration when planning a vacation.

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

## (c)2017 National Recreation and Park Association

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

### (C)2022 Recreation Management

### Performance Report:

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

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

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

### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot – Prefab project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A Request for Proposal was released on May 5, 2023. A mandatory job walk took place on June 8, 2023, at 11:00 am. Questions were due by June 15, 2023, and proposals were due by June 22, 2023. This project is still in development - once completed, Regional Parks will work with the concessionaire who operates the facility to track the usage of this facility.

\*Note: Projects 2.37 – Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline and 2.37 – Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot were previously under the same

*Project Identification Number (1012327) – however, moving forward, they will be reported independently, under two separate Projects Identification Numbers (PIN).* 

The Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot – Prefab and The Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot – Remodel (New PIN 1012629) will have the same Project Identification Number as they are one project site and reported as one project on the Quarterly Project and Expenditure report, however for Recovery Plan reporting and monitoring, they are tracked individually, therefore, on the Recovery Plan, they are reported separately, with two descriptions, as their scope of work and project timelines vary.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Demolition of old restroom, and plumbing was completed in June 2024. Sidewalk planning and scope has been completed and replacement sidewalk was installed early July 2024. Supplemental stainless steel and temporary restroom facilities have been requested and the project completion date is projected for August 2024.

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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012629 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$334,400.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Lake Gregory Regional Park has a shortage of restrooms, especially after the removal of restrooms required for the Lake Gregory Dam Improvement Project. The Department wants to provide ample, accessible restrooms surrounding the lake to serve the local community and tourists visiting the Park. This project will provide an updated restroom that will benefit Park staff and guests.

The existing restrooms are outdated and in disrepair. These restrooms need to be refurbished in order to meet American with Disability (ADA) compliance as well as provide a Path of Travel (POT) from the parking lot to the restrooms. This project will include sitework, plumbing and electrical work as well as total refurbishments of the restrooms and repairs to the restroom channel. This project will serve the local community and tourists visiting the Park near the Crest Forest Senior Center.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

Lake Gregory (Crestline) - 2020 Population Census = 11,650

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 68.2%
- Hispanic or Latino = 55.3%
- Black or African American = 16.0%
- Persons under 18 years = 30.6%
- Persons 65 years and over = 9.9%
- Median Household Income = \$64,523 (Persons in poverty = 12.4%)

## Uses of Funds:

All funding for this project is made available through ARPA funds.

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

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

The proposed project will create a renovated restroom located near the kayak launch and open space area within the Lake Gregory Regional Park leasehold. This restroom will be accessible to park visitors and

community members, including those experiencing homelessness.

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the 2019 Census report, Crestline has 14.4% of its population living beneath the poverty level. Since it is free to walk around the park and costs to utilize the park amenities are low, it is a viable option for low-income families for outdoor recreation and summer vacation opportunities.

The Crestline Community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live and recreate within the community. Having an accessible restroom facility will serve to reduce the use of restrooms within businesses by non-customers and will provide an additional restroom in a place that does not currently have a viable restroom facility.

The proposed project will offer an accessible restroom facility available for use by anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions. Additionally, it will promote an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

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

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

## Use of Evidence:

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

According to an article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).<sup>45 46 47</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

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

# Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A Request for Proposal was released on May 25, 2023. A mandatory job walk took place on June 8, 2023, at 11:00 am. Questions were due by June 15, 2023, with a proposals due date of June 22, 2023. Once the project is completed, Regional Parks will work with the concessionaire who operates the facility to track the usage of this restroom facility.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project's planning and release for proposal phase was completed on 6/27/2023. On 4/19/2024 parameters and expectations for the project were completed and the project start date began on 4/23/2024. Demolition, plumbing, soil testing, new concrete slab poured, structure and flooring tile has been completed. Stainless steel and temporary restroom facilities are projected to be completed in early summer of 2024 and project completion is expected August 2024.

# 2.37 – Rialto High School Baseball Field Lighting - Rialto USD

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013882 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,200,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

In 2019, the State of California passed SB328, the Late Start legislation, requiring that secondary schools begin classes no earlier than 8:30 a.m. This had a huge impact to after school program and sports, as it postponed afternoon practice into the late hours. Schools did not have adequate lighting in all fields to ensure students practice in adequately lit areas, nor were they provided funding to make necessary improvements.

This project funds the installation of a Musco lighting system to keep the baseball field as a safe space for students to practice.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

The city of Rialto is home to 81,516 people, with a median household income of \$44,550. The population is predominantly white at 43.3%, followed by Black or African American, at 15.5%, and to 2% Asian, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, and Other Race. Rialto has the highest percentage of people in nation that did not graduate high school. The area has a less than average percentage of people who have a college degree, thus the importance of enhancing environments and programming in schools.

## Uses of Funds:

The ARPA funds will be used for the installation of a Musco lighting system. The baseball fields do not have any of the infrastructure needed for the lighting system, therefore, part of the project will include running electrical and data lines to operate the system. This project will require Division of State Architect (DSA) approval. Any time the District seeks DSA approval for a project they also



review the path of travel, which may trigger additional costs.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Access to quality behavioral and mental health can be challenging in the Rialto community. The Rialto community is an emerging population challenged by poverty. Rialto students and families, as well as members of the larger Rialto community, find themselves in need of access to help meet their various mental, nutritional, and physical health needs. High school sports programs have a proven record of helping community youth improve physical health, develop social skills, manage stress, and improve academic

performance. The Baseball Field Lighting project will help the Rialto High School students resume outdoor activity and provide an avenue to manage depression, anxiety, stress, obesity, and other ailments through sport activity.

The Rialto USD serves an at-promise community, rich in racial diversity. Access to affordable mental and physical health can be challenging. Equity is achieved when all students and families are acknowledged, accepted, and valued, and have the needed support and encouragement to take personal responsibility to realize their highest aspirations. The Baseball Field Lighting project gives access to all Rialto High School students the opportunity to play, whether it be during physical education or competitive sports.

High school sports provide a microcosm of inclusion and diversity; they exemplify equity by having student athletes from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and abilities. This should also be reflected in the condition of the school facilities used by Rialto students daily. This project will give them a comparable field as students may observe when playing baseball games in affluent communities. Currently the program at Rialto High School serves over 350 students.

# Use of Evidence:

Mental health awareness has grown over the last twenty years. In school districts, mental health services became part of the continuum of services for the whole child. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the need for mental health support; isolation for over 18 months required the school district to evaluate its mental health program. The school setting is a natural access point to mental health related services as students attend daily.

A study performed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that adolescents are more comfortable receiving health care services in school-based clinics.

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

The District recognizes the need to provide students with social skills, leadership, selfawareness, self-regulation and many other strategies. The District continues to be



committed to the wellness of the whole child. High School sports is one of the initiatives supported by the

District to support student wellness. Each high school is assigned a full release Athletic Director, athletic trainer, and several coaches specific to sport being played. Annually the school district invests over \$3 million in its sports programs.

# Performance Report:

The District will maintain statistics on student use of fields as a metric of performance. Additionally, the District will be able to provide the number of students, as well as the percentage of economically disadvantaged students that use the Rialto High School baseball field on an annual basis, upon completion of the project.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The District was able to fully execute a contract for grant funding that was approved by the Rialto USD Board of Education on August 9, 2023.

The District hired the project architect, Perkins Eastman, on July 12<sup>th</sup> to begin the design process. Initial conversation for the project identified that the City of Rialto has specific ordinance that governs the maximum illumination. The type of Musco lighting request for the project exceeds the city's ordinance therefore the District is working with the manufacturer to provide a modified light fixture. The District has also obtained a proposal from a geotechnical consultant to conduct soil testing and will be approved at the October 25 meeting. Results from the study provided the District assurance that soil is clear for the project.

Project was submitted to the District State Architect (DSA) but the District was required to address notes on Path of Travel requirements. Rialto High School has not had construction projects in the areas that needed to be updated through this project, therefore DSA was seeking ADA access compliance from the front of the school to the baseball field. Plans were resubmitted after initial comments from DSA and were accepted by DSA. The plans are going through review.

CEQA compliance review has been completed and will be approved by the board April 24, 2024. Once DSA approval is received, the next steps for the District would be to follow the procurement process to secure a contract for the project to be executed.

# 2.37 – Rialto Library Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012991 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$700,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Rialto Library Improvement project is for the conversion of two open atriums at the Rialto Library into study rooms. This project will involve structural and operational improvements, ultimately expanding the space for patrons to enjoy, explore, and learn, as well as additional quiet space.

### Project Demographic Distribution:

The city of Rialto is home to 81,516 people, with a median household income of \$44,550. The population is predominantly white at 43.3%, followed by Black or African American, at 15.5%, and then it drops to 2% Asian, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, and the remainder is Other Race. Rialto is among the highest percentage of people in nation that did not graduate high school. The



area has a less than average percentage of people who have a college degree, thus the importance of library improvement projects.

## Uses of Funds:

Funding for the Rialto Library project and its improvements is provided by ARPA funds. The funds will support structural, architectural, electrical, HVAC, and related improvements.

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Rialto Library Improvements project will increase capacity to census tracts that fall under CTC's definition of disadvantaged communities having a Median Household Income of \$69,982 or lower (US Census, 2021). Rialto residents will have access to an improved facility, which will promote the book reading culture, especially amongst youth, especially for a city that is already suffering from low literacy, and a low percentage of people graduating high school. This Project is a step in the right direction to closing the gap in disparities.

## Use of Evidence:

The impact and importance of libraries in communities and schools is often underestimated. There is an abundance of research exploring the direct link between libraries, and improved literacy, and success rates.

"Research provides compelling evidence that school libraries and library staff have a positive impact on student achievement. Studies show that this remains true when variables such as socioeconomic factors are accounted for.

The research into school library impact shows higher student performance:

- improved reading test scores
- higher academic achievement, and
- positive attitudes towards learning."48

#### Performance Report:

The City of Rialto will coordinate efforts with Staff at the Library to evaluate and log the number of residents requesting the use of the additional study rooms.

Additionally, a survey will be designed and placed at the site to gather data and evaluate the success of the improvement, and whether it was successful in reaching its goal.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:



During fiscal year 2023/2024, the project design was completed. The project was advertised for construction bids and bids were received. The construction contract for the library was approved on July 23, 2024. Construction is scheduled to begin in September, or possibly earlier, with the aim of completing the project by November.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/school-libraries/understanding-school-libraries/importance-of-the-school-library-in-learning-theresearch#:~:text=School%20libraries%20enhance%20student%20achievement&text=The%20research%20into%20school%20library,positive%2 0attitudes%20towards%20learning.

# 2.37 - Rialto Park - Birdsall Park

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013884 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,617,950.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

This project is for the scheduled demolition of the snack bar and restroom building at Birdsall Park and the purchase and installation of a prefab building. This project will help the department bring this facility up to ADA standards and alleviate health and safety concerns. This particular facility serves everyday park users, the high school across the street, and the North Rialto Little League team that provides baseball programming to our community in Rialto.



# Project Demographic Distribution:

The city of Rialto is home to 81,516 people, with a median household income of \$44,550. The population is predominantly white at 43.3%, followed by Black or African American, at 15.5%, and then it drops to 2% Asian, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, and the remainder is Other Race. Rialto is among the highest percentage of people in nation that did not graduate high school. The area has a less than average percentage of people who have a college degree, thus the importance of library improvement projects.

# Uses of Funds:

The ARPA funds will help the City of Rialto improve public facility infrastructure and improve service delivery to youth and families who use the park. Currently the facility has health and safety issues where the facility cannot be fully utilized. These funds will help address the issues the facility is experiencing. This will increase the overall use of the facility for our youth recreation leagues, and anyone who uses the facility daily for sports programming or general park use.

Particularly, the snack bar and restroom facility at the park have health and safety concerns due to tree roots impacting the facility underneath. During the rainy season, the facility floods causing a disturbance in the use of the facility. The \$1,617,950 will help pay for the prefab building that will be designed to be ADA compliant and will address the health and safety concerns that tend to affect daily use of the facility.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This park serves 4,166 residents that are within a half mile of its location. Of those 4,000, 1,115 are youth and 397 are seniors. There are over 472 people that are in poverty in this particular area. 30 of these households are without access to a car. With this park being the only one in the local area, as all other parks are not within walking distance, it is important to the community who are looking to go to the park and open spaces for recreation, health, and wellness etc.

Services for this park are advertised via our Progress Magazine, City web page, and banners posted on the fences. The park is open daily for regular use by the residents that live in the area. Residents can use the green space, basketball courts, ball fields, playground, and gazebos.

The department is always working towards closing the gaps when it comes to recreation, health, and wellness opportunities. This park needs improvement, for not only aesthetics purposes, but also for the safety of the community. Through this funding opportunity the City can now provide an updated building for the use of the



community, the baseball/softball program, and the high school students across the street. This space with the updated building will provide those who use the park with a safe opportunity to participate in recreational and leisure opportunities.

#### Use of Evidence:

The condition of the existing snack bar and restroom facility raise health and safety concerns due to tree roots impacting the structure foundation. Additionally, during the rainy season the facility floods causing a disturbance in its use. Additionally, over time, the water damage will lead to mold and other health issues; also, meeting ADA compliance is a requirement which the new facility will address.

"Individuals living or working in moldy buildings complain of a variety of health problems including pain, fatigue, increased anxiety, depression, and cognitive deficits. The ability of mold to cause such symptoms is controversial since no published research has examined the effects of controlled mold exposure on brain function or proposed a plausible mechanism of action."<sup>49</sup>

"If left undetected, a water leak can threaten the structural integrity of property, as well as serious foundation damage, which could put a substantial dent in your wallet. The excess water and moisture in walls and floors can promote mold and mildew growth, which can cause a range of unpleasant health issues. This is why it's crucial to detect the source and fix the issue before things get out of hand." <sup>50</sup>

#### Performance Report:

This project is still in development and planning and therefore there are no performance measures to report; data will be reported in future reports. The city will track park usage via the leagues' rosters, games and practice schedules, rental forms, and periodic visits.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Birdsall Park project is currently in the design phase and undergoing building and safety reviews. Construction is expected to commence in December or January of 2025. The project design and planning is about 50% complete, nevertheless, no ARPA funding has been expended thus far.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7231651/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> https://www.rainbow-int.co.uk/blog/leak-detection/can-a-water-leak-cause-structural-

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# 2.37 – Speicher Memorial Park

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

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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



#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project will promote an equitable outcome by creating a safe environment for gathering and provide families and residents a sense of community. Speicher Memorial Park is located within a designated census tract. The population in the area is majority Hispanic, though the diversity is high, with a rating of 88 on a scale of 1-10051. There is significant gang activity in the area, and most homicides in San Bernardino involve gang members as either victims or suspects or both (at least 66% and up to 81%). The overwhelming majority of San Bernardino City youth express difficultly learning in a hostile school

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

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



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> USA Today Diversity Index

# Use of Evidence:

Sports, cultural enrichment, and reactional activities such as field trips have been primary prevention tool for decades. Using Parks and Recreation as an intervention strategy has proven successful by connecting families to services, increasing trust between residents and local government, providing access to educational resources, and reducing violence. Links to programs in other Cities. <sup>5253</sup>

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

# Performance Report:

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

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



or out of school) after construction is complete

- Number of complaints about field
  - Tracked by Parks and Recreation

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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

There was a delay with the Speicher Park Improvements project. The construction bid package was advertised and bids were received late 2022. Bids were higher than the available budget, and therefore, the bids were rejected. However, the City established a recovery plan to get the project back on schedule and returned to Council on June 21, 2023, to award a design services agreement to proceed with the final design of the project prior to construction. An outline of the timeline is provided below:

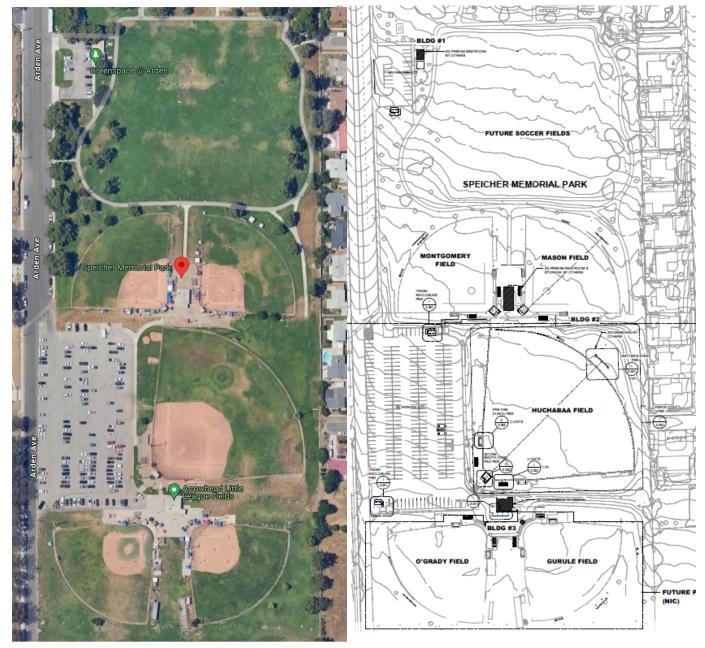
- Request for Proposal for Design Engineering Services was issued on April 26, 2023.
- Proposals for Design Engineering Services were received on May 25, 2023
- Design Service Agreement award at City Council for approval on June 21, 2023
- The design is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.
- Construction is anticipated to start by the second quarter of 2024 and be completed by the end of 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> https://www.lagryd.org/summer-night-lights-2021-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> https://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news-releases/pasadena-parks-after-dark-programs-announced/

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

A design services agreement was awarded on June 21, 2023. The project kickoff meeting was held on July 20, 2023, with a follow-up site visit on August 8, 2023, to complete a walkthrough and discuss the scope of work. Additional coordination between the design team and the City led to a rescoping of the project, with an amendment being approved by the Mayor and City Council on March 6, 2024. Design Drawings were completed by March 2024. Construction cost estimates were received from the design team in early May. Due to the estimated cost of the project, it was divided into phases based on the amount of funding available. The first phase of the project was advertised for construction on May 7, 2024, and the bid period closed on May 21, 2024. No bids were received for the project. The City intends to rebid the project in early July with the intent to award the project by early August 2024. Once the notice to proceed is issued to the contractor, the estimated time for construction is expected to take approximately 9 months from the commencement date.

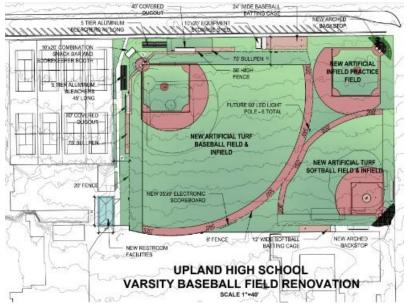


# 2.37 – Upland Unified School District Athletic Field

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012992 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$999,999.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Upland High School is located just south of Foothill Blvd in downtown Upland. It is the only allencompassing high school in Upland. Currently, the varsity baseball and softball teams play at city parks that must compete with field availability and regular maintenance and upkeep of the park facilities. The district's sports complex project will include six pole LED lighting, artificial turf, 5 tier bleachers, netting and poles, restrooms, and dugouts. In addition, other funding will be used to update the adjacent tennis courts and provide resources for a student center and mini-trade center in the



lower section of the school's library. The district is finalizing project plans and will begin grading/leveling in June 2023.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

The high school serves students from approximately 67% low-income households, with an ethnically diverse student body of approximately 3,000. The high school's student body includes 8% African American, 62% Hispanic-Latino, 19% Caucasian, 5% Asian, and 5% other.

# Uses of Funds:

The School will be using ARPA funds in addition to donations, and other available funds to achieve the project goals set forth in the Project Overview section. It is anticipated that all \$999,999 of ARPA funds will be leveraged with other available funds to support the sports complex, student center, and mini-trade center. Below is a table of the anticipated costs (please note that the table is not inclusive of all anticipated costs).

UPLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELD	<u>)s</u>		
ITEMS	1	AMOUNT	
Grading/excavation 14,000cy/6 light poles/6 wood poles/1100' trenches			Donated
3000 CY- #2 base	\$	27,000	
1010 cu yds concrete	\$	101,000	
Six Pole Varsity Baseball Lighting Design- 50 FC Infield / 30 FC Outfield	\$	350,000	
Lighting pole installation	\$	92,000	
Lighting system /wiring/conduits material/			Donated
Artificial turf 110,000 sq '	\$	535,000	
Naturial turl 48000 sq'	\$	29,000	
120'LF - 24'high & 800'LF - 6' high fencing/ backstop	\$	68,000	
Brick dust softball infield	\$	6,000	
4 - Dugouts roofs / benches	\$	16,000	
775LF - 3' high retaining wall material	\$	5,200	
Block wall labor			Donated
3 - 45LF bleachers	\$	33,000	
6 -60' poles and netting	\$	26,000	
500LF x 40' high netting	\$	16,000	
Wood poles/netting installation			Donated
Misc. project labor/material/contingences	\$	55,000	
3 Restrooms**	\$	90,000	
* TOTAL	\$	1,449,200	
* If the project goes forward, we have a strong new \$100k commitment.			
**If we have enough money at the end of the project, rest rooms will be	built	t.	

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Due in part to inadequate quality field locations and maintenance in the city of Upland to enhance the positive school culture and climate, the district is seeking to provide a high quality, well maintained, and inclusive access to a multi-field sports complex located at the northeast area of the campus. The sports complex will encourage student connections and increase school pride at the school and within the community.

The field improvement and added lighting will provide students and the community with a well maintained, sports complex to enhance the sports experience for student athletes and spectators, while increasing access to high quality sports fields located at the school with increased availability as a result of the installed lighting.

# Use of Evidence:

One of the critical goals of Upland Unified School District's development of a sports complex, mini-trade center, and student center is to increase school connections, encourage outdoor activities and healthy lifestyles, and enhance the existing positive culture and climate at Upland High School. Multiple studies support the goals of these planned activities as articulated below.

Several studies have linked the practice of outdoor sports with the benefits of physical health, mental health and well-being, education and lifelong learning, or community and social behavior. Studies have demonstrated that outdoor physical activity and nature, outdoor sports are also associated with social benefits including the intra- and interpersonal development for young people. The studies suggest that by connecting individuals with nature, other people and themselves have reflected positive effects. The study further states that, "In the context of urbanization, insufficient activity levels, sedentary behavior, and an increasing disengagement between people and the natural environment, it raises the question if and how outdoor sports can be part of the solution..."

Finally, an article from "Policy Futures in Education" concluded "...that efforts to implement a collegegoing culture may struggle if extracurricular opportunities, school safety, and overall school climate issues are ignored." This key finding supports the focus and goals of this project in creating a positive, inclusive learning environment for all students.

# Performance Report:

This project is still in development and planning and therefore there are no performance measures to report; data will be reported in future reports. The district will track and monitor the impact and effectiveness of the completed sports complex through multiple data points, including:

- Student, staff, and community surveys
- Use of Facilities requests
- Number of games, practices held
- Culture and climate student surveys
- Attendance data
- Enrollment data

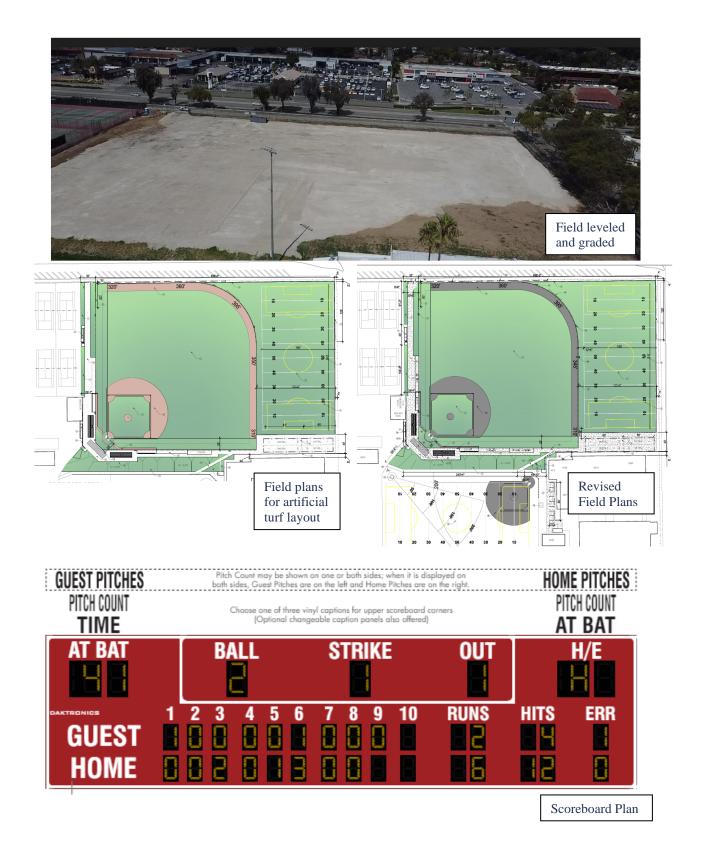
# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023-24 fiscal year, this project experienced some forward movement and several setbacks.

- September 2023: The existing grounds and all structures were demoed, and the rough grading was completed. The field levels were raised and the #2 base was laid.
- June 2023-April 2024: Architectural plans were created and refined.
- September 2023: Opened bid process for CMU block retaining wall. No bidders.
- November 2023: Opened bid process for Synthetic Turf installation. Bid awarded to Sprint Turf for \$830,955.00.
- December 2024: The field design was updated to include a soccer field/practice football field/marching band field, softball field, and track and field discus.
- April 2024: Scoreboard procured.
- May 2024: Scoreboard delivered.
- May 2024: Initiated bid process for general contracting and fencing bid packages.
- June 2024: Opened bids for the general construction bid package; no bids were received.
- June 2024: Opened bids for the fencing bid package; one bid was received over budget; all bids were rejected.
- June 2024: Obtained legal counsel guidance regarding the next steps.

Budget Update:

Upland High School Sports				
<u>Complex Project Budget</u>				30-May-24
ITEM	COMPANY	COST	AMOUNT	TOTAL COST
Project Manager			DONATED	
Architect		\$ 60,000	DONATED	
Bleachers	Aluminum Bleachers	\$ 10,208	5	\$ 61,000
Turf removal and grading/trenching.placing #2 base	CP Construction	\$180,000	DONATED	
Six Pole Varsity Baseball Lighting Design- 50 FC Infield / 30 FC Outfield	Gregg Electric	\$ 450,000	POSSIBLE DONATION	
#2 Base	Holliday Rock	9 per ton	6000 ton	\$ 83,400
		\$48 PER L		
6' field and side fencing	Fencecraft	'	760 L'	\$ 36,400
24' high fencing	Fencecraft	\$ 120	880 L'	\$ 105,600
Varcity field backstop	LA Steel			\$ 34,000
Softball field backstop	LA Steel			\$ 22,000
Sprint turf	Sprint turf	5.5 Per sq'	158000 SQ'	\$830,955
Pad below turf	Sprint turf	0.8 Per sq'	158000 SQ'	\$ 126,400
Safety netting for 60' poles FOR 60' POLES	BBL			\$24,306
60'DF DCOI F/L 6 CL2 60	Stella -Jones	\$2,415	6	\$ 14,490
Scoreboard 36' x 10'	Electro-Mech Scoreboard	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$ 28,245
Netting and poles installation	Gregg Electric	\$ 13,000	DONATED	
Retaining wall material	Home Depot	3' H	300 L'	\$ 3,200
Retaining wall material	Home Depot	5' H	990 L'	\$ 20,100
Rebar	Upland Contracting	#5 rebar		\$ 3,800
Retaining wall labor	George Hinojosa Concrete			\$ 34,000
Block walls foundations labor	George Hinojosa Concrete			\$ 28,000
Concrete / block footing, cag pads, mow strips, bock fill	Holliday Rock	100 per yd	1,000 YDS	\$ 100,000
Batting cages/golf concrete pads labor	George Hinojosa Concrete			\$ 18,000
			TOTAL	\$ 1,573,896



# 2.37 – Veterans Park Improvements

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012342 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$660,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

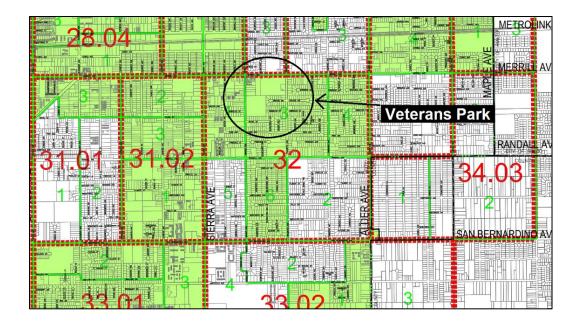
#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

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

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



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

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

# Use of Evidence:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>54</sup>, parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. Parks, recreation, and green spaces provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They also help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones. The city believes that this project will make these positive impacts in the community.

# Performance Report:

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

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

 $<sup>^{54}</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/activepeoplehealthynation/everyone-can-be-involved/parks-recreation-and-green-spaces.html \label{eq:space}$ 

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

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

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

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

Year	Number of	
	permits issued	
2020	110	
2021	195	

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

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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Veterans Park Improvements Project is working towards completion. The city of Fontana has thus far purchased and installed seven (7) baseball scoreboards – work and fund allocated for this portion of the work was completed in May 2023. The remaining portion of the work is installation of new ADA playground. This item went to the City Council for approval on June 13, 2023. This portion is at 30% completion, and no funds have been exhausted yet.

Provided below are photos of some of the work performed at the site.





# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The project at Veterans Park includes 1) Installation of 6 Baseball Scoreboards, 2) Installation of an ADA Inclusive Playground, and 3) Installation of Security Cameras and Fiber Optic Lines. The playground also included a new Shade Structure and new Rubberized Safety Surface. All Baseball Scoreboards have been installed as of May 2023. The city is completing the bidding process for the playground, security cameras, and fiber optic lines and construction will begin August 2024.

The project faced a few challenges, such as minor construction delays due to the weather. There were some uncertainties from inflation and fluctuating prices, which made it difficult to plan and adhere to a fixed budget. Despite these issues, the city has not encountered any major problems with the project. Moving forward, the city plans to finalize the construction of the playground equipment, security cameras, and fiber optic lines.

# 2.37 – Yucca Valley Community Center Pickleball Courts Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014306 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,600,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Town of Yucca Valley is currently executing an Athletic Facility Masterplan that identifies the most appropriate location that will serve the community with the proposed ARPA funded community Pickleball facility. The project is intended to provide active and safe outdoor recreational opportunities for residents of the Town of Yucca Valley and the greater Morongo Basin. The intent of the facility is to allow for the improved health and wellness of residents in a disadvantaged community through active recreation. The age and size of the Town's current athletic facility are inadequate resources for the current need of the community, and it has become apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic that our community did not have safe and equal access to athletic and recreational areas such as parks or open spaces. By providing



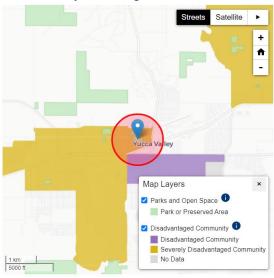
the community with a larger athletic facility, we can mitigate negative impacts of COVID-19 by promoting healthier living environments and outdoor recreation and socialization.

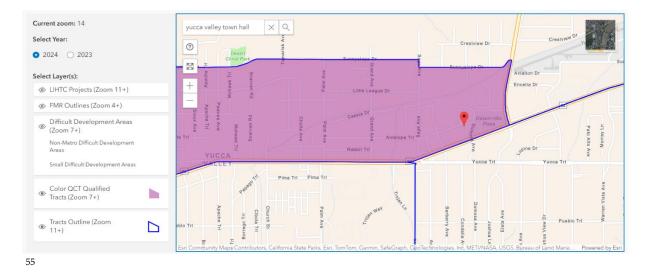
Through the 2020-2021 years, the tennis and athletic parks in Yucca Valley saw a significant increase in

outdoor facility usage by the residents who sought outdoor space to exercise, socialize and improve their mental health with safe social distancing. The high usage demonstrated the higher needs and current facility's inadequacy for the current demands.

# Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the public impacted by COVID-19. It also aids households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The majority of the proposed Pickleball facility locations are located within designated census tract 104.27 and is directly located in a QCT serving a "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" community and those that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.



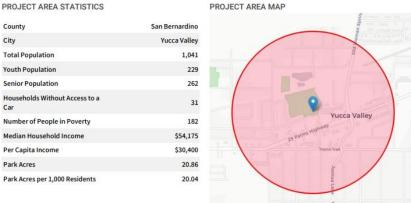


California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

Project ID: 112626 Coordinates: 34.1239, -116.4181 Date: 5/23/2024

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

PROJECT AREA STATISTICS



**REPORT BACKGROUND** 

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

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

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

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

Demographics—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2017-2021; Decennial 2020 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks-California Protected Areas Database 2022b CFF adjusted (1/2023) - more information at http://www.CALands.org. Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are further defined in this report: parksforcalifornia.org/park\_equity#parks\_data.

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

According to the California State Parks Community Fact Finder Tool, within a half mile of the Town's Community Center there are approximately 151 individuals at or below the poverty line; 34 households without access to a car; 250 seniors; and 196 youth. Within the area is a low-income senior congregate

<sup>55</sup> https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda\_qct.html

living complex and the Town's community center parks. The community in the surrounding area is 5% nonwhite and 25% Hispanic or Latino. As of the 2020 United States Census the total population was 21,738, with 6.6% of households within the Town of Yucca Valley without healthcare coverage and 30.6% of households below the federal poverty level.

#### Uses of Funds:

The \$1,600,000 investment will be allocated to constructing a community Pickleball Court complex consisting of an estimated 12-16 courts in a



centralized location, which will include the following but is not limited to: design, engineering and construction of court surfaces, fencing, lighting, nets/poles, benches, spectator accommodations, and ancillary required infrastructure improvements such as pathways, utility installation, parking modifications, site planning and/or modifications, and like improvements. In the short term, it will combat the effects of COVID by providing safe and secure locations for families and individuals to meet, socialize, and participate in healthy activities. It will improve the lives of Town residents for a long time to come as a space for outdoor activities and programing and well-maintained parks provide higher home values and community pride.

Ongoing programs and services that are proposed to be included with the new facility include:

- Youth classes and training programs
- Adult classes and training programs
- Recreational programs

- Tournaments and league activities
- Holiday/event activities

Prior to the pandemic, the Town's sports courts, including Tennis courts, were a beneficial resource to families, youth and seniors desiring outdoor recreational and fitness activities. Local tennis and pickleball court usage gained popularity during the pandemic due to its ability to facilitate outdoor competitive athletics within the COVID social distancing requirements. While the pandemic's restrictions have dissipated, the residents' development of sport and the youth's training has continued and increased demand for larger and improved facilities. The Town has previously completed sports court resurfacing projects and provided partnership funding to local non-profit who assist with youth training programs; however, the current facilities and programs still lack the sufficient resources to meet the community needs.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Due to the Town's size and centralized recreation locations the facilities are highly used by the youth and families in the area. This project will promote an equitable outcome by improving an identified park that will be a stable site for a community disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. It will create and provide a healthy outdoor location for the community to gather, and it promotes a healthier lifestyle; additionally, it will encourage nearby schools, non-profits, and community centers to hold educational and community building events.

The available locations for construction are immediately within the community designated as "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged". To address disparities and achieve equitable outcomes, the programs and facility to be offered at the Pickleball facility will be purposefully designed with those communities in mind, including free and low-cost services, opportunities for the community to gather and celebrate, recreation programs and health & wellness classes. With the ARPA funded project, the Town will expand upon services, increase equitability with broader access, and accommodate the rising need from the community. Providing these programs directly in the community where those that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic addresses equal access and disparities while promoting equitable outcomes.

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

- Direct and in-person promotion of programs and services.
- Offering multiple means of registering for programs or eliminating the need to register if possible.
- Offering low-cost or free services.
- Providing financial assistance for participation in fee-based recreation and wellness programs.
- Volunteer Opportunities

# Use of Evidence:

The Pickleball court construction project is proposed due to the increasing demand and current court usage by the residents of the Town of Yucca Valley and surrounding unincorporated county areas. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), pickleball participation has increased by more than 158% in the past three years with nearly 9 million people participating in 2022. The SFIA said the average age of people participating is 35 years old and that the 25 to 34-year-old demographic has the most participants. Pickleball has also been getting progressively younger, with ages 6-17 making up 21.2% of the nearly 5 million pickleball players in 2021. The SFIA noted that, of all age groups from 2020 to 2021, players under 24 had the fastest growth rate at 21%. The second fastest growing demographic is tied between 18–24-year-olds and those 65 and older. SFIA also reported that pickleball participation grew in every region in the United States in 2022 with the South Atlantic region being the most popular for pickleball with nearly 2 million players. The Mountain region, which includes California and Arizona, has the highest number of dedicated courts per 1,000 players at 4.6.

The overreaching goals for this facility are to:

- Provide a safe and engaging athletic facility which will provide resilient and multifunctional spaces for wideranging recreational outcomes.
- Provide safe, attractive, universally accessible, and inclusive athletic spaces.
- Provide athletic facilities to improve the physical and mental health and wellness for all community members equitably.



- Evidence for the necessity of communal, outdoor athletic facilities strongly indicates the positive impact on physical health, mental health, public safety, and youth development such as:
- According to the National Library of Medicine, evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness has a direct correlation to improved academic performance. Other studies have shown that sports, among other factors, can be responsible for the wellbeing of adolescents' life, contributing not only to their physical health but to better socialization. Sport activities also have a potential to contribute to problem solving and the enhancement of life quality of individuals and communities.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), parks, recreation and green spaces can provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health.

#### Performance Report:

Upon completion of the ARPA funded construction of the community Pickleball athletic facility, the Town will be able to offer the previously described programs and services. In measuring the effectiveness of the programs and usage that will be offered by the new facility, the Town will utilize relevant key indicators. In October of 2022, in response to increasing requests for pickleball courts, the Town Council authorized the temporary conversion of one of the Town's tennis courts to four pickleball courts until additional pickleball facilities could be constructed. Pickleball programming was added to Recreation Division programming and has become very popular. As of 2024, Pickleball offering include:



- Weekly Pickleball Clinics
   Participation average: 20 per class (max capacity/sells out)
   Residency: YV 62%, JT 11%, Other Morongo Basin 24%, Other 3%
   Cost \$32 4wk session/\$10 drop-in
- Pickleball Ladder League Beginner & Advanced Divisions Thurs 6 p.m.
   Participation average: 16 Beginner/16 Advanced per class (max capacity/sells out) Residency: YV 72%, JT 16%, Other Morongo Basin 10%, Other 2% Cost \$20 4wk session
- Pickleball Tournaments Six Divisions
   First Saturdays 8 a.m. start
   Participation: 57 players/100 spectators
   Residency: YV 45%, JT 6%, Other Morongo Basin 4%, Other 45%
   Cost \$25 per person entry fee

Key Indicators:

As current programs are operating at maximum capacity, the Town intends to expand programs with this facility to include more time slots, larger tournaments and related special events, youth classes, and much more. To track the progress the Town will utilize the following tools:

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

While participation levels already exceed prepandemic levels, the Town will seek to increase participation levels every year, especially by those individuals living in identified "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" areas. In addition, the Town will seek to increase participant satisfaction every year. Participation data will be collected through registration and attendance records.



# 2.37 - Yucca Valley Senior Center Rehabilitation Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014101 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$998,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

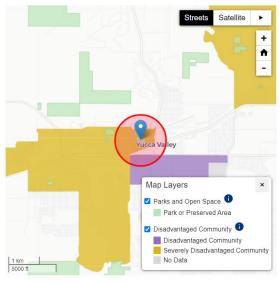
The Town of Yucca Valley Senior Center (Senior Center) is a 7,584 sq. ft. facility located in the community center of the Town. The building was originally construction in 1985 with small improvements made by local organizations, the San Bernardino County and the Town over the past three decades. The Town began full administration of the Senior Center in 2008, with



the partnership of the County and non-profits to continue to provide their essential programming within the building. The Senior Center currently has two dedicated staff members that oversee administration.

Programs offered at the Senior Center focused on creating equitable services aimed at reducing age and economic disparities. Impacts of the pandemic, increased needs for senior services, increased usage of the food distribution program and age of the building, led to an urgent need to improve the Senior Center's facility and various building components. Among the improvements required to ensure this vital community resource remains available, are the installation of ADA compliant doors and restrooms, replacement of the flooring, installation of lighting for energy efficiency and safety, community kitchen improvements, new interior and exterior paint, and for office spaces for increased activities and program administration.

Upon completion of the rehabilitation, the goal will be to restore and expand upon the services offered prior to the



onset of the pandemic to support strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the improvements of the Senior Center are in the design phase. It is anticipated that the first phase of the project will begin in Fall 2024.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to the public impacted by COVID-19. It also aids households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The Yucca Valley Senior Center is in census



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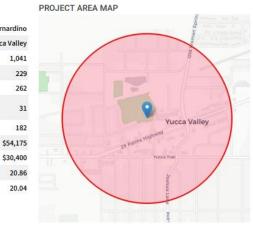
# California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

Project ID: 112626 Coordinates: 34.1239, -116.4181 Date: 5/23/2024

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

PROJECT AREA STATISTICS

County	San Bernardino
City	Yucca Valley
Total Population	1,041
Youth Population	229
Senior Population	262
Households Without Access to a Car	31
Number of People in Poverty	182
Median Household Income	\$54,175
Per Capita Income	\$30,400
Park Acres	20.86
Park Acres per 1,000 Residents	20.04



#### REPORT BACKGROUND

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

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

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

Demographics—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2017-2021; Decennial 2020 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks—California Protected Areas Database 2022b CFF adjusted (1/2023) - more information at http://www.CALands.org. Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are further defined in this report: parks are further defined in this report:

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tract 104.27 and is directly located in a QCT serving a "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" community and those that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

According to the California State Parks Community Fact Finder Tool, within a half mile of the Senior Center there are approximately 151 individuals at or below the poverty line; 34 households without access to a car; 250 seniors; and 196 youth. Within the tract is a low-income senior congregate living complex and the Town's community center parks. The community in the surrounding area is 5% nonwhite and 25% Hispanic or Latino. As of the 2020 United States Census the total population was 21,738, with 6.6% of households within the Town of Yucca Valley without healthcare coverage and 30.6% of households below the federal poverty level.



# Uses of the Funds:

Upon completion of the planned improvements funded by ARPA, the Senior Center can continue to serve as the hub for a variety of services and resources for those disadvantaged and disproportionately impacted in the community and surrounding region, mitigating the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town anticipates the following improvement areas to be completed utilizing the ARPA funds:

Senior Center Improvement Costs (estimated):

Restroom Safety & ADA Improvements	\$ 450,000
Office Space Modifications.	
Lobby Safety and ADA Improvement	
Total Improvement Costs	

Town funds up to \$500,000 have been earmarked for additional design, project management, contingency, and additional identified improvements to demonstrate its dedication to a fully renovated facility by 2026.

Ongoing programs and services that are proposed to be included within the improved facility include:

- PPE & Testing Supply Distribution
- Emergency Operations Center / Emergency Shelter
- Support Low-income Senior Congregate Living Facility (across the street)
- Expanded weekly FSA Meal Distribution program

- County Senior Lunch Program
- Annual Holidays Food Drive & Give-Away
- Senior Wellness Classes
- Senior Social Service Programs
- Health Screenings

Prior to the pandemic, the Senior Center was the hub for social services, recreation classes, special events, and meal distribution in a disadvantaged area of the Town of Yucca Valley and the Morongo Basin region. Its central location within the Town and ease of access to the community's senior living facility ensures it is an essential resource to the Senior population. In addition, the fully remodeled commercial kitchen completed in 2020 has provided the ability for the Town to expand the Town's partnership with local nonprofits, such as the Family Services Association, to provide weekly meals the low-income for and



disadvantaged households within the community.

The facility provides resources across all demographics and will continue to do so as its aged and inaccessible attributes are repaired and replaced. Senior Center programs include senior exercise and wellness classes, special events, holiday parties, lectures, and senior assistance events. The onset of the pandemic, and subsequent closure of the facility, eliminated all but the most critical of these services: the weekly food distribution and the outdoor holiday food drives and giveaways. Since reopening participation has risen dramatically as reflected in the attendance numbers below, necessitating a faster response for outdated facility features.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project promotes an equitable outcome as it revitalized one of the key resource centers in the area, bringing awareness and access to its residents and the neighboring QCT. The Senior Center is immediately within the community designated as "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged". To address disparities and achieve



equitable outcomes, the programs and services offered at the Senior Center were purposefully designed with those communities in mind, providing additional social support, free and low-cost services, opportunities for the community to gather and celebrate, recreation programs, and health & wellness classes. With the ARPA funded improvements, the Town will expand upon services, increase equitability with broader ADA access, and accommodate the rising need from the community for its provided programs and services. Providing these programs directly in the community where those that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic addresses equal access and disparities while promoting equitable outcomes.

As of 2024, the Senior Center is utilized primarily for daily senior programming Monday through Friday. The center is also home to the County Senior Lunch Program with daily lunch service from 11am-

12pm. Other popular programs include senior exercise and wellness classes, special events and parties, lectures, and senior assistance events such as food giveaways.

Examples of programs and services that are offered include:

- Health and Exercise Classes
- Food Assistance
- Life Skills (Tax Prep, Technology, Etc.)
- Wellness Classes
- Health Screenings
- Social Support Groups
- Holiday Parties
   And more



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

- Direct and in-person promotion of programs and services.
- Offering multiple means of registering for programs or eliminating the need to register if possible.
- Use of Evidence:

Numerous published studies and surveys have gauged the effectiveness and importance of Community Centers – as they serve to bring a sense of belonging and community among residents. Additionally, having Community Centers available to residents makes access to services convenient, as well as raises awareness. Furthermore, it promotes healthier social, mental, and physical health. Especially in today's climate, as communities are gradually shifting back into normalcy, community centers will serve as resources to disseminate information about services, but also encourage residents to partake in events and activities. • Providing financial assistance for participation in fee-based recreation and

Offering low-cost or free services.

- wellness programs.
- Volunteer Opportunities.



According to the National Council on Aging, Senior Centers are recognized by the Older Americans Act as a community focal point and have become one of the most widely used services among America's older adults. Senior Centers serve as a gateway to the nation's aging network—connecting 1 million older adults to vital community services. Senior Centers work in partnership with other community agencies and

organizations and businesses to provide access to an array of opportunities for older adults to stay safe, active, and healthy. Senior Centers also provide social opportunities for seniors. The CDC explains that social connectedness influences our minds, bodies, and behaviors—all of which influence our health and life expectancy. Research shows that social connectedness can lead to longer life, better health, and improved well-being. People with stronger social bonds have a 50% increased likelihood of survival than those who have fewer social connections.

# Performance Report:

Upon completion of the ARPA funded rehabilitation of the Senior Center, the Town will be able to offer the previously described programs and services. In measuring the effectiveness of the programs that will be offered in the newly rehabilitated Senior Center, the Town will utilize relevant key indicators.

#### Key Indicators:

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

While participation levels already exceed pre-pandemic levels, the Town will seek to continually increase participation levels, especially by those individuals living in those identified "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" areas. In addition, the Town will seek to increase participant satisfaction. Participation data will be collected through registration and attendance records. Current participation is tracked and reported as of 2024 as follows:

#### YV Senior Center Membership:

Participation: 436 individuals annually Cost: Free Provides access to a variety of free Senior Center activities and Members receive monthly mailer with calendar/lunch menu. Daily visitation to the senior center has doubled from 45 to 80 average daily visitation since 2018.

#### Health & Wellness:

Participation: 14-26 individuals per class Cost: Minimal cost recovery per class for instructor fees. Zumba

Lumba Line Dancing Chair Yoga Chair Fitness Senior Pilates Chi Chung Tai Chi Health Lectures



# Food Security:

San Bernardino County Congregate Senior Lunch Program provided by Family Services Association (FSA) – 80 average households participate daily. The Monthly Mobile Food Pantry/Bread Giveaway/Emergency Food Aid has an average participation of 95 households.

#### Social Services:

Monthly Participation: 60+ individuals Caseworker Assistance (Medicare/Medi-Cal/HEAP/HEAP/IHSS/Veterans Benefits) Tax Preparation Assistance (Helped 47 seniors file their taxes this year) as well as Tech Help Sessions, SB County Office of Aging, Legal Aid & Estate Planning.

Social Connectedness: Monthly Participation: 120 individuals per events Birthday & Holiday Celebrations Game Days Movies Book & Rummage Sales Senior Outings



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

# **3.3** – Vaccination Incentive

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012038 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$3,782,553.32 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 3.3, Public Sector Workforce: Other

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Vaccination Incentive initiative was completed in June 2023, with the last payment made on June 6, 2023, in the amount of \$2,958,604.00, bringing the total disbursement for the program to \$3,782,550.00. This Program served 9,226 employees and was an invaluable incentive in promoting health in the community and workplace and stopping the spread of COVID-19.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023-2024 no payments were issued for this item, thus it is considered closed and complete.

# 4: Premium Pay

# 4.1 – COVID-19 Premium Pay – Prior to the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012316 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$32,493,400.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 4.1, Public Sector Employees

Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

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

Uses of Funds:

Incentive/Payment:

Payment #1 (2022-23):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 480 hours at a worksite between April 9, 2022, and July 29, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about August 24, 2022.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 280 hours but less than 480 hours at a worksite between April 9, 2022, and July 29, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about August 24, 2022.

Payment #2 (2022-23):

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 480 hours at a worksite between July 30, 2022, and November 18, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about December 14, 2022.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 280 hours but less than 480 hours at a worksite between July 30, 2022, and November 18, 2022, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about December 14, 2022.

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

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 480 hours at a worksite between November 19, 2022, and March 10, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about April 5, 2023.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 280 hours but less than 480 hours between November 19, 2022, and March 10, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about April 5, 2023.

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

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 480 hours at a worksite between March 11, 2023, and June 30, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$1,000, and paid as a lump sum on or about July 26, 2023.

Eligible employees who met the above established criteria and worked at least 280 hours but less than 480 hours between March 11, 2023, and June 30, 2023, shall receive a premium payment up to \$500, and paid as a lump sum on or about July 26, 2023.

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Through fiscal year 2022-2023 San Bernardino County paid a total of \$32,492,900.00 in Premium Pay, to 19,938 employees. A total of 9,367 employees have received the total up to amount of \$2,000 and closed out. The final payment for the March – June 2023 period has not yet been issued and will be reflected in the next Recovery Plan. There are currently 10,571 employees eligible for the final premium pay payment – estimated to be under \$10,000. The County may utilize revenue loss for Payment #4 due to the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency announcement by Treasury in June 2023.

**Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:** During fiscal year 2023-2024 an additional payment of \$500 was issued to one employee for this category. Thus, this project is now considered closed and complete.

# 4.1 – In-Home Supportive Services Premium Pay

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 4982240 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$8,828,250.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 4.1, Public Sector Employees

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The San Bernardino County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority is deemed the employer of record for IHSS individual care providers for the limited purpose of collective bargaining within the meaning of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. IHSS providers are individuals who are compensated to provide care services to clients who receive in-home supportive services under the IHSS Program. IHSS PA serve elderly, blind, or disabled individuals who are not able to remain in their homes without assistance.

On September 12, 2023 (Item No. 77), the Board approved the MOU between IHSS and the Service Employees International Union Local 2015 (SEIU), representing providers in the IHSS Provider Unit, effective September 23, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Under direction of the Board of Directors, representatives of the County IHSS PA, met and conferred with representatives of SEIU to reach a successor labor agreement covering wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for employees in the IHSS Provider Unit.

The MOU includes terms and conditions that provide a one-time payment of \$250 to care providers who meet the established eligibility requirements. (Funding for one-time premium payment of \$250 to active providers that completed a minimum of 120 service hours between July 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.)

The one-time payment for the initial group of 34,078 care providers was funded by the County's ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) in the amount of \$8,519,500. Since issuance of the initial round of payments, an additional 1,235 care providers were identified who meet the eligibility requirement of working 120 hours from July 2022 to December 2022. These providers submitted their timesheet for the eligibility period after the initial group of 34,078 eligible care providers were identified. Per the California Department of Social Services, there is no deadline for timesheet submission.On June 25, 2024, the additional one-time cost of \$308,750 for the additional 1,235 care providers was approved by the County Board of Supervisors in accordance with the MOU.

# **<u>5: Infrastructure</u>**

# 5.1 – Calico Wastewater Treatment Project

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

Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

### Uses of Funds:

The project will increase capacity of wastewater treatment for Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, providing the opportunity for expansion of current businesses and development of new businesses within the park. Expansion and/or new development of businesses promotes and supports equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic economic downturn in this remote Regional Park.

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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



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

## Labor Practices:

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



## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Calico Wastewater Treatment Project is approaching completion. Installation of the Ovivo Advanced

Wastewater Treatment System, which is the main component of the new facility, has been fully installed, electrically connected, and energized. Pre-commissioning and testing have been conducted on all electrical, mechanical and treatment systems. The site has been fenced off and secured and final grading has been completed.



The next milestones are the installation of a mixer component within the EQ tank and wiring for automated

turn on and shut off, the seeding of the plant and commissioning of the entire system with sewage sludge running through the system for treatment for a period of 30 days without any failures. The completion of a successful commissioning period of 30 days uninterrupted will be followed by putting the system online with the existing sewage collection system.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- The project was commissioned, and the final punch list was generated.
- Currently the staff is working with the waterboard to complete final permitting.
- The obligated ARPA funding was fully expended.

The next milestones for the project are:

• It is anticipated this project will be complete and fully operational by the end of 2024.

# 5.1 – Camp Switzerland Sewer Lift Station

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012330 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,782,309.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Uses of Funds:

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

## Labor Practices:

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Since the awarding of the design contract for the Camp Switzerland Sewer Lift Station, a technical memorandum which provided various design alternatives was submitted and approved by the County.

The preferred sewer connecting pipe alignment has been identified and the environmental work plan has begun.

It has been determined that the environmental analysis will be conducted in a phased approach for CEQA permit filing with Sewer Lift Station encompassing Phase 1 and Campground Development encompassing Phase 2.

Survey and Geotechnical have been conducted and data being assessed to move forward with 30% design construction drawings.

- In June 2022, a Request for Proposal for engineering design and environmental services was prepared and released via the County's eProcurement (ePro) system web site.
- In July 2022, proposals were received.
- In September 2022, a Notice of Intent to Award a design contract was issued to Michael Baker International.
- In September 2022, a design contract was formally awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates.

The next milestones are the completion of design, preparation of plans and specification for bidding and environmental permitting process.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- The projects plans and specifications are at 100% completion.
- Legal and plat preparations are underway for easement acquisitions.
- The environmental process made significant progress and the Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was released for public comments in May 2024.

The next milestones for the project are:

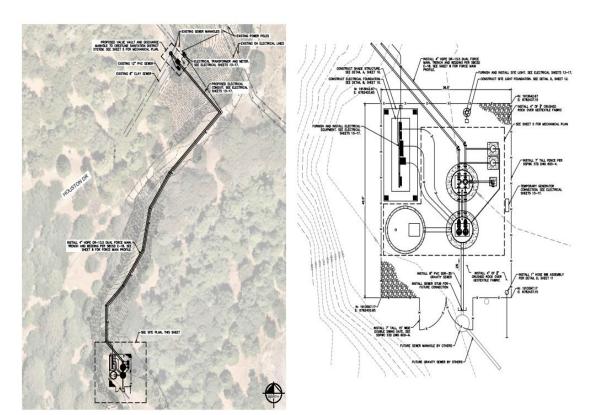
- Currently, the Department is preparing to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval of plans and specifications to advertise by October 2024.
- It is anticipated that this project will start construction by Spring 2025.

#### San Bernardino County Department of Public Works - Special Districts

#### **Camp Switzerland Lift Station Project**

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration





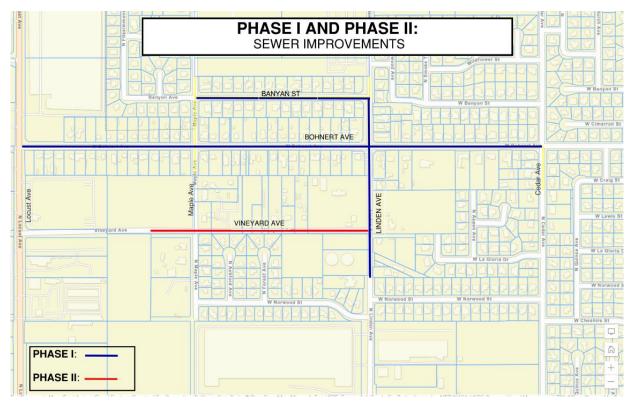
# 5.2 – Bohnert/Banyan Sewer Project (Cancelled)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013575 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$7,992,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.2, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Bohnert/Banyan community is located within an unincorporated area surrounded by the City of Rialto (City). The surrounding parcels are served by the City's sewer system; however, the existing community in the unincorporated area is currently on septic due to the lack of sewer infrastructure.

The ARPA funds of \$7,992,000 will allow this project to tie this community into the City's existing sewer system.



# Uses of Funds:

The Project has been determined to be eligible for ARPA funding in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$7,992,000 to fund the design, construction, and construction management of the sewer system. The sewer system includes the back-bone sewer main system, and a sewer lateral for each of the 137 private residences within the project area.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

An estimated 137 residential units would benefit from this sewer system. The sewer system would install

sewer mainline and laterals at the following locations:

- 1. Banyan Street from Maple Avenue to Linden Avenue.
- 2. Bohnert Avenue from Locust Avenue to Cedar Avenue.
- 3. Vineyard Avenue from 330' west of Maple Avenue to Linden Avenue.
- 4. Linden Avenue from approximately 130' north of Norwood Street (east) to Banyan Street.

The installation of the sewer laterals will facilitate future private connections for the residents allowing them to disconnect from their current failing septic systems. The switching of private residences from a septic system to a city-maintained sewer main system will also decrease the water table contamination which has been occurring for many years due to the outdated and failing septic tanks of that area. The project will also open the pathway for the City to be able to annex the area which will bring City services closer to those residents.

The project is estimated to be completed at the end of 2026. Upon completion of construction, the City will accept all operations and maintenance of the Project into the City's sewer system, pursuant to a future cooperative agreement between the County and the City.

## Labor Practices:

The project will require the Contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

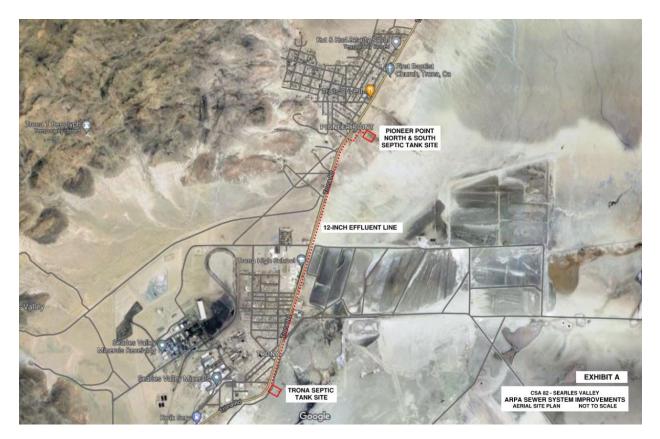
This project is no longer receiving American Rescue Plan funding and has been removed from San Bernardino County's list of ARPA projects, thus it will be omitted from future reports.

# 5.2 – Trona - Searles Valley Sewer Improvements (CSA 82)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013264 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$6,034,682.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.2, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

# Project Overview/Project Description:

County Service Area 82 Searles Valley (CSA 82) was established by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 1976, to provide, among other things, sewer services for the communities of Trona and Pioneer Point, east of Ridgecrest and adjacent to the western boundary of Death Valley National Park. The Department's Water and Sanitation Division (Division) directly manages, operates, and maintains CSA 82's sewer services.



The Division currently maintains a 12-inch primary sewer effluent line, including two septic tank treatment facilities and fifty-two (52) manholes for CSA 82, which was constructed in 1979 and needs reconstructing, and/or replacing worn, damaged, and deleterious segments of 12-inch sewer line and manhole structures. The sewer line spans from Pioneer Point (north) to Trona (south) as part of the overall sewerage system.

Portions of the aging sewer system, recently recovered from damage encountered during the Ridgecrest earthquake event (2019), have continued to deteriorate to the point of being beyond repair and requiring replacement. Large sections of the existing effluent main line have sagged causing flow restrictions. Numerous manholes are severely deteriorated and are incapable of being serviced. As a result, the District has decided to replace 6,574 lineal feet of the 12-inch effluent sewer line and at least 12 manhole structures

in order of priority determined by current conditions. The project will also add up to six manholes to reduce spacing to a consistent 500 to 600 feet allowing for additional access points for maintenance and inspection purposes pursuant to industry standards. The project timeline and progress thus far is as follows:

- In October 2022, a Request for Proposal for engineering design services was prepared and released via the County's eProcurement (ePro) system web site.
- In November 2022, proposals were received.
- In December 2022, a Notice of Intent to Award a design contract was issued to Kimley-Horn and Associates.
- In March 2023, a design contract was formally awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates.
- In April 2023, a Notice to Proceed for design services was issued.
- In May 2023, data collection for the project design began.

Currently, the project is in the design phase. It is anticipated that the project plans and specifications will be 100% complete in early 2024.

## Uses of Funds:

The Project has been determined to be eligible for ARPA funding in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$6,034,682 to fund the design, construction, and construction management of the sewer line improvement.

## Labor Practices:

The project will require the Contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

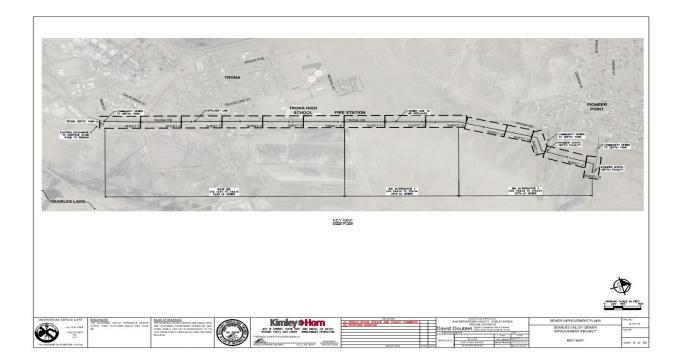
# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- In March 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the project as a Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$6,034,682.
- On May 7, 2024, the projects plans and specifications were approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- The project is currently in the bidding process.

The next milestones for the project are:

• It is anticipated the project will be awarded the construction contract by early fiscal year 2024/2025.



# 5.6 – Bear Valley Road Stormwater Management

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013262 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$538,900.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Bear Valley Road Bridge is in San Bernardino County, at the west limit of Apple Valley and it borders both Cities of Hesperia and Victorville. It is an eleven-span, 819-foot long, reinforced concrete tee-beam bridge supported on reinforced concrete pier walls and cantilever abutments. The bridge was originally constructed in 1963 as a two-lane bridge and was subsequently widened to the north in 1988 to accommodate four travel lanes. Between 2004 and 2006, the bridge was re-striped to six lanes with no median or shoulders, in order to accommodate increasing traffic demands.

The proposed project will remove and replace the 1963 (eastbound) portion of the bridge and rehabilitate the 1988 (westbound) portion of the bridge. The rehabilitation will include widening to facilitate six travel lanes, a center median, shoulders with Class II bike lanes, a barrier-protected multi-use path on the north side of the bridge, and a barrier-protected sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. The bridge will be widened approximately 31 feet to the north and 15 feet to the south to allow room for the added shoulders, median, sidewalk, and Class I path. Construction activities will include partial bridge removal and rehabilitation; bridge footing, pier, and abutment work; bridge deck widening; utility relocation including the overhead electrical transmission lines; new storm drain facilities; approach roadway widening; Americans with Disabilities Act modifications; and restriping between Mojave Fish Hatchery Road and Jess Ranch Parkway.

The widened bridge will be supported on large diameter cast-in-drilled hole (CIDH) concrete piles extending approximately 90 feet below grade. The utilities attached to the exterior girder of the existing 1963 bridge (e.g., Sunesys, Verizon Business, and Verizon) will require either permanent or temporary relocation. Southwest Gas Corporation facilities attached to the exterior girder of the 1988 bridge will be relocated to within the existing bridge. Additional protection will be required at the abutment construction where the utility transitions to an underground alignment.

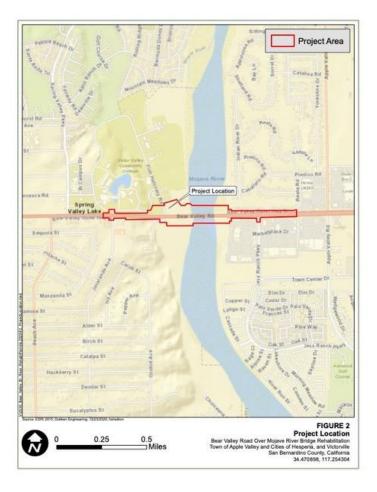
There is an existing CSA 64 12-inch water line that runs under Bear Valley Road from west of Mojave Fish Hatchery Road, toward and then under the river and then extends down Outer Bear Valley Rd. The asbuilts show it offsetting as it approaches the river and travelling parallel to the bridge about 25 ft north of the existing edge of deck. Toward the east side of the bridge, it angles to Outer Bear Valley Road. As located on the as-builts it will conflict with a fill area for the relocation of the SCE towers and with the bridge foundation work needed to widen the bridge. This line will be relocated during the project's Phase 1.

Also included in the project is approximately 800 ft of 36" trunk storm drain system in Outer Bear Valley Road to pick up and convey storm water that currently flows along Bear Valley Road and Outer Bear Valley Road, ultimately reaching the Mojave River. This regional system will include a stub out connection to allow additional drainage areas to be connected in the future. There is also a Stormwater Treatment Chamber on the west side of the bridge that will filter roadway stormwater to comply with NPDES stormwater runoff requirements. Flood Control Zone 4 will benefit from these systems and is contributing toward the cost of installation.

During construction, Bear Valley Road will be reduced from six to four lanes through the project area. Construction of the proposed project will take place in two stages. During the first stage, the northern (westbound) side of the bridge will be widened to provide traffic lanes during the second stage of construction, which will include the demolition of the existing 1963 bridge and the construction of a replacement bridge within the footprint of the original bridge. For both stages, piles for the bridge supports will be CIDH rather than driven piles, however, it is possible that driven steel piles will be used to support falsework.

The Town expects to start Phase 1 in the Fall of 2023 and Phase 2 in the Summer of 2024. Project construction is anticipated to require approximately 29 months.

The bridge includes several elements that connect to the greater Victor Valley multimodal network. The Bear Valley Road Bridge over the Mojave River consists of a .31-mile multi-use path, pavement markings, signage, and ADA ramps. If people can walk and bike to



cross the bridge, then the multimodal network opens with connections to Victor Valley College, Riverwalk in both Apple Valley and Victorville, the Mojave Narrows Regional Park, employment and medical opportunities and a network of bicycle facilities throughout Apple Valley. This creates a critical network for people to take their kids for a walk, go for a jog, ride a bicycle, walk their dogs, access important community locations, and provide a safe pathway for the annual Victor Valley Bicycle Tour.

## Uses of Funds:

The replacement of the bridge portion constructed in 1963 and the rehabilitation of the bridge portion constructed in 1988 will ensure the river crossing will resist anticipated seismic activity. The widening will ensure adequate widths for vehicular lanes, bicycle lanes, shoulders, median and pedestrian paths. Safety enhancements such as lighting, pedestrian protection barrier, crash cushions, and utility encasements are included with this project. The barrier-protected pedestrian path will serve as a regional asset enhancing the multi-modal facility for pedestrians and bicyclist to and from Apple Valley, Victorville, Hesperia, and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

Maintaining a functional bridge is essential for regional connectivity daily and emergency responses. Bear Valley Road is one of few river crossings within the Town of Apple Valley jurisdictional limits and provides access in and out of town. This bridge is essential to the Town's transportation connectivity. This project is a priority to extend the design life of this regional capital asset.

The Town of Apple Valley and City of Victorville have made great progress in developing their respective

bicycle and pedestrian networks. Both entities have developed Riverwalk pathways creating the Regional Mojave Riverwalk along the Mojave River; Yucca Loma Road was expanded to include a bridge to Victorville, complete with Class I bicycle facilities; and Apple Valley has developed an expansive network of Class I and Class II bicycle facilities. The Bear Valley Road Bridge over the Mojave River will provide greater connections for residents to access these facilities. In addition, citizens living in neighborhoods near these facilities do not have a designated pathway providing ADA accessible access to these community amenities.

Active transportation is the missing piece in Victor Valley's transportation system. The project area has a Walk Score of 45 identifying it as a car-dependent area. This project will provide a significant investment in communities that have no convenient non-motorized access to college, shopping centers and work. Further, it will improve livability by providing new travel options for bicyclists by providing bicycle access between Apple Valley and Victorville. Providing a much-needed multi-use path along this major transportation corridor will encourage more bicyclists to utilize their bike for commuting to major destinations and to link up with other transportation modes.

Proposed storm drain improvements along Bear Valley Road and Outer Bear Valley Road provide drainage relief to the neighborhood. Currently during storms events, Outer Bear Valley Road experiences street flooding that spreads over most of the travel way for vehicles. Along Outer Bear Valley Road, there are no sidewalks so, typically, pedestrians and bicyclists share the road with vehicles. This ability is restricted during storm events which poses a safety concern for residents of this street to ingress and egress to and from their homes. In addition, the flooded roadway creates restrictions and negative impacts to emergency first responders' response time.



A similar situation is the case for westbound Bear Valley Road lanes and multi-use paths. The existing storm drain systems are insufficient to convey runoff along the north side of the street which traps water over the multi-use path and spreads onto two of the three westbound lanes. The lane reduction creates significant traffic along this major arterial road. Emergency first responders' response time is delayed, and pedestrian and bicycle circulation are restricted by the flooding. Currently, the runoff from Bear Valley Road is conveyed above ground onto Outer Bear Valley Road which exacerbates the condition of the frontage street. Proposed storm drain improvements will convey runoff with underground pipelines that will prevent flooding of Bear Valley Road and Outer Bear Valley Road therefore maintaining accessibility, safety, and capacity.

The Town intends to utilize the \$538,900 ARPA funding toward the costs associated with approximately 800 ft of 36" trunk storm drain system which will include a stub out connection to allow additional drainage areas to be connected in the future as well as the Stormwater Treatment Chamber on the west side of the bridge that will filter roadway stormwater to comply with NPDES stormwater runoff requirements.

In addition to the ARPA funds, the overall expected \$48.3 million dollars project construction costs will use HBP, TDA Article 3 and Measure I (regional and local) funds.

## Labor Practices:

The Town's consultant is currently performing professional engineering services that were procured through a Request for Proposal process. The construction portion of the project will be procured through a qualified, responsible, and responsive low bidder procurement standard for public works contract, with Davis-Bacon and Disadvantage Business Enterprises provisions, and local hiring preferences.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The Town is planning on combining phase 1 and 2 for this project and to advertise in January of 2025.

# 5.6 – Big Bear Flood Mitigation Storm Drain

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012323 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$8,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

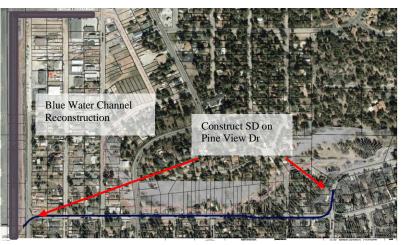
Construction of the bioswale will manage and recapture stormwater, provide a greater level of flood protection for the public and properties within the area, and minimize the impact of flooding. Additionally, the bioswale will incorporate the natural environment with an engineered system to protect and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

Sediment capture improves water quality by reducing nutrient concentrations of flows. Big Bear Lake is listed on the 303(d) list for nutrients; the County and the City of Big Bear currently implement Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for the lake. The bioswale will remove up to 8½ tons of sediment per year from entering the Lake. In addition, the bioswale will promote the infiltration of naturally treated and filtered flows.

## Uses of Funds:

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

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



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

### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

#### Labor Practices:

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



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

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

Flood Conditions:



Dry Conditions: Blue Water Channel) Spring 2022):



## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

In October 2022, the County selected a design consultant to provide final design plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the Big Bear Flood Mitigation Storm Drain project using ARPA funds. The County has also hired an environmental consultant with local funds to prepare technical reports for disturbance areas and environmental documents.

Expenditure for the project thus far:

Category	Amount (\$)
DPW Labor	\$ 25,919.49
Motor pool	\$ 84.24
Surveyor Labor	\$ 56,475.58
<b>Design Consultant</b>	\$ 108,790.25
subtotal	\$191,269.56

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023-2024, 95% of the project design was completed by March 2024 and is nearing completion as final plans, specifications, and cost estimate are being finalized. Additionally, the project is nearing environmental clearance with CEQA approval anticipated by the Board of Supervisors in July. Plans and specs will follow CEQA approval with ultimate award of a construction contract before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Expenditure for the project thus far:

Category	Amount (\$)	
DPW Labor	\$ 76,760.20	
Motor pool	\$ 486.50	
Surveyor Labor	\$ 70,410.10	
<b>Design Consultant</b>	\$ 341,565.81	
subtotal	\$489,222.61	

# 5.6 – Lake Gregory Sitewide Sediment Management

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013258 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,765,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.6, Clean Water: Stormwater

# Project Overview/Project Description:

Lake Gregory is located in the unincorporated community of Crestline within the San Bernardino National Forest in San Bernardino County. The Regional Parks Department (Regional Parks) operates Lake Gregory as a regional park that offers recreational facilities including seasonal swimming and year-round boating, beach areas on the North Shore and the South Shore are open to the public for swimming during summer months from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

The Lake Gregory Sitewide Sediment Management Project intends to address the lake and all its tributaries in a single project. Work will include the largest four (4) lake inlets and 27 mid-to-small sized inlets, addressing lake sediment impacts and improvement(s) to adjacent lake tributaries to reduce overall lake impacts. This effort includes design improvements and environmental efforts (CEQA, IS-MND), regulatory agency permitting (1600, 401, 404) and the physical removal of sediments and construction of improvements.

The Sitewide project specifically includes:

- Swim Area maintenance dredging and on-going maintenance practices.
- Swim Area Beach Slope Grading (to establish and maintain 12:1 slopes) for ADA compliance.
- Swim Area Floating Apparatus location and lake bottom depth control (maintaining 8-to-10-foot safety zone).
- Consideration of the largest four (4) lake inlet locations and future maintenance requirements; and,
- Consideration of all twenty-seven (27) additional lake inlet locations and future maintenance requirements.

The goal of the Sitewide project is to establish a sustainable baseline for lake maintenance, directly targeting the seasonal deposition of sediments from rain and snow runoff. The baseline will reflect the operational needs of the Swim Area, including the Beach and lake bottom conditions as impacted by adjacent drainages. It will also reflect the needs of other highly impacted drainages at the San Moritz Lodge area, Houston Creek, the South Beach parking area. The expected outcome is the long-term sustainability of Lake Gregory as a recreation and economic resource for Crestline and the Regional Parks system.

The Sitewide Sediment Management Project also proposes a more efficient and cost-effective manner of managing sediment inflows. Long-term permit solutions have been identified allowing 10 years of sediment management activities within a single CEQA review and permit cycle. This environmental effort will be combined with an effective engineering design process for sustainability of the swim beach area and management of the tributary drainages entering the Lake.

# Uses of Funds:

The Project has been determined to be eligible for ARPA funding in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$1,765,000 to fund the design, construction, and construction management. The total project costs are anticipated to be approximately \$5,000,000, of which the remaining \$3,235,000 will be funded through

the County from other sources. Currently, the project status is as follows:

- In December 2022, a Request for Proposal for engineering design services was prepared and released via the County's eProcurement (ePro) system web site.
- In January 2023, proposals were received.
- In February 2023, a Notice of Intent to Award a design contract was issued to Michael Baker International.
- In May 2023, a design contract was formally awarded to Michael Baker International.

The design contract was formally awarded in late May 2023. The project kicked off in early June, which was the start of site research and investigation, Lake surveying and bathymetric mapping, geotechnical investigation leading to the 30% conceptual design plan. The 30% plan is critical to the initiation of the environmental (CEQA) IS-MND process.

## Labor Practices:

The project will require the Contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- The project plans progressed from 30% to 95% completion.
- The environmental process made significant progress and the Initial Study (IS) /Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was posted for public comments in May 2024.

The next milestones for the project are:

• Currently, the Department is reviewing final plans and specifications, and is preparing the bid package and Board Agenda Item to move forward with formal solicitation of bids for construction. It is anticipated that the construction contract will be awarded by December 2024.

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

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

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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



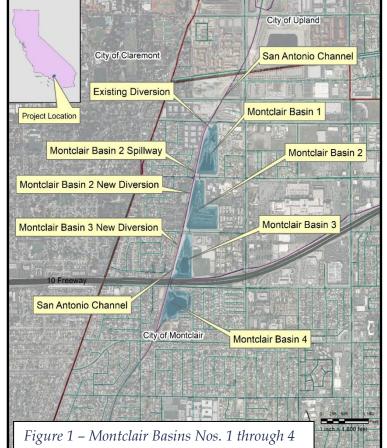
The Montclair Basin No. 2 spillway damage included a hole in the spillway discharge channel concrete lining, cracking with vertical displacements of substantial portions of the concrete channel and some subgrade flows were observed. After 2017, CBWCD declared the spillway non-operational to avoid

further structural damage. The spillway structural issues reduce the maximum water detention level in Basin 1 by over eight feet, which translates to approximately 56 acre-feet per year (AFY) of recharge loss. One acre-foot is equal to 325,850 gallons or enough for 2 households for an entire year.

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

During this annual period, CBWCD completed:

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



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

# Uses of Funds:

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

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

Project Cost Summary:

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

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

## Performance Report:

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

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

Maximize Programmatic Impact and Outcome:

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

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

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

## Labor Practices:

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

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

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

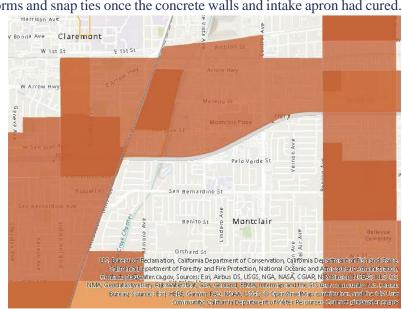
## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD or "the District") during this fiscal year (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023) completed construction for the Montclair Basin Spillway Project (Project). During the prior fiscal year, the firm Engineering & Environmental Construction was determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder as a result of a competitive bidding process for the construction contract on the spillway. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the District:

- 1. Conducted a pre-construction bird survey using the services of SWCA Environmental Consultants on July 29, 2022, results showed no birds nesting in the survey area.
- 2. District staff pumped the nuisance pond located in the north section of Montclair #2 Basin at the base of the spillway and installed a drain to allow the staging of construction equipment and materials.
- 3. District staff hand-removed weeds close to the base of the spillway.
- 4. On August 1, 2022, construction contractor Engineering & Environmental Construction, Inc. (E & E) mobilized on the job site and built a dirt road to the base of the existing spillway.
- 5. E & E demolished the existing spillway feeding the Montclair #2 Basin and also demolished the intake apron located in the Montclair #1 Basin, which leads to the box culverts connecting Montclair Basin #1 and Montclair Basin #2.
- 6. E & E conducted soil testing of native soil at the construction site and also of soil available at the College Heights Basins, a set of infiltration basins located north of the Montclair Basins along the

San Antonio Creek Channel – the contractor decided to use the native soil of the Montclair #2 Basin for construction purposes rather than hauling in non-native soil.

- 7. 7. E & E built the subgrade for the new spillway, engineered compaction of the soils, and installed pipe, gravel, and filter fabric to mitigate any underlying seepage.
- 8. E & E constructed concrete forms for the spillway in Montclair #2 and installed rebar according to the design specifications.
- 9. E & E performed several concrete pours from the bottom apron to the top of the new spillway.
- 10. E & E installed rebar for the concrete walls of the spillway.
- 11. E & E conducted four separate concrete pours for the splash walls of the spillway, starting with nine-foot-tall walls at the bottom apron and moving toward the top, where the walls decreased in height to approximately three feet.
- 12. 12. E & E formed and poured the intake apron located in Montclair Basin #1.
- 13. Contracted design engineer Wagner & Bonsignore decided that the planned low-pressure grouting in the box culverts connecting Basins 1 and 2 was no longer necessary, and as no voids were found during the core hole drilling process and the core holes that were drilled held water, which suggested that no unseen voids were present. The low-pressure grouting had been in the original construction plan and bidding specifications under Item 7 with a \$30,000 Time and Materials allowance. However, Wagner & Bonsignore determined that alternate mitigation measures needed to be designed and installed to prevent any potential seepage from Basin 1 into Basin 2.
- 14. Wagner & Bonsignore issued a change order, working with Engineering & Environmental to
- 15. design and construct alternative seepage mitigation measures, which included the trenching and compaction of soil along the high-water line in Montclair Basin #1 for 130 linear feet due east and 50 linear feet due west of the intake apron. Funds in the amount of a \$30,000 time & materials allowance originally earmarked for low-pressure grouting in the box culverts were moved to lump sum payment in the amount of \$28,800 for the trenching and soil compaction.
- 16. E & E installed rip rap along the base of the spillway apron in Montclair Basin #2 to mitigate erosion issues by dissipating the energy of the water as it reached the bottom of the spillway.
- 17. E & E removed the wooden forms and snap ties once the concrete walls and intake apron had cured.
- 18. E & E. Wagner & GK Bonsignore, & Associates (who provided third-party inspection services), and CBWCD staff conducted a job walk on October 13, 2022.
- 19. E & E hydroseeded disturbed soils in Montclair Basin #1 and Montclair Basin #2 with native grasses and other plant materials as specified by Wagner & Bonsignore.
- 20. Finally, E & E conducted cleanup operations at the construction site and construction was completed



on October 14, 2022. The spillway was declared operational on October 15, 2022.

- 21. E & E submitted a retention invoice for 5% of the project total on January 11, 2023, which was paid by the Chino Basin Water Conservation District on February 10, 2023.
- 22. The Chino Basin Water Conservation District held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the spillway on January 19, 2023. The cost of the ribbon cutting event was borne entirely by the District. Speakers included San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman, Matt Hacker from the Metropolitan Water District, Board Treasurer Gil Aldaco from CBWCD, and Board President Marco Tule from the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. The ribbon cutting event occurred after a series of strong storms swept through California, and stormwater capture was in the news. Four news channels filmed the ribbon cutting, including NBC 4, KTLA, Telemundo, and Spectrum 1.

## Programmatic Data for Infrastructure Projects:

CBWCD during this fiscal year submitted expenditures for the full \$300,000 grant funds for the project for

the worked completed about under a. Projects. Funds were paid by the County in full to the District on March 27, 2023.

Montclair Basins Spillway Project:

- Construction start date: August 1, 2022
- Construction end date: October 14, 2022
- Initiation of operations date: October 15, 2022
- Cost of Project: \$999,563 in construction costs and \$148,000 in construction management and third-party inspection costs for a total of \$1,147,563. CBWCD requested



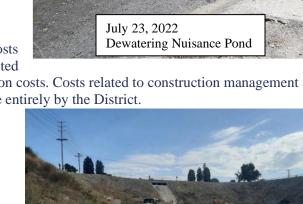
ARPA reimbursement for only construction costs. Costs related to construction management and third-party inspection services were borne entirely by the District.

Project progress and spending are 100% complete.

Water and sewer project:

This project does not have a CWSRF and does not have a NPDES Permit number • Median Household Income of service area: According the Department of Water **Resources Disadvantaged Communities** website the MHI based on Census Places, Census Tracts and Block Groups is \$42,737 to \$56,981.

Lowest quintile households are the 20 percent of households with the lowest incomes within the service area and the data source is the U.S. Census Bureau. The lowest quintile income is \$40,660.



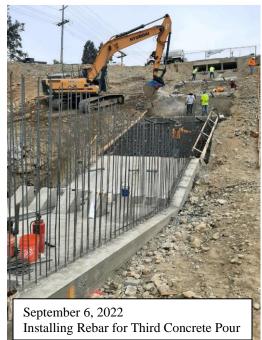
August 1, 2022

Access Road Built, Beginning

of Demolition on Basin #2







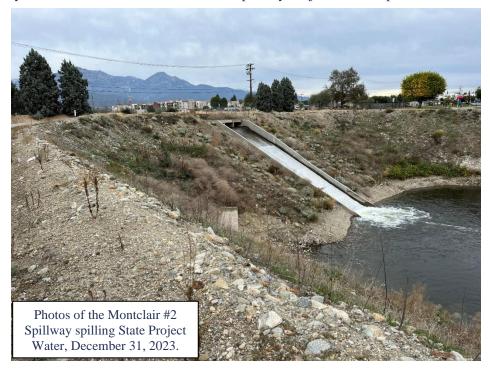




January 19, 2023 – From Left: Matt Hacker representing Metropolitan Water District, President Marco Tule representing Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Treasurer Gil Aldaco representing Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), Supervisor Curt Hagman representing San Bernardino County, General Manager Elizabeth Skrzat (CBWCD), President Mark Ligtenberg (CBWCD), Vice President Kati Parker (CBWCD), Director Teri Layton (CBWCD), Director Amanda Coker (CBWCD).

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024, the Montclair Basin Spillway Project was completed.



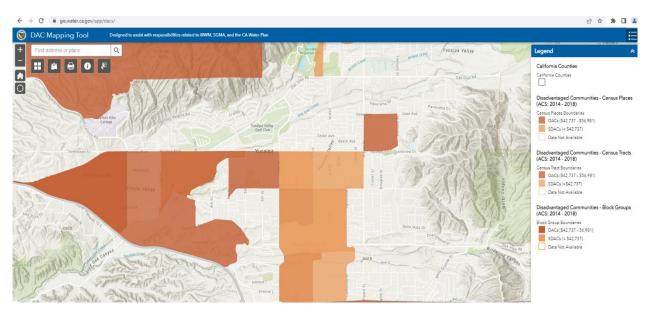
# 5.6 – Wildwood Creek Drainage/Storm Water Infrastructure Improvement

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

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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





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

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

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



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

## Uses of Funds:

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

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

## Labor Practices:

1-11 – Wage Rate and Labor Code Requirements:

## Wage Rates:

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

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

# Apprentice:

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

# Clayton Act and Cartwright Act:

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

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

## Prevailing Wages:

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

Labor:

## 5-3.1 – Public Work:

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

## 5-3.2 – Copies of Wage Rates:

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

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

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# 5-3.3 – Payroll Records:

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

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

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

# 5-3.4 – Hours of Labor:

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

5-3.5 – Debarment or Suspension:

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

5-3.6 – Registration with the DIR:

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

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5-3.7 – Compliance Monitoring and Posting Job Sites:

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

# 5-3.8 – Subcontractors:

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

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

5-3.9 – Prevailing Wage Indemnity:

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The City has nearly completed all the key milestones for the Wildwood Creek Drainage/Storm Water Infrastructure Improvement Project, some of which include:

- Completing the final construction plans and establishing the final basin footprint (necessary project impact areas identified).
- Completing the CEQA and Mitigated Negative Declaration process.
- Completing the draft Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan currently under review by the applicable resource agencies.
- Completing the necessary documents for site preparation and to bid and construct the project.
- Nearing completion of the final environmental review process for necessary project impacts which will include compensatory mitigation for necessary mitigation measures.

While the design and bid package for the project has been completed, the construction has been delayed due to the fiscal impacts of COVID-19 as well as lengthy and extensive environmental review process involving local, State and Federal Agencies. The City is in the final stages of obtaining the environmental permits from the resource agencies. This final step will allow the construction activities to commence soon.

As the City nears breaking ground for the Upper Wildwood Creek Basin project, it is clear that this project will not only increase groundwater recharge, protect native habitat and strengthen flood protection, but it will also support long-term economic sustainability while creating additional recreational opportunities and community amenities, such as multi-purpose trails and open spaces, for residents and visitors to enjoy.



#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The City has spent the last quarter coordinating with our environmental consultants to finalize the resource agency permits required to move into construction for the project. Our permit application and submittal of our Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Program (HMMP) was approved by CA Fish and Wildlife on January 15, 2024. Since this approval, we have been working with our consultants to integrate the required mitigation into our construction schedule.

The City is still awaiting approval from the US Army Corp. of Engineers, with our latest HMMP submission to the USACE being in April of 2024. We have however, received NEPA clearance as of July 1, 2024.

Finally, due to changing the topography, minor revisions to the construction plans are currently in the design process. We estimate that the revised design will be available to advertise for construction by the end of August.

The City has spent the last quarter (Quarter 1 2024) coordinating with our environmental consultants to finalize the resource agency permits required to move into construction for the project. Resource agency permits include a US Army Corp. of Engineers Permit, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Boar Permit, and a CA Fish and Wildlife Permit. As part of the permit applications, this City prepared a Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Program (HMMP) which requires review and approval from the permitting agencies.

The City's permit application and submittal of our Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Program (HMMP) was approved by CA Fish and Wildlife on January 15, 2024. The City is still awaiting HMMP approval from the US Army Corp. of Engineers, with our latest submission to the USACE being in April of 2024.

We have, however, received conditional approval to proceed with construction. In addition, the City

received updated NEPA clearance for the project as of July 1, 2024. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board was unable to review the application and HMMP within the timeframe required by their own guidelines, and the City was granted default approval to proceed with construction. Since receiving the permitting agency approvals, the City has been working with our consultants to integrate the required mitigation, including seed bank conservation, re-planting of Oak trees and native plan restoration, into our construction schedule.

Finally, as required by the City's Watersmart Grant agreement for the project, an Engineering project management consultant was hired to complete a constructability review of the 90% plans. Due to changing topography caused by heavy rain erosion, minor revisions to the construction plans are currently underway. We estimate that the revised design will be available to advertise for construction by the end of August.

## 5.8 – Chino Hills Recycled Water Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014305 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.08, Clean Water: Water Conservation

### Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Chino Hills, located in the southwestern corner of San Bernardino County, was incorporated December 1, 1991. The City is approximately 45 square miles with an estimated current population of 76,414 (State of California Department of Finance, 2023). The projected population for 2045 is 91,861 (Southern California Association of Governments, 2016).

The City's Public Works Department provides potable water and sewer collection services to its residents; collected sewage is delivered to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency for treatment and a portion is returned back to the City in the form of recycled water for irrigation purposes.

Over the last 25 years, the City has invested heavily in recycled water infrastructure converting many parks, schools, and landscaped medians to be irrigated with recycled water, saving valuable potable water. The City has also participated in non-functional turf replacement projects to California native plants and sports field conversions to artificial turf.

Expanding the recycled water infrastructure is of urgent concern to the City. In 2018 the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water lowered the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 1,2,3 TCP, a chemical commonly found in pesticides and herbicides, to 5 ug/L. This change in regulation forced the City to inactivate all groundwater wells due to the exceedance of the MCL and become reliant on imported and purchased water. A \$20,000,000 treatment plant is currently under construction to mitigate ground water contamination.

Extending approximately 1.5 miles west from Peyton Avenue on English Road, this pipeline expansion project will replace potable irrigation with recycled water to English Springs Park, Country Springs Elementary School, Ayala High School, Lytle Elementary and several small businesses on English Road and English Place. This project will save approximately 120 acre-feet per year of potable water.

This project is currently in the design phase and construction is anticipated to begin in late fall of 2024.

#### Uses of Funds:

This project has been determined to be eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding in connection with eligible expenditures up to \$1,000,000 to fund the design and construction of the recycled water main expansion. The project is anticipated to cost \$2.5 million; the City will pay for the additional costs from the water fund.

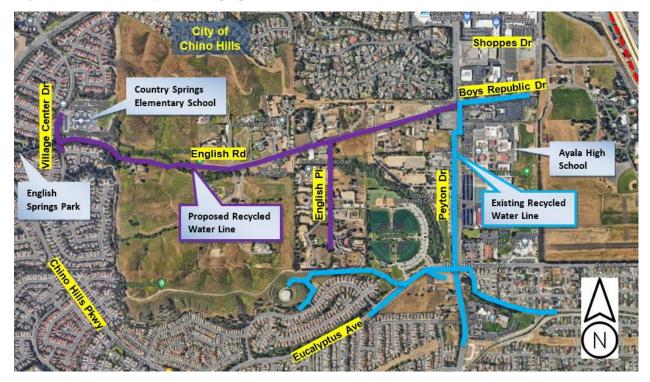
#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This important project will allow the City to replace valuable potable water with recycled water for irrigation to mitigate the unfunded State Mandate for more residential development in the City without the additional allocation of water from the State Water Project.

## Labor Practices:

This project will require the contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

(In the below illustration, existing recycled water is identified by blue solid lines, the project pipeline alignment is identified by the solid purple lines.)



## 5.8 – Hi-Desert Waterline Replacement Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014311 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.08, Clean Water: Water Conservation

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Hi-Desert Water District (District) is a public utility agency that serves several qualified census tracts in the Morongo Basin. The District's Water Main System (System) is currently experiencing significant leakage and water loss due to aging steel pipelines that were installed in the 1950s. These pipelines are undersized for the current level of demand, and the System has insufficiently sized fire hydrants and laterals.

There is also concern that the System is inadequate to handle the water demand needed in emergency situations, such as fire events. The Waterline Replacement Project (Project) will replace existing steel pipes in the District service area with new PVC pipes to eliminate leaks, improve water quality, and increase reliability. The Project will significantly reduce water loss while ensuring sufficient capacity for the protection of Yucca Valley and unincorporated residents. Moreover, this Project aligns with the District's commitment to ensuring water infrastructure meets or exceeds the needs of its customers while also promoting water efficiency. This approach has positioned the District with a secure, stable, and dependable long-term water supply even during extended drought periods. The Project will provide improved government operations by enhancing the District's water System.

#### Uses of Funds:

Projected expenditures for materials is estimated to be \$1,000,000. The expenditures identified include material purchases for pipes, fire hydrants, valves, tracing wire, etc.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project promotes equity to the community by replacing waterlines that serve many residents within the county area.

#### Labor Practices:

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

## 5.8 – Monte Vista Water District – Waterline Replacement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013695 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$790,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.08, Clean Water: Water Conservation

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Monte Vista Water District (District) is a County water district that provides retail and wholesale water supply to a population of over 134,000 within a 30-square mile area, including the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, portions of Chino, and the unincorporated area lying between the cities of Pomona, Chino Hills, Chino, and Ontario.

The District relies upon groundwater and water imported from the State Water Project (SWP) to supply potable water service in the District. Imported water is supplied by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and is treated by our Agua de Lejos Water Treatment Plant, also known as the Water Facility Authority (WFA). Local groundwater is supplied by various wells located throughout the District. Water supplies are distributed to our customers through our distribution pipeline system.

The District operates and maintains approximately 210 miles of distribution pipeline. These pipelines require replacement due to age, water quality issues, and/ or hydraulic restrictions. Typically, a steel pipe has an expected (i.e., useful) life between 30 and 50 years. Once it exceeds the useful life, the pipeline will begin to leak and require significant flushing to maintain water quality. In addition, these pipes are sized based on the requirements of that time period and are now undersized to meet the current residential demand and fire flow requirements.

This project will replace 2.417 linear feet of 2" steel pipeline with 8" poly vinyl chloride (PVC) pipe within the county areas. A summary of the project is shown in Figure 1 below.

# **Project Map**







## Uses of Funds:

The County ARPA Fund will assist the District to replace the pipelines shown in Figure 1. This funding will cover the following expenses:

- 1. Procurement of materials as shown in the existing design.
- 2. Labor to install new pipelines, fire hydrants, and valve to operate and maintain the distribution system. Removal of old distribution components as required.
- 3. Repair of streets and sidewalks per County requirements as indicated on the permit.
- 4. Inspection services to verify correct installation by the contractor.
- 5. Permit fees, insurance, and other expenses incurred to complete the project.

Note: Design costs and the District internal labor are not being charged to this funding.

This project was competitively bid on using California Prevailing Wage Laws. The District solicited bids from seven contractor firms that have demonstrated the ability to successfully execute this type of project.

Bidder	Base Bid Total	Alternative Bid Total
J. DeSigio Construction	\$ 674,998.00	\$1,172,604.00
Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals	\$521,529.00	\$918.108.00
Dominguez General Engineering	\$ 407,455.00	\$735,655.00

The District received three responsive bids shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2- Bid results of public bid based on proposals from approved District contractors.

The project was bid out considering two alternatives. The Base Bid included pipelines along Clair Street, Bolton Avenue, and a small, southern section of Grand Avenue adjacent to Mission Boulevard. The Alternative Bid included the streets shown above plus the remaining portion of Grand Avenue between State Street and Rose Lane.

Based on staff recommendation, the District's Board of Directors approved the construction contract award to Dominguez General Engineering. This award does not include permit fees or inspection services paid for by the District. The total project cost is estimated to be \$790,000.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

This project promotes equity to the community by replacing waterlines that serve many residents within the county area. The main benefits include:

- Upgrades in service to 55 residential connections to improve water delivery pressure and water quality.
- Eliminating water leaks that can damage roads and waste potable water, especially during periods of drought.
- Increase available fire flow to both residents and businesses located in this area.
- Reducing road repairs by avoiding cutting and patching of roadway.

### Labor Practices:

The project enforces through contracts the California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification. The District will verify that the contractor will utilize the appropriate rate as determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations and Division of Labor Statistics and Research. This will include submission of certified payroll and registration of the project with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Since the awarding of the construction contract to Dominguez General Engineering (Dominguez) as the primary contractor for the project, significant milestones have been achieved. Here is a summary of the project timeline and progress during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

- A comprehensive pre-construction meeting was conducted on October 24, 2023.
- Construction activities commenced as scheduled on December 7, 2023.
- Main distribution mainline installation was completed on December 18, 2023.
- Service lateral pipelines and hydrants installation were finalized on January 9, 2024.
- All pipeline chlorination and pressure testing were successfully completed on January 17, 2024.
- New and existing pipeline tie-in connections were finished on February 13, 2024.
- Dominguez fulfilled all project requirements, including pavement restoration, by April 25, 2024.

## 5.10 – Chino Airport Groundwater Remedial Action Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012040 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$20,000,000 <u>Project Expenditure Category:</u> 5.10, Drinking Water: Treatment

### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

## Uses of Funds:

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

The funds used for the project will pave the way for contaminated water to be processed so it can be used

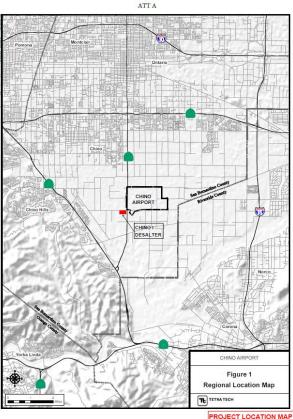
for multiple different applications which helps California dramatically especially during a long-term drought.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

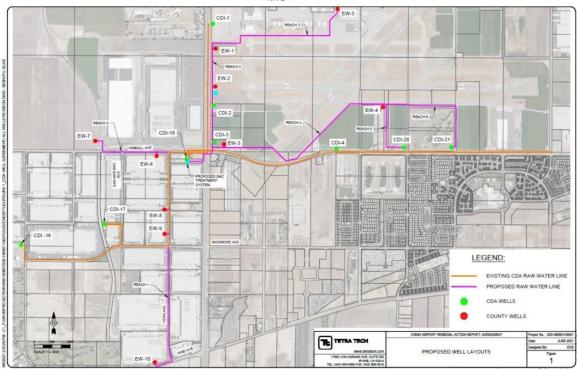


Property, as illustrated on Attachment B, Proposed Well Layouts. Desalter operations are being conducted to improve water quality and basin hydraulic control and this project supports these long-term efforts.

#### Labor Practices:

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

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



# Summary of the Remedial Investigations

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

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





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County Administrative Office, including funding and policy direction.

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### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

In October 2022, the plans and specifications for the Chino Airport Groundwater Remedial Action Project were approved and authorization to advertise the project for competitive bids was approved. Subsequently, the Department advertised bids through the County Electronic Procurement Network (ePro) website in accordance with the Public Contract Code.

- In January 2023, the Department held the bid opening for the Project.
- In March 2023, a construction contract was awarded to Norstar Plumbing and Engineering Inc. and the Notice to Proceed was issued for the start of the 730-calendar day construction period.
- In May 2023 the burrowing owl and nesting bird surveys showed no findings within construction work areas.
- On May 8th, 2023, the contractor started to clear work areas and install temporary fencing to begin work on the first two well sites.
- Currently, the Project is in construction with an anticipated completion date of April 2025.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- Construction for this project is 40% complete.
- The completion of drilling the wells was completed pending installation of pump equipment and well components.
- The extraction Well (EW) for the Masonry buildings was erected for EW-1, EW-2, EW-3 and EW-4. The extraction Well Sites for EW-1 and EW-2 have been completed.
- For well sites EW-3 and EW-4, construction is under way.
- In reaching 3 and 4 areas, water pipelines were installed, and fiber optic conduit infrastructure were complete.

The next milestones for the project are:

- It is anticipated that the raw water pipeline and fiber optic conduit infrastructure will be completed by the end of 2024.
- The Southern California Edison infrastructure to be completed by Spring 2025.

## 5.11 – Glen Helen West Valley Water District Interconnection

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

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

#### Labor Practices:

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

In January 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Glen Helen West Valley Water District Interconnection Project as a Capital Improvement Program, allowing for the expenditure of funds. The Request for Proposals for professional engineering services went out, and proposals were due in June 2023. It is anticipated the project will go into design by late July 2023.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- The project plans progressed to 50% completion.
- On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the non-financial Memorandum of Understanding with West Valley Water District, establishing responsibilities for the design and construction of the project.

The next milestones for the project are:

- 95% completion of the plans for the project to be completed by the beginning of fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Environmental studies to be completed by the beginning of fiscal year 2024-2025.





## 5.21 – Kessler Park and Ayala Park Wi-Fi Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013580 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$518,576.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.21, Broadband: Other Projects

### Project Overview/Project Description:

Bloomington Recreation and Park District is responsible for the management and operation of Kessler Park and Ayala Park both in the city of Bloomington. These parks provide various activities and services to the local community.

Kessler Park has a layout that provides recreational needs for all ages. The park has several shaded structures, a playground, a skate park, multiple baseball fields, a batting cage, and an equestrian arena.

Ayala Park is a brand new 7-acre community park filled with spectacular amenities and a community center. The park has walking paths with exercise equipment, 3 play structures all with rubberized play zones, a lighted basketball court, picnic shelters, gazebos, and a wide-open turfed area for public use.

With the increase in outdoor recreation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bloomington Park and Recreation District has seen a demand to provide Wi-Fi for park users. The implementation of a high-speed Wi-Fi service to these parks would increase opportunities for residents to utilize outdoor spaces and parks; for both adults and youth to socialize and it brings Wi-Fi for residents who may not have access at home.

#### Uses of Funds:

The Project has been deemed eligible for ARPA funds in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$518,576 to fund the design, construction, and construction management of the high-speed internet infrastructure and installation.

In February 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Project as a Capital Improvement Program, allowing for the expenditure of funds. The improvements for Ayala Park are currently underway. Bids have been received for the work at Kessler Park and are in the process of awarding the job contract. It is anticipated that construction will begin in August 2023.

#### Labor Practices:

The project will require the Contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

• On February 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Capital Improvement program project in the amount of \$518,576.

Ayala Park:

- On March 2, 2023, bids were requested for the Wi-Fi Project in Ayala Park and due on March 17, 2023.
- Notice to Proceed was issued at the end of April 2023.
- The Wi-Fi at Ayala Park was completed in June 2023.

Kessler Park:

- Staff began coordinating with the closest internet provider in the area due to the need for offsite infrastructure to bring wi-fi to Kessler Park.
- Bids were requested for the wi-fi infrastructure in April 2023, and bids were received in June 2023.
- In March 2024, the conduit required was completed.
- In April 2024, the internet provider completed offsite improvements to bring internet service to the park.







## 5.21 – Regional Parks Wi-Fi Contruction Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013581 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,700,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 5.21, Broadband: Other Projects

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

San Bernardino County Regional Parks is responsible for the management and operation of the following recreation facilities: Big Morongo Preserve in Big Morongo, Calico Ghost Town Regional Park in Yermo, Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park in Ontario, Glen Helen Regional Park in San Bernardino, Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline, Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville, Mojave River Forks Regional Park in Hesperia, Prado Regional Park in Chino, and Yucaipa Regional Park in Yucaipa. These parks provide outdoor recreation programs to over 300,000 visitors throughout the year. These programs include but are not limited to camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, family and corporate special events, athletic programs, and nature education programs. Regional Park facilities range in size from 82-2200 acres per park facility.

During the pandemic there was increased participation in outdoor recreation creating the need for park users to have access to Wi-Fi during their use of the facilities. This project would also allow visitors to utilize electronic mapping systems to ensure both safe access and use of park facilities and applications that would increase their knowledge of flora, fauna, and wildlife. Additionally, visitors can notify the Park of any concerns throughout the park.

#### Uses of Funds:

The \$1,700,000 ARPA funds will be used to design, develop, and install Wi-Fi at all parks throughout this system. The goals would be for park users to be able to utilize their electronic devices throughout their time in the park to participate in park programs such as animal, trails, amenity, and plant identification; or to communicate for both personal and professional business.

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Regional Parks Department does not currently have accessible Wi-Fi for County staff, campers, or day users to utilize while visiting Cucamonga-Guasti, Glen Helen, Prado, Mojave Narrows and Yucaipa Regional Parks (Parks). This creates issues for staff when trying to access their email from their mobile devices and diminishes visitors' ability to work and play online while in the Parks. The addition of Wi-Fi services further maximizes the enjoyment of recreation for visitors and will allow County staff to work efficiently from more locations within the Parks.

Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

The proposed project will allow County Project and Facilities Management Department to complete a Request for Proposal to retain a consultant to investigate the scope and cost to provide Wi-Fi service at the remaining Parks. Upon receiving cost estimates for these remaining parks, a budget adjustment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for this Project utilizing County ARPA funds for eligible costs.

Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities. Having accessible Wi-Fi will allow families to recreate and still have access to internet services during their stay within the Parks system.

Upon completion the proposed project will immediately address Wi-Fi access throughout the Regional Parks system. The goal of the project is to increase customer satisfaction and provide Wi-Fi connectivity to accommodate the increasing number of park visitors created in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, a satisfaction survey is offered on the website. Both customers and staff are affected by the lack of internet accessibility across the park system. The goal of this project is to provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors with a focus on providing full accessibility.

#### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. On Feb. 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved an item allowing Project and Facilities Management Department to solicit for design and construction proposals at Prado Park to procure and install mounting poles, wireless networking equipment, along with the associated electrical work, and coordinate with the Innovation and Technology Department (ITD) for testing, initiation, and support of Wi-Fi service. It is anticipated that the Prado project will cost approximately \$1,700,000. The remaining \$300,000 will be utilized for feasibility studies at other Parks listed in the Recommendation to conduct Wi-Fi feasibility studies.

- Submitted Request for Proposal and received only one response. They indicated that they would not be submitting a proposal.
- PFMD Submitted the mini-RFP on May 24th to the On-Calls.
- PFMD began park walks with consultants Wednesday May 31st, Thursday June 1st, Monday June 5th, and Tuesday June 6th.
- PFMD met with ITD on May 30th at 3:30pm, to see how they can assist on this project.
- Mini RFP proposals were submitted on June 27th, 2023.
- PFMD will continue to monitor schedule activities to ensure the 'roadmap' to the goal line is clear for all contracting parties.

#### Labor Practices:

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

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

- Design and Feasibility Study is currently being conducted, as each parks feasibility study is received, PFM Project Manager to share with ISD PM for discussion.
- Depending on the budget, may add additional parks to project. Current budget may allow for this to be replicated in two other parks.
- Parks approved the tower renderings, moving forward with the design. •
- Final Design by early June 24'. Received. Ready to provide cost. •

# 6: Revenue Replacement

The County of San Bernardino (County) intends to utilize the calculated revenue loss amount to ensure completion of SLFRF-funded projects and initiatives that are responsive to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the revenue loss calculation methodology provided in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the County of San Bernardino experienced a total of \$275,751,261.00 in revenue loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

As of June 30, 2024, the County has allocated the total estimated revenue loss amount of \$275,751,261 to selected government services throughout the period of performance. The County is currently in the process of finalizing its plan to obligate the remaining revenue loss balance prior to December 31, 2024. Costs associated with these services or projects comprise of the continued ARPA SLFRF investments that were previously categorized under other eligible use categories and other government services that were provided by the County to serve various needs of communities.

## 6.1 – Chino Riverside Drive Turn Pocket Improvement - NEW

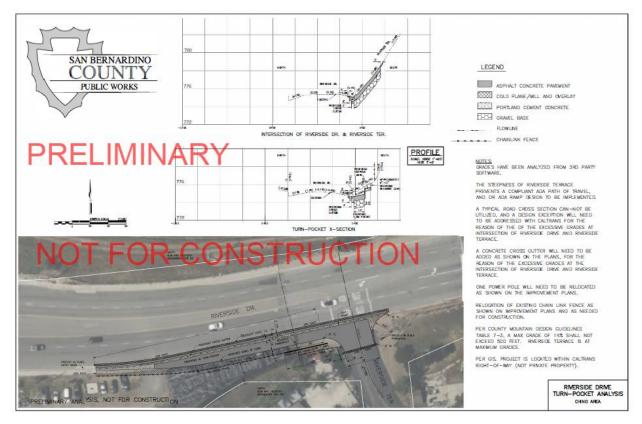
<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 6650002000 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$50,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Chino Riverside Drive Turn Pocket Improvement project (Project) was identified as a need in an unincorporated area of the County. The Project will improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians by creating a right-hand turn pocket from east-bound Riverside Drive onto Riverside Terrace. The turn pocket will allow motorists to decrease their speed and turn safely onto Riverside Terrace and enable traffic travelling east from Peyton Drive and the SR-71 off-ramp to continue at the posted speed limit.

## Uses of Funds:

The \$50,000 ARPA funding will be used for a greater design analysis. The department will look at survey data, existing public and private rights-of-way, and existing road and drainage infrastructure to arrive at the best alternative for the turn pocket. This project will also require coordination with CalTrans.



#### Labor Practices:

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

## 6.1 – Cooper's Museum Renovation - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1015069 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$150,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Chaffey Communities Cultural Center, a center dedicated to promoting understanding and "appreciation of the history and culture of the Upland, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, San Antonio Heights, Mount Baldy, Chino, and Montclair communities from 1880 to present." Chaffey Communities Cultural Center (Center), which operates Cooper's Regional History Museum, is dedicated to preserving local history, including the history of the indigenous Gabrieleno Tongva Indian tribe, and offers school tours and free admission to the public.

#### Uses of Funds:

The Cooper's Museum Renovation Project includes replacement of the museum's patio area flooring and a remodel of the outdoor kitchen with installation of new appliances. Additionally, the building exterior will be pressure washed and new security lighting will be installed.

The County is covering the estimated Project cost of \$150,000 with American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to respond to the negative impacts of COVID-19 pandemic through vital investments in mitigating negative economic impact.

## 6.1 – Community Care Expansion – Preservation 10% Match

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013881 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$787,891.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program is an effort initiated by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), with funding made available through noncompetitive allocation to counties across California. The program provides direct financial assistance in the form of Operating Subsidy Payments (OSP) and Capital Projects (CP) to eligible Adult Residential Facilities (ARF), Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), and Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically III (RCFCI).

The County accepted CCE Preservation Program allocation in the amount of \$13,833,106.00. The funding consists of \$5,954,197.00 in OSP, which must be exhausted by June 30, 2029; and \$7,878,909.00 in CP, which must be exhausted by December 31, 2026. The County's approach is a multidisciplinary and collaborative effort between the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), and County Administrative Office (CAO), and has been developed in a holistic and inclusive manner.

Facilities may apply for two forms of CCE Preservation Program financial assistance:

- Operating Subsidy Payments (OSP): Facilities may receive up to \$1,000 for each resident who receives either Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). The purpose of this subsidy is to mitigate facility operating deficits and reduce the likelihood of closure.
- Capital Projects (CP): Funds may be used to cover the cost of physical repairs or required upgrades to prevent facility closure or meet licensing requirements.

Facilities must meet the following conditions to be eligible for CCE Preservation Program assistance:

- 1. Possess a license to operate as an ARF, RCFE, or RCFCI.
- 2. Currently serve at least one Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) recipient.
- 3. Have good standing with the Community Care Licensing Division or certify that CP funds will bring the facility into good standing.
- 4. Experience a critical cash flow shortage that places the facility at risk of closure or reduction of available beds for SSI/SSP or CAPI residents.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Based on the latest AB 1766 report provided by the State, as of the first quarter of 2023, there is a total of 623 ARF, RCFE, or RCFCI facilities in the County. At the time of the census, 61 facilities reported that they had clients whose source of payment is SSI/SSP; and 39 facilities disclosed that they had 38 clients with serious mental disorder. These facilities range in size and services; their bed/client capacity ranges from 1-303, with an average of 17, and mode of 6.

"From 2016 to 2019, the 60+ population for the IFF for the County has increased by 15.8%. Based on the projections of the United States Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2019, 11.6% of the population in San Bernardino consisted of adults 65 and older. This increase in population does not include the growth in the 60 to 64 age group.

The demographic information detailed below comes from a variety of sources including the US Census and the State of California. Detailed information on the Elder Economic Security Index is provided by UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

2019 California Department of Aging Population Demographic Projections for San Bernardino County The latest available data from California Department of Aging was prepared in 2019 as part of the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF)."<sup>57</sup>

Demographics Characteristics						
	Population 60+	Non-Minority 60+	Minority 60+	Low Income 60+	Medi-Cal Eligible 60+	
Number of Persons	403,844	198,964	204,880	52,450	88,649	
Percent of California 60+ Population	4.56%					
Percent of SB County Population 60+	N/A	49.27%	50.73%	12.99%	21.95%	
	Total California population 60+ = 8,822,132					
	Geo. Isolation 60+	SSI/SSP 65+	Population 75+	Lives Alone 60+	Non-English 60+	
Number of Persons	21,182	25,395	107,928	58,260	18,790	
Perfect of SB County Population 60+	5.25%	6.29%	26.73%	14.43&	4.65%	

#### Uses of Funds:

As mentioned earlier, the County accepted a CCE Preservation Program allocation in the amount of \$13,833,106.00. The funding consists of \$5,954,197.00 in OSP, which must be exhausted by June 30, 2029; and \$7,878,909.00 in CP, which must be exhausted by December 31, 2026. The funding required that the County provides a 10% match for the CP portion – which ARPA funding will support – in the amount of \$787,891.00.

CCE Funds Summary			
CCE Awarded from CDSS	\$13,833,106.00		
CCE CP 10% Match (ARPA)	\$787,890.90		
CCE Total Budget	\$14,620,996.90		
CCE Admin	\$2,074,965.90		
CCE Funds to Facilities	\$12,546,031.00		

<sup>57</sup> https://hss.sbcounty.gov/daas/docs/2020-2024%20PSA%2020%20Area%20Plan.pdf

Operating Subsidy Payments (OSP)	Initial OSP Fund	\$2,787,182.00	
	Additional OSP Fund	\$3,167,015.00	
	Total Awarded OSP Budget	\$5,954,197.00	
	Breakdown		
	OSP - 15% Admin (Max)	\$893,129.55	
	Subtotal OSP to Facilities	\$5,061,067.45	

Capital Projects (CP)	Total Awarded CP Budget	\$7,878,909.00
	Breakdown	
	CP - 15% Admin (Max)	\$1,181,836.35
	CP - 10% County Match (Min) – (ARPA)	\$787,890.90
	Subtotal CP to Facilities	\$7,484,963.55

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The County of San Bernardino (County) recognizes the vital role that ARFs, RCFEs, and RCFCIs play in providing care to vulnerable populations within our community. To ensure the ongoing reliability and sustainability of our long-term care continuum, the County has agreed to partake in the California Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program.

This effort will not only support existing facilities in continuing to provide care to their current clients, but it will also alleviate the homelessness issue in the County, as facilities will be able to improve conditions which will allow them to serve at their full capacity. The County has formed a multidisciplinary team (Team), to collaborate and oversee all CCE aspects. Furthermore, guidelines and program tools have been developed for proper planning and management of funds and projects.

Given the County's vast geographical landscape and diverse demographic, assistance programs must be tailored to meet its unique challenges. With the CCE Preservation Program in particular, the Team has developed a multi-tiered review system for cohesive and equitable outreach and outcomes.

Counties frequently encounter access and service limitations when administering programs in remote areas that are comprised of unserved and underserved populations. Nevertheless, given the importance of this program, the Team designed CCE Preservation Program in such a way that it is focused on ensuring funds and services are diversified geographically and socioeconomically. This focus reaches beyond the prioritization guidelines set forth in the CCE Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The effort to prioritize equitable fund disbursement is based on facility needs, risk of closure, number of clients served, location, and type of population served. This will allow assistance and funds to reach areas and facilities and clients that are historically unserved, underserved, or fall under the eligibility threshold.

#### Use of Evidence:

It is no surprise the COVID-19 pandemic impacted many industries and services. One area where the need was exacerbated was the provision of mental health services and housing support. Nationwide there has been an uptick in people experiencing homelessness since the beginning of the pandemic. Per a 2022 study conducted by the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership "...the number of persons counted as

unsheltered and sheltered in 2016 was 1,887 and 3,333 in 2022, which represents an increase of 1,446 persons or 77%."

Although federal and state pandemic assistance programs provided new funding opportunities to local governments, none of these programs specifically targeted long-term adult care facilities. The CCE Preservation Program allows the County to assist these facilities in meeting their licensing requirements to avoid closure, which will result in an increase in the local homeless population. Additionally, given budget constraints and economic impacts, this funding will allow the County to fully augment its initiatives and services in supporting its service providers (facilities) and the impacted population.

In March 2018, the Department of Health Care services publishes a study. "In June 2016, the Advocacy Committee began its effort to explore the actual ARF bed count in the state. After receiving data from Community Care Licensing (CCL) at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), the committee developed a brief survey to be completed by all 58 county Departments of Behavioral Health. The survey of need for ARFs was disseminated to the counties between September and November 2016. The following chart provides a summary of needs reported by 22 small, medium and large California counties. While the respondents listed represent only a portion of the state, it is clear there is a high need for this housing option for facilities that provide care and supervision in every county.

County	Population	Beds Needed	<b>Beds Lost</b>	<b>Out of County</b>
Sierra	3,166	N/A	N/A	*
Colusa	22,312	?		*
Glenn	29,000	0	No	22
Amador	37,302	10	0	*
Siskiyou	44,563	N/A	0	Yes, not sure
Tuolumne	54,511	4	0	*
Nevada	97,946	10	0	?
Napa	141,625	18	8	22
Shasta	178,795	25	12	25
Imperial	184,760	10	0	*
El Dorado	182,917	25	?	25
Yolo	212,747	40	0	13
Santa Cruz	274,594	100	0	20
San Luis Obispo	276,142	50	0	44
Monterey	435,658	20	6	45
Tulane	465,013	30-40	40	Yes
San Joaquin	728,509	140	187	16
San Mateo	762,327	50	34	*
Kern	884,436	100	100	*
San Bernardino	2,127,735	20	246	Left blank
Riverside	2,331,040	200-300	50	Unknown
Orange	3,165,203	35-50	100	Left blank
TOTAL		907	783	

ARF Needs By County (Chart 1) 907 beds currently needed, with 783 beds lost in recent years (22 Counties)

The information presented above represents only 1/3 of the total counties in California. The number of ARF beds needed is large and must be addressed. Additionally, the chart shows a large number of people who could return home if there were appropriate housing options (i.e. ARF in their home county.). \*The Out-of-County placement numbers are too small to publish, therefore County responses are replaced with an

asterisk, to protect individuals from potential Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) violations.

II. CHALLENGES The question, 'Why are there so few ARFs available in California' must be answered before any solutions can be generated. The Advocacy Committee consulted with a number of experts in this industry and identified three key challenges.

1. Financial: The most apparent challenge to the viability of ARFs is financial. Due to the income level of individuals living in ARFs, they are not able to pay much to cover the costs for the housing, board and care/supervision. ARFs for adults with serious mental illness cannot survive financially on a small scale (under 15 beds) without substantial subsidies. For the most part, monthly rates charged by ARFs are driven by the amount of the Social Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) amounts paid to Californian's with disabilities and who are unable to work. The SSI/SSP payment, as sole source of payment for the individual residing in an ARF, is not sufficient to provide adequate income for the operation of a licensed ARF especially when some amount of the SSI/SSP payment is set aside for personal need of the individual. Therefore, subsidies, often called "patches" are needed." <sup>58</sup>

#### Performance Report:

For detailed tracking and monitoring of all applicants, projects, and timelines, the Team has developed a Microsoft ACCESS database for data collection and comprehensive Furthermore, evaluation. specific procedures are designed pertaining to fund disbursement and monitoring. The Team will utilize an internally developed Quality Assurance (QA) matrix throughout the process to ensure adherence to Federal, State, County, and specific funding requirements. The primary financial monitoring tool also includes a County developed subrecipient monitoring review



process and report that will be ongoing.

This project is in the design phase; program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports; nevertheless, enrollment and admission data will be utilized for tracking and monitoring program success.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024, San Bernardino County received its initial tranche of CCE Preservation funds. The team is working diligently to review facilities, process applications, and begin disbursing funds. As for the 10% ARPA match, funds have been obligated, and will begin expending in fiscal year 2024/2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/Legislation-Committee/2018-ARF-Final.pdf

## 6.1 – COVID-19 Premium Pay - Post the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012316-2024 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$4,334,899.99 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

### Project Overview/Project Description:

The County used its SLFRF allocation as "Provision of Government Services" to cover employee premium pay commitments beyond April 10, 2023. These commitments were made prior to the June 15, 2023, announcement by Treasury that premium pay is not an eligible use of SLFRF due to the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

All payments were issued under this project as of fiscal year 2023/2024, thus this project is closed and complete.

## 6.1 – Critical Care Transport - Paramedic Program

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013270 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$35,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

Staffing challenges throughout the healthcare industry have resulted in an inability to maintain consistent critical care transport (CCT) nurse staffing, which has led to a degradation of patient care within rural communities. Morongo Basin Ambulance Association has maintained an active CCT program utilizing local Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN) since 2007. This program has been invaluable to this rural area which is limited in resources and local hospital capabilities. Unfortunately, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic there have been significant staffing challenges in this field, across all agencies.

From April 2021-March 2022, the 9-1-1 call demographic consisted of 61.95% low-income insurance reimbursement. This high percentage of low-income reimbursement causes funding to be limited in keeping up with the recent rapid growth in registered nurses' (RN) wages. Maintaining staffing is still challenging even after MICN compensation has seen an increase of 100% for on-call stipends, and of 50% in hourly wages within the past 6 months. At its peak in 2019, CCT team had 5 MICN's employed through the program. Unfortunately, staffing has now decreased down to 1 MICN. Average on-call CCT staffing has decreased from 18 days/month from January-December of 2019 down to 6 days/month from January-December of 2021. The average on call staffing continues to decrease over time.

The CCT program plays a crucial role within the community in getting patients to the appropriate destination in a safe and effective manner. The decrease in staffing has caused these patients to be unnecessarily transported by air or by Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC) RNs riding in throughout transport, both of which have inherent issues. Firstly, taking an RN from the sending facility may not have been a challenge in the past, however this now poses unnecessary strain and responsibility on the sending facility with the current industry-wide staffing challenges. With some of these transports going as far as San Diego, these RNs may not return to the sending facility during their shift. Regarding unnecessary transport by air, this could pose the potential for decreased quality of life due to financial hardship, as some insurance providers may refuse to reimburse unnecessary transport by air. Additionally, weather factors make this an unreliable mode of CCT within the community as extremes in weather may not always allow for aircraft operation. This critical care paramedic (CCP) program trains paramedics in critical care measures and increases the scope of patient care. The CCP program addresses the staffing issues caused by COVID-19 and allows the community to have reliable CCT capabilities for transport of these high-risk patients to the needed destinations with higher capabilities.

This provisional pilot program will be implemented exclusively within the rural 2700 square mile exclusive operating area (EOA). This will be implemented through a close working relationship between sending facilities HDMC and Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms (NHTP). Proper care of the patient will be continued within CCT protocols from the sending hospital to the receiving hospital.

The goal will be to maintain CCT services 24/7 whether serviced by MICN or CCP. This program will be implemented as a back-up and support service for the current CCT program to fill in the gaps currently experienced. As the program is being developed, the team will continue to have an on-call MICN as much as possible. CCPs will be trained and only utilized to transport when the team is unable to staff an on-call MICN. Additionally, these CCPs will be the prioritized crew to assist the on-call MICN when staffed.

According to the State of California CCP requirements, the educational program at minimum must include 108 hours of didactic/skills classwork alongside 94 hours of hospital/clinical training for a total of 202 hours. Therefore, paramedics at the agency with a minimum of 3 years of experience will be selected to be sent to the University of Baltimore Maryland Counties (UMBC) Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Program (CCEMTP), (UMBC, n.d.). UMBC is a regionally accredited institution, accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). At 8-9 hours per day, this 15-day educational program is equivalent to a 7-credit college course, providing the State of California didactic requirements. After didactic completion, providers will complete clinical requirements at facilities within our local emergency medical services authority. Minimum clinical rotations will include at least 8 12-hour shifts within the intensive care unit (ICU).

Upon completion of both the didactic and clinical portions, providers will be required to take and pass the international board of specialty certification (IBSC) CCP-C exam. "Specialty Certification is a voluntary credentialing process designed to validate essential knowledge and judgment required for safe and competent practice. Specialty Certification is not a substitute for entry-level certification and licensure, but a tool to validate additional knowledge and dovetail with existing systems." (IBSC, 2021). Only after completion of all included steps may the provider be allowed to practice within the bounds of the specialty pilot program. There will also be additional Continuing Education (CE) requirements for these providers to maintain licensure within the pilot program. In addition to maintaining both the standard EMT-P and CCP-C certification, providers must also meet a minimum of 3 hours of in person CE every 2 months.<sup>59 60</sup>

## Uses of Funds:

ARPA funds will support this program. The training and education portion of the program commenced on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and will be completed on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. It is anticipated that the program will go live on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The breakdown of funds is as follows:

- UMBC Tuition \$5,500
- Lodging for training \$6,000
- Airfare for training \$4,000
- Ventilator \$19,500 Total - \$35,000

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The year 2023-2024 resulted in a great deal of progress from getting through approval red tape and clearing training for providers. With the program now approaching the full completion of provider training we are excited to begin the year 2024-2025. By September of this year, we hope to have our providers operating fully on their own and providing this service to our community.

This program has been exciting to start as the first of its kind in southern California. We hope to have continued success in this program as we continue to fill this gap in service for our rural communities. With our first critical care paramedic transports taking off over the next few months, we will be happy to share their success with the community.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/07/PersonnelPrograms331.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> https://www.ibscertifications.org/roles/state-boards

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> <u>http://ehspace.umbc.edu/ccemtp/CourseOutline.php</u>

## 6.1 – Glen Helen Lighting Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013256 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,389,895.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Glen Helen Lighting Project proposes the replacement of lighting within the Glen Helen Regional Park and the surrounding parking areas, as the existing lighting structures are inoperable or insufficient. Currently, the Regional Parks Department is required to rent temporary lighting for each event, resulting in continued costs. This project will be managed by the Department of Public Works, Special Districts on behalf of the Regional Parks Department.

This project will help the community by making the park and parking areas safer at night, as adequate lighting will increase visibility, and help avert accidents, and increase safety and security.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Glen Helen (San Bernardino) - 2022 Population Estimate = 220,328

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 13.7%
- Hispanic or Latino = 67.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 28.4%
- Persons 65 years and over = 9.4%
- Median Household Income = \$55,372 (Persons in poverty = 20.9%)

#### Uses of Funds:

Funding for this project with come from ARPA funds in the up-to amount of \$1,649,895; this amount will fund the design, construction, and construction management. All funds will go towards the installation of a new lighting system that will provide for the safety and enjoyment of park visitors in the evening hours.

This project will positively impact travel and tourism to the San Bernardino/Devore area as it will encourage travelers to visit the area and will provide a safe lighting for use by fishers, families, and businesses in the hours outside of daylight.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the attraction of outdoor recreation, increasing the number of visits to the park daily. The project will be designed to increase the safe usage of the park after daylight hours.



The proposed project will bring new lighting that will help minimize trip and fall concerns that currently exist throughout the park, due to lack of proper lighting.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Glen Helen Regional Parks is 1340 acres. The Park currently has a playground, swimming facility, two lakes, campground, walking trails, disc golf course, picnic shelters, and the following three concessions, Sheriff's Rodeo, Glen Helen Amphitheater, and Glen Helen Raceway. According to the Community Fact Finder Report, the Median Household income for residents in the area surrounding Glen Helen Regional Park is \$54,167, putting 16.5% of the population below the poverty line. Improving playground amenities will provide additional opportunities for youth, seniors, and families the opportunity to interact in an outdoor environment.

Regional Parks has an active website and social media following. Upcoming projects are detailed on all platforms and signage is also created to let the community know of these projects when they visit the park. Through this project, the Department estimates an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

The use of Glen Helen Regional Park directly impacts low-income families as it is a low-cost option for families to participate in outdoor recreation activities. Families often utilize the park for fishing, celebrations, and regular day use.

#### Use of Evidence:

According to a scientific journal article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions, and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019). 62 63 64

The addition of lighting will encourage use of the park facilities after daylight hours and will prevent injury at after-hours events.

#### Performance Report:

Currently, the Department is reviewing final plans and specifications, and is preparing the bid package and Board Agenda Item to move forward with formal solicitation of bids for construction. It is anticipated that the project will go into construction late 2023 to early 2024.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)
 <sup>63</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

The project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. Once completed, Regional Parks will track the number of entries into the park for day use, after hours, and will provide a QR code with a link to a survey to capture customer feedback and measurable outcomes.



## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 202/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- In August 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Plans and Specifications for the Project.
- The construction contract was awarded on November 14, 2023, in the amount of \$1,209,000.
- All the bases and light poles for the proposed 110 lights have been installed with approximately 40% of the solar panels, batteries and LED lights.

The next milestones for the project are:

• It is anticipated that the construction will be completed by the beginning of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.



Lot 5

Lot 4



## 6.1 – County Government Services

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1100021078 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$85,377,699.01 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

### Project Overview/Project Description:

The County is currently in the process of evaluating and obligating multiple projects towards the provision of existing government services. These projects represent the County's continued efforts to support historically underserved communities and the general public through investments in community development programs and infrastructure with their respective community partners, as well as public health, and social services or safety related government operations. The use of funds associated with services and investments under this project scope will be obligated by entering contracts, subawards, and other similar allowable methods on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.

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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012041 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$3,512,945.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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

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

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

SWAG identified four measurable goals associated with the project:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

## Performance Report:

To date SWAG has provided assistance to 140 unduplicated clients.

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

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

# Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Social Work Action Group (SWAG) fulfilled their contract obligation by March 31st, 2023. During the contract period SWAG provided homeless services to two hundred and thirty-seven individuals that encompassed varying levels of mental, physical, and substance abuse illnesses. They were able to link one hundred and one chronically homeless individuals to services of which sixty-four were identified as within the Black, Indigenous, (and) People of Color (BIPOC) community. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven individuals helped over 50% had zero income and an additional 10% received less than ten thousand dollars a month. SWAG was able to achieve the performance measures set during the contract period and as a result made a positive impact within the County of San Bernardino's homeless population.

Through contract completion, SWAG provided assistance to 237 unduplicated clients.

- 172 chronically homeless individuals were provided services
- 92 of the clients have been identified as BIPOC
- Approximately 80% or 190 have been identified with a disabling condition
- 10 youth have been connected to youth related services.
- 16 Veterans have been connected to the Veterans Administration Medical Center.
- 89 have been exited from the program to a long-term housing solution.

To continue the mission and efforts of the project, additional ARPA funding was allocated, starting in April 2023. Since April, the program has served 133 unduplicated clients.

Race:	Gender:	Income:
• 2 American Indian, Alaskan Native,	• 51 Females	• 15 - \$10K or less
or Indigenous	• 81 Males	• 27 - \$20k or less
• 42 Black or African American		• 4 - \$20-40K
• 1 Multiracial	• 1 Other genders	
• 1 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	_	• 87 individuals
• 87 White		reported zero income

Furthermore, SWAG identified four measurable goals associated with the project:

- Measurable Goal 1:
  - Engage a minimum of four hundred (400) literally or chronically homeless individuals suffering from mental health and/or substance abuse challenges and provide referrals to appropriate physical, mental health, substance use and housing services.
- Measurable Goal 2:
  - Assist a minimum of one hundred and forty (140) individuals served to exit life on the streets.
- Measurable Goal 3:
  - Link or refer a minimum of seventy-five (75) individuals served to crisis stabilization services.
- Measurable Goal 4:
  - Link or refer to a minimum of fifty (50) individuals served to substance use treatment services.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

In the past fiscal year, the Social Worker Action Group (SWAG) provided support to 218 unique clients. Among these clients, 127 were male, 88 were female, and 3 identified as other genders. Of those served, 142 reported no income, while 76 reported incomes of less than \$1,000. A significant portion, 182 individuals, were diagnosed with a mental health disorder, 75 had issues related to alcohol and drug use, and 141 had three or more co-occurring conditions. Notably, 98% of the clients were identified as having a disabling condition.

Additionally, the Social Worker Action Group engaged 330 unique clients who were either literally or chronically homeless. Of these, 75 individuals were referred to behavioral health and/or substance use treatment facilities. An additional 79 clients were referred to crisis stabilization services, and 56 were referred to substance use treatment programs. The program achieved positive outcomes for 117 clients, who exited to positive destinations.

# 6.1 – Mary's Mercy Center: Mary's Village Phase II

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012990 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$225,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Mary's Mercy Center was incorporated in 1991 by Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC. Fr. Barry's vision grew alongside Mary's Mercy Center, and today it is one of the most impactful non-profit organizations serving the homeless in San Bernardino County. Mary's Table serves tens of thousands of meals a year and provides showers, clothing, and food baskets to homeless families and individuals. Mary's Mercy Center also operates two transitional housing programs, Mary's Haven, serving women with young children, and Mary's Village, serving unhoused men. Both homes follow the therapeutic community model that takes a holistic approach to helping transform lives.

In 2020, Mary's Mercy Center opened Mary's Village, Phase I – a transitional housing program that offers 12-24 months of housing with comprehensive services. The campus includes 30,000 square feet of facility space on three acres and can house up to 85 residents. Mary's Village targets hard-to-serve men that have experienced long bouts of homelessness, usually with a history of incarceration, substance abuse, and mental illness. The program is designed to address the underlying issues that have led to



substance abuse and homelessness. Mary's Village strives to recreate a sense of community and belonging and focuses on providing a permanent foundation for personal and professional success.

In 2022, Mary's Mercy Center broke ground on Mary's Village, Phase II. Phase II is a direct response to the increasing lack of affordable housing in California. Phase II will consist of sixteen (16), 2-bedroom apartments on the Mary's Village campus that will be available to residents who graduate from Phase I. The residents will pay below-market rent as they continue their journey of recovery and build financial stability through work. Most importantly, they will remain connected to the Mary's Village community, which increases their chances of long-term success.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

Mary's Village serves unhoused men, ages eighteen (18) and older. Approximately fifty-one percent (51%) of our residents are Latino/Hispanic and sixteen percent (16%) are African American. Seventy-six percent (76%) of our residents identify as ethnic/racial minorities. Close to ninety percent (90%) of our residents have a history of substance abuse and/or carry a mental health diagnosis.

#### Uses of Funds:

The \$225,000 allocated by San Bernardino County ARPA funds will be used to purchase appliances and furniture/fixtures for the Phase II apartments. Each unit will be self-contained and include a complete kitchen, laundry room, restroom, and shared living room.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The 2023 San Bernardino County Point-in-Time count report revealed a 26% increase in the total number of homeless from 2022 to 2023. Over the past five years (2018-2023), the total population of homeless has nearly doubled. Nearly one-third of the County's total homeless population is in the City of San Bernardino and seventy percent (70%) of the unsheltered adult homeless population is male.

Mary's Village specifically serves unhoused adult males and is located in the City of San Bernardino. Phase II will add an additional thirty-two (32) beds of transitional housing, bringing the total housing capacity of Mary's Village to more than one hundred (100) beds.



#### Use of Evidence:

Mary's Village is based on the Therapeutic Community model of recovery. The Therapeutic Community model focuses on the whole person, rather than just abstaining from substance abuse. It uses a variety of cognitive behavioral strategies to help residents build healthy habits for a productive life. We also provide on-site classes based on evidence-based curriculum, including Moral Reconation Therapy. Mary's Village partners with licensed clinicians to ensure all residents have access to medical and mental health services.

#### Performance Report:

Of the thirty-seven (37) residents currently at Mary's Village, twenty (20) have been in the program for six months or longer, demonstrating longevity. Other key statistics to note include:

- Twelve (12) are enrolled in a high school diploma program.
- Ten (10) are enrolled in community college certificate or associate degree programs.
- Nine (9) have earned their forklift & OSHA 10 safety certification.
- Four (4) have completed their basic computer competency certification.



Mary's Mercy will continue to collect and monitor data and include updates in future reports.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Mary's Mercy has since completed the construction phase and purchased and installed the appliances and furniture. We have some of the units occupied and the programming has begun.

In December of 2023, Mary's Mercy Center completed the construction of Mary's Village, Phase II. Phase II consists of sixteen (16), 2-bedroom apartments on the Mary's Village campus that are available to residents who graduate from Phase I. Residents will pay



below-market rent as they continue their journey of recovery and build financial stability through work. Most importantly, they will remain connected to the Mary's Village community, which increases their chances of long-term success.

Like Phase I, Phase II will follow the therapeutic community model. Phase II will house an office and community room that will host group meetings, group therapy sessions, and communal events. Residents in Phase II will continue to attend substance use programming and work with a Career Services Specialist to identify employment and promotional opportunities. Our goal is to help every resident not only find a job but identify a career path that will provide them with positive upward mobility.



The units have been outfitted with furniture and home goods to help the residents start their new life of independence. Residents were excited to move into the apartments this past spring and they are settling in with their roommates. They are very grateful to have access to such beautiful amenities and are working hard to keep all of the appliances and furniture clean and in great working condition.

Phase II presents a unique opportunity because rents will be set well below market rates, allowing residents to generate savings in preparation for moving on after two (2) years.





# 6.1 – Mojave Narrows Equestrian Building and Corrals

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013577 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,899,872.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

This project serves the general public by providing barns and corrals to bring back equestrian related amenities to the community surrounding Mojave Narrows Regional Park and those who visit the park. The park already has Equestrian camping sites, but currently does not have accessible barns and corrals for use by those camping.

The project scope includes the installation of one prefabricated equestrian barn with up to four horse stalls, a storage room for tack and feed, and an open area. This includes the demolition of two existing horse corrals and the installation of two new horse corrals. In addition, it will provide new water and electrical conduits to service the new structure, provide additional water troughs, hitching posts, seating areas and trash receptacles.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Mojave Narrows (Victorville) - 2022 Population Estimate = 137,221

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 21.4%
- Hispanic or Latino = 21.4%
- Persons under 18 years = 18.6%
- Persons 65 years and over = 19.3%
- Median Household Income = \$61,206 (Persons in poverty = 18.8%)

#### Uses of Funds:

The project will install one prefabricated equestrian barn with up to four horse stalls, a storage room for tack and feed and an open area. The project will also provide for new water and electrical conduits to service the new structure, additional water troughs, hitching posts, seating areas, and trash receptacles. This project will demolish two existing horse corrals and install two new horse corrals. All funding for this project is ARPA funds.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw a marked increase in camping reservations. Present day travelers prefer distance from others, natural space, and outdoor recreation as their preferred mode of vacationing. Camping has become a way to safely distance your family from others while enjoying the great outdoors. The table

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	2,536	6,717	5,350
2020	3,471	12,335	7,262
2021	4,265	15,538	9,827
2022	3,974	13,027	9,618

to the right shows the progressive increase in camping reservations at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. This table includes park patrons who participate in our Equestrian Camping areas.

The Department realized an increase in campers by 143% from 2019 to 2021. This increase to campers continues to trend. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the increase in Park guests.

In addition to campers, the park also sees many day users. To the right is the number of vehicle entries for the last 3 years with the estimated total number of people.

	Vehicles	People
2019	12,322	43,127
2020	20,850	72,975
2021	21,748	76,118

These numbers are estimated to continue to increase, especially

with the popularity of the park for hosting large events such as corporate picnics, reenactment events, sports races, festivals, and family functions.

The City of Victorville is home to many low-income families. Installation of the barn and corral will help provide additional recreational opportunities at a low cost to the community and those visiting the park and will encourage tourism.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Regional Parks Department provides outdoor recreation opportunities to all park patrons. At Mojave Narrows Regional Park the County has a Memorandum of Understanding with the local jurisdiction that allows Victorville residents to walk or bike into the park at no cost to the resident. The City covers the entry fee for their constituents, thus providing access to the local underserved community.

Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities. There is no difference in levels of access to benefits or services at the equestrian facility. There are no administrative requirements that result in disparities.

Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

Upon completion of the equestrian facility, the park will immediately be able to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for park patrons.

#### Use of Evidence:

The goal of the project is to increase customer satisfaction and expand use of Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

According to a scientific journal article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).<sup>65 66 67</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision and dedication, the Department offers a satisfaction survey on their website, which will help demonstrate visitors feedback and satisfaction with the new amenities.

#### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A Request for Proposal was released to JOC (Job Order Contract) contractors on May 25, 2023. A mandatory job walk took place on June 13, 2023. Proposals were due by June 27, 2023. Once completed, Regional Parks will track usage of the facility and will provide surveys to users to measure outcomes.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The project scope includes the installation of one prefabricated equestrian barn with up to four horse stalls, a storage room for tack and feed, and an open area. This includes the demolition of two existing horse corrals and the installation of two new horse corrals. In addition, it will provide new water and electrical conduits to service the new structure, provide additional water troughs, hitching posts, seating areas and trash receptacles.

This project is still in the implementation phase therefore there are no performance measures to report. The design phase is now 100% complete and the County Board of Supervisors approved the Board Item approving a request for proposal to be released to JOC contractors on 5/21/2024. A walk through of site project was completed on 6/6/2024 and RFI completed on 6/20/2024. Bid openings are expected 7/11/2024 and Board award date is expected October 8th, 2024.

# 6.1 – Monte Vista Water District - Powerline Undergrounding Project - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1015068 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$521,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) provides retail and wholesale water to over 135,000 customers within a service area that spans 30 square miles. The service area includes Montclair, Chino Hills, Chino, and surrounding unincorporated areas. The scope of this project is to manage and coordinate the overhead removal of the Southern California Edison (SCE) powerline and telecommunications infrastructure on the property situated at 10575 Central Ave. Montclair. Additionally, this project involves the construction and installation of 318 linear feet of underground lines to replace the existing overhead infrastructure. This project is situated near multiple Qualified Census Tracts, and the proposed use of these funds is consistent with eligible uses identified in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

#### Uses of Funds:

The County is covering the estimated Project cost of \$521,000 with American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to respond to the negative impacts of COVID-19 pandemic through vital investments in economic recovery.

#### Labor Practices:

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

# 6.1 – Office of Emergency Services Warehouse Lease

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012307 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$18,400,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

On September 1, 2022, the County entered into an agreement for Office of Emergency Services Warehouse Lease with PSIP EBS Francis LLC, with the first payment made on September 29, 2022. The property was subsequently sold to GWL Direct 1925 Grove LLC, an entity to which the County began making lease payments on December 8, 2022. Despite the sale of the property, County staff continues to engage with PSIP EBS Francis LLC to obtain their Unique Entity ID (UEI) in accordance with SLFRF reporting requirements.

The Office of Emergency Services took possession of the warehouse right away and began storing COVID-19 response items. The team is organizing the warehouse. Request for additional shelving has been discussed to best coordinate and document inventory in an effort to be prepared in the event of an emergency. The supplies range from masks and sanitizers to large equipment.

Most OES support staff were recruited during the COVID-19 pandemic from various departments, nevertheless, most have now returned to their assumed duties, thus, the OES is planning on onboarding new staff to expedite the warehouse administration effort.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Below are the current updates for the Office of Emergency Services Warehouse Lease:

- Released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a warehouse racking system on May 13, 2024. The RFP mandatory job-walk was held on May 28, 2024. The tentative award date will be in September of 2024, but is subject to change based on proposals received. During countywide emergencies or disaster response, OES transitions into the County EOC. Given the emergency response nature of OES, the warehouse requires a racking system to provide organizational systems and support within the OES warehouse. These warehouse racking systems will allow for the County to respond to disasters in an efficient and safe manner, with the goal of protecting life, property, and minimizing any threat to public health.
- Enhanced security measures, including procuring a badge access system and considering a video management system.

- Procured office spaces and Wi-Fi to ensure warehouse operational functionality.
- Continue to identify next steps to implement best practices within the warehouse.

As part of our ongoing commitment to operational efficiency, we have conducted a comprehensive review and internal audit of our warehouse and inventory management system to identify areas for improvement and establish clear next steps to optimize our operations for the future.

OES is focused on serving the County's most vulnerable communities and to ensure countywide planning, preparedness, coordination, and resiliency. OES serves as the lead agency for County OA and plays an integral role in supporting field operations and ensuring the coordination of disaster response and recovery efforts by creating a common operating picture during a disaster or emergency.

The San Bernardino County OES remains dedicated to its mission of supporting community preparedness, response, recovery, and resiliency. Through strategic planning, resource management, and team collaboration, OES continues to enhance its capabilities and ensure the effective use of ARPA recovery funds to benefit the County's residents. This underscores our commitment to transparency, efficiency, and public service.



# 6.1 – Oro Grande Community Center/Park Improvement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012322 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$888,811.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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



#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Occupations and Workforce:

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



Setting & Lifestyle:

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

# Oro Grande Demographics:

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

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

#### Performance Report:

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

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

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





#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

Oro Grande Community Center - Park Improvement Project was split into phases for project management and development purposes. Phase 1 of the project consisted of demolishing the existing Community Center which was completed in April 2022.

Currently, the project is in Phase 2. Phase 2 consists of the design, and construction and installation of a new playground and fitness park. The project is in the design stage. A summary of the progress to date is listed below:

> In October 2022, a Notice to Proceed was issued to RHA Landscape Architects to begin to



- Landscape Architects to begin the preparation of the conceptual park design.
- In November 2022, a topographic field survey of the site location was completed.
- In December 2022, three conceptual designs and cost estimates were delivered, and a final selection

was made.

• In January 2023, the design consultant began the preparation of construction drawings and specifications for the project.

In May 2023, the Department received a 90% design progress set for review.

Currently, the Department is reviewing final plans and specifications, and is preparing the bid package and Board Agenda Item to move forward with formal solicitation of bids for construction. It is anticipated that the project will go into construction late 2023 to early 2024.



## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Plans and Specifications for the project.
- The Construction contract will be awarded at the beginning of fiscal year 2024/2025.

The next milestones for the project are:

• It is anticipated that construction will begin by the end of 2024.

# 6.1 – Pacific Village - Platinum Campus - CCE Expansion - Match - 10% - Department of Aging and Adult Services – Public Guardian

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013880 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,069,857.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Department of Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian (DAAS-PG) was awarded \$14,165,593 in Community Care Expansion (CCE) - Expansion grant funds by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create more residential care options for older adults and adults with disabilities, including people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. These funds support development of the Platinum Campus, an extension of the Pacific Village Phase I project. The Platinum Campus will include a 32-bed Recuperative Care Center and 30 permanent supportive housing units.

The Recuperative Care Center (RCC) will provide temporary housing, three nutritious meals daily, prepared and served in the on-site commercial kitchen/dining hall, on-site behavioral and medical services, and housing navigation support for up to 90 days. The



Platinum Campus RCC will include semi-private rooms, a community gathering area, restrooms with showers, adjacent storage for personal belongings, as well as pet kennels and pet-park. RCC consumers will have access to a wide variety of activities designed to promote community integration, socialization, and self-esteem. Additional support will include, but is not limited to, occupational therapy, job training and assistance in achieving self-sufficiency.

On- and off- site supportive services and case management will provide residents with a collaborative path to develop a clear plan for sustainable independent living, including but not limited to assistance applying for retirement or public benefits, job training and employment opportunities. Additional support will provide residents with ample opportunities to participate in therapeutic and personal enrichment programs, including but not limited to individual therapy, group therapy, occupational therapy, and community group activities.

The County, in partnership with contracted consultants, are performing predevelopment tasks associated with the project, including but not limited to architectural/site planning concepts, engineering due diligence, design concepts, preliminary cost estimates, exploring and outlining steps to obtain land use approvals, and environmental clearances.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings infrastructure and services to older adults and adults with disabilities to meet the needs of these underserved and vulnerable residents. The Platinum Campus aims to connect individuals to stable housing, income support, and other services through improved access to services such as mental health services, and supportive services.

Recuperative Care services provide short-term (up to 90 days) post-hospital supervision, medical and behavioral health services, case management, and supportive social services as an alternative to unnecessary emergency room and hospital inpatient utilization for homeless/at-risk individuals.

Permanent Supportive Housing units will provide eligible individuals with affordable permanent housing and supportive services.

"California is the state with the most older adults living in poverty. By 2030, older adults will make up onequarter of California's population, intensifying the need to invest in the critical programs that support them.

Older adults age 60+ account for 20% of California's population; Statewide demographics among older adults: Black, 6.5%; Asian, 11.4%; Hispanic, 24.1%; White, 55.1%

- In San Bernardino County, 390,000 older adults are 60+
- In San Bernardino County, there are 25,387 older adults 65+ receiving SSI payments.
- 34% of older adults 65+ in San Bernardino County don't have enough income to meet their basic needs.
- A single older adult who rents in San Bernardino County needs at least \$23,700 per year to meet their basic needs.
- In San Bernardino County, 16,487 older adults 65+ receive IHSS services.
- In San Bernardino County, 1,293 adults age 55+ interacted with the homeless response system.

#### Uses of Funds:

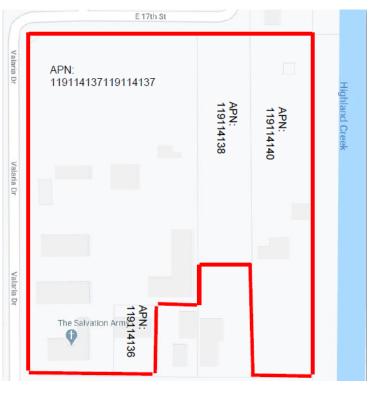
On March 1, 2022, the County entered into a Consulting and Services Agreement with O'Connor Construction Management, Inc. (OCMI) in the amount of \$27,160 to provide a Rough Order of Magnitude based on preliminary design concepts for the Pacific Village Phase II expansion. This is the third disbursement of the \$20,000,000 ARPA allocated for the project.

On February 7, 2023, the County entered into a Consulting and Services Agreement with Kitchell Corporation DBA Kitchell/CEM Inc., in the amount of \$130,500 to provide planning and programming support services, including but not limited to architectural/site planning concepts, design concepts, and updated cost estimates.

ARPA funding will be used for the match requirement for the CCE-Expansion grant, in the amount of \$2,008,527.00.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The County envisions developing the Pacific Village site into a full-service Continuum of Care (CoC) Campus creating a "one-stop-shop" for housing support and services for County residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The CoC concept will include an array of affordable housing typologies providing access to affordable housing options with on-site services. The master planned campus is designed to create a cohesive and unified community, with a variety of housing typologies, land uses, facilities and services. Through a collective impact partnership between County Departments and contracted providers, Pacific Village will provide county residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness with a safe home and resources for whole-person self-sufficiency. wellness and Furthermore, this project seeks to promote recovery and self-sufficiency to prevent restrictive conservatorships, more incarceration, and unnecessary hospitalization.



The 30 supportive housing units will connect an estimated 40 residents with permanent affordable housing and supportive services.

The 32-bed Recuperative Care Center, centrally located on campus, will provide medical supervision, case management and supportive social services as an alternative to unnecessary emergency room and hospital inpatient utilization for an estimated 208 homeless or at-risk individuals annually.

#### Use of Evidence:

The 2023 Point-In-Time Count found there were 4,195 persons who were counted as homeless in San Bernardino County, an increase of 26 percent during the past year. The City of San Bernardino has the greatest number of persons experiencing homeless within the County. More than twenty-four percent (24.2%) of the homeless population countywide are aged 55 and older.



"A University of Pennsylvania study projected rising older adult homelessness in the coming decades, with

Boston's homeless population 65 and older tripling in 2030 compared to 2017. Similar cities in the study supported this trend, possibly foreshadowing high increases in older adult homelessness in other parts of the country. These trends are part of a larger demographic shift in the general population. In 2021, older adults were 29 percent of the general population, and that share is expected to grow two percentage points by the end of the decade."<sup>6869</sup>

#### Performance Report:

The Department of Aging and Adult Services Public Guardian maintains data for its services, clients, and their progress and access to care; nevertheless, this project is in the design phase; therefore, program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports; nevertheless, DAAS-PG will monitor enrollment and admission data for tracking and monitoring program success.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

On September 29, 2023, the County issued a Purchase Order to LPA Design Studios, in the amount of \$276,679, for schematic design and design development, including but not limited to architectural/site planning concepts and updated cost estimates.

On December 5, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the County to utilize the design-build project delivery method for the delivery of the project and approved the Design-Build Pre-Qualification Package for design-build contractors to provide design and construction services for the projects. The purpose of the Pre-Qualification Package was to solicit preliminary information from interested design-build contractors in order to identify three finalists.

On January 19, 2024, the County received six proposal packages in response to the Design-Build Pre-Qualification Package request. The evaluation process resulted in a short-list of three Design-Build Entities deemed best qualified to successfully execute the design and construction of the Pacific Village project based on the criteria identified in the Pre-Qualification Package, which included organizational history, safety record, relevant personnel, and project experience.

On May 24, 2024, the County released the Request for Proposal (RFP) Package to the three pre-qualified Design-Build Entities (DBEs) as the second step of the two-step process to utilize the design-build project delivery method for the design and construction of the facility. The RFP provided significantly more detail regarding the projects requirements and expectations allowing the three DBEs to submit a final proposal. Selection of the successful design-build contractor will be based on "best value" as determined by the County Selection Committee's grading criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> https://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/1-31-2023\_OlderAdultHousingDisparity.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Alliance analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for the United States: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 (NC-EST2021-AGESEX) (https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/2020s-nationaldetail.html) and 2017 National Population Projections Datasets (https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/2017/demo/popproj/2017-popproj.html).

# 6.1 – Pacific Village – Substance Use Disorder Program – Department of Behavioral Health

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013879 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$14,963,742.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Pacific Village - Platinum Campus, is a multi-disciplinary effort that will bring a holistic approach by re-purposing existing buildings, improving property constructing features, new housing units, and renovating buildings. The Phase II expansion to Pacific Village advances the San Bernardino County Community Development and Housing Department's objective to expand the County's affordable housing pipeline and to develop



the needed permanent supportive housing for individuals in the County experiencing chronic homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The Phase II expansion will include:

- A (32) bed Recuperative Care facility (tenant improvement project) for medical and behavioral health.
- New construction of (30) pre-fabricated permanent housing units for adults who are recipients or applicants of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and/or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) benefits.
- New construction of a (16) bed SUD residential facility.
- Park-like landscaping and walking paths incorporated throughout the campus, along with multiple outdoor gathering areas
- Community amenities include on-site laundry facilities, fenced pet park, community garden and large community center.

The Phase II expansion of the Pacific Village Platinum Campus includes the new development of a 16-bed substance use disorder residential facility that includes four (4) Withdrawal Management (WM) beds and twelve (12) residential beds to assist in meeting the capacity demand for these level of care for the San Bernardino County Medi-Cal population. The populations to be served are residents of the County who are adults (ages 18 and over) of all genders who have been identified as having a substance use disorder.

Criteria for treatment admission include a screening using the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria that is completed by the Screening Assessment and Referral Center (SARC). Residents may call this twenty-four (24) hour hotline to be screened and admitted to Residential treatment. Case management is provided to callers who are in need of residential treatment with the goal of expediting admission and placement. Priority populations for treatment placement include:

- Pregnant injecting drug users
- Pregnant substance users
- Injecting drug users
- All others

This is a co-occurring program where mental health needs are treated as part of the substance disorder use treatment. Annually, this facility is estimated to serve 208 adults in withdrawal management and 144 adults in the residential treatment levels of care service with an average length of stay of thirty (30) days. Evidence based practices are implemented within the program, including motivational interviewing, cognitive-based therapy, relapse prevention, traumainformed treatment, psychoeducation and medication assisted treatment (as deemed medically necessary). This expansion will increase San Bernardino County's current capacity by 8% along with improving program and client outcome measures as follows:

# Contact

For services, call or visit the Screening Assessment and Referral Center (SARC) 850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto (800) 968-2636 or (909) 421-4601

For 24/7 access to behavioral health services, call (888) 743-1478 In an EMERGENCY, call 9-1-1.

> If you speak another language, language assistance services are available to you free of charge by dialing (888) 743-1478 (TTY users dial 7-1-1).

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- Improve timeliness to treatment
- Increase in treatment completions
- Increase in transitions to next levels of care
- Abstinence from illicit drug and/or alcohol use
- Stabilization and reduction of symptoms

Please note: Client demographic information is also captured in addition to these treatment outcome measures.

Participants of the SUD residential treatment program will have full access to all on-site community amenities and supportive services while maintaining privacy and confidentiality of these participants. Other Platinum campus residents will also have access to the SUD residential treatment program if needed. Platinum campus residents will be informed of these services and all resources available to them.

Uses of Funds:

Cost for new Construction:

The one-time costs to construct this 16bed facility utilizing ARPA funding totals \$16,779,373. Ongoing costs will be funded by Drug Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.

Ongoing Costs:

The cost per person is \$8,645, regardless of the level of care received during one stay. Lastly, all services are Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) billable and 95% of individuals entering these services are DMC eligible. DMC reimburses approximately 70% of the total cost of service with the remaining costs funded by 2011 Realignment.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Ongoing Pacific Village campus planning meetings take place with other county partners including County Administrative Office, Aging and Adult



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Services, Community Revitalization, Office of Homeless Services and Project and Facilities Management. During this year, programming was completed for this facility to identify program and facility needs that will be incorporated into the facility design. Pre-design/design was also completed and incorporated programming needs. Schematic design was also completed and included facility design, campus amenities and structural design.



Currently, the project is in the design development phase where the project team is conducting consultation of safety needs, space needs, paths of travel and parking The Request for needs. Oualifications (RFO) was completed with the goal of identifying qualified bidders for design/build. The next step is to send these qualified bidders the Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain proposals for evaluation. The

project team is currently in the California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) process. Currently, twenty-five (25%) of the project is completed; the project team

continues to collaborate and make progress on the Pacific Village Platinum Campus. Attached to this memo are the Pacific Village Platinum Campus bridging documents completed this year for design development.



# 6.1 – Prado RV Infrastructure (Prado Campground Improvement)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013259 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,888,026.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Regional Parks Department is submitting a project to renovate recreational vehicle hook-ups at the RV Campsite. The RV Campsite allows the public with RV's, trailers, and camping vehicles to camp and enjoy the park. The RV hook-ups provide campers with access to electricity, water, and sewer for their RV's. Over the years, the RV hook-ups have been used constantly and have worn down the ability to keep a proper connection for the RV camper. RV concrete pedestals throughout the campground are deteriorated due to weather, rodents, and misuse, resulting in cracks and shifts in the concrete pads and improper connections for the sewer hook-up. The proper operation of these sites safeguards the health and safety of park patrons by ensuring access to electrical for temperature control and food preparation. It further allows for safe access to water and sewers.

The project will renovate 79 RV hook-up pedestals and concrete pads.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Prado (Chino) - 2022 Population Estimate = 93,140

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 20.5%
- Hispanic or Latino = 53.5%
- Asian alone = 16.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 22.3%
- Persons 65 years and over = 11.7%
- Median Household Income = 91,107 (Persons in poverty = 8.0%)

#### Uses of Funds:

This project is funded through ARPA. All of the ARPA funds will go towards the renovation of the infrastructure at the Prado Regional Park campgrounds to allow local community members and tourists alike the opportunity to recreate outdoors and enjoy other aspects of nature. It is our hope that this will improve both the physical and mental well-being of this population.

Following the emergence of COVID-19, Regional Parks have seen a marked increase in camping reservations. Many continue to prefer distance from others, explore natural space, and outdoor recreation as their preferred mode of vacationing. Camping has become a way to safely distance family from others while enjoying the great outdoors. The following table shows the progressive increase in camping reservations at Prado Regional Park.

The Department has observed an increase in campers by 175% from 2019 to 2021. This increase to campers continues to trend. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the growing number of park patrons.

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	5,085	13,373	14,315
2020	4,786	14,846	13,164
2021	6,571	23,382	18,796

The proposed project will renovate recreational vehicle hook-ups at the RV Campsite. The RV Campsite allows the public with RV's, trailers, and camping vehicles to camp and enjoy the park. The RV hook-ups provide campers with access to electricity, water, and sewer for their RV's. As COVID-19 has created an increase in use of these amenities, the hook-ups have experienced increased usage that has led to deterioration.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the 2020 Census report, in 2020, Chino, California, had a population of 89.2 thousand people with a median age of 37.3 and a median household income of \$85,659. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Chino declined from 89,631 to 89,170, a -0.514% decrease and its median household income grew from \$81,711 to \$85,659, a 4.83\% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Chino, are White (Hispanic) (26.1%), White (Non-Hispanic) (22.7%), Other (Hispanic) (18.7%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (14.6%), and Two+ (Hispanic) (6.92%).

The Chino community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live in the community. Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

The proposed project will offer an accessible RV infrastructure available for use by anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions. Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities. Additionally, completion of this project will allow lower income families with an opportunity to enjoy respectable outdoor recreation.

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, we offer a satisfaction survey on our website. One of the complaints voiced by visitors and community members is the closure of sites due to the pedestals being broken or operating incorrectly. The goal of this project is to mitigate this negative feedback and provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors.

#### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. A Request for Proposal was released on May 24, 2023. Mandatory job walk took place on June 7, 2023. Questions were due by June 14, 2023, proposals were due by June 21, 2023, and lastly, interviews were scheduled for June 27, 2023.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Renovate 79 RV hook-up pedestals and concrete pads. Existing hook-ups have worn down after years of use and do not maintain a proper connection, the sewer hook-ups on the pads have lost caps or have shifted with the concrete pad due to misuse, weather, and rodent holes.

This project is still in the planning and implementation phase therefore there are no performance measures to report. On April 29th, 2024, a joint job site scope walk was completed and RFI's were received on May 28th, 2024. Proposals must be submitted by July 9th, 2024, and review and recommendation will be provided.

# 6.1 - Prado RV Restroom Replacement

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013260 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$4,263,773.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

## Project Overview/Project Description:

The Prado RV Restroom Replacement project is for the removal and replacement of three restrooms within the Regional Park. The existing restroom buildings need to be removed and replaced for accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This project will include demolishing and replacing three restrooms located at: RV camp area and Mallard shelter, and will include new landscaping, and accessible walkways. The project will remove barriers for accessibility in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Code. Camp trailers and RVs are not all equipped with shower facilities. Currently, not all campsite spots at the park have access to all utilities, including water and electricity. The improvements at the sites safeguards the health and safety of park patrons by ensuring access to restroom facilities with dependable electrical, water, and sewer.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

Prado (Chino) - 2022 Population Estimate = 93,140

- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 20.5%
- Hispanic or Latino = 53.5%
- Asian alone = 16.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 22.3%
- Persons 65 years and over = 11.7%
- Median Household Income = \$91,107 (Persons in poverty = 8.0%)

#### Uses of Funds:

This project will be funded through ARPA. All Funds will go towards the demolition and replacement of the restroom facilities at Prado Regional Park to allow local community members and tourists alike the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and nature. It is our hope that this will improve both the physical and mental well-being of this population. The scope of work will also include the installation of new landscaping, and ADA accessible walkways.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Regional Parks have seen a marked increase in camping

reservations. Many people continue to prefer physical distance from others, enjoy nature, and outdoor recreational activities. Camping has become a way to safely distance your family from others while enjoying the great outdoors. This table shows the progressive increase in camping reservations at Prado Regional Park.

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	5,085	13,373	14,315
2020	4,786	14,846	13,164
2021	6,571	23,382	18,796

The Department realized an increase in campers by 175% from 2019 to 2021. This increase to campers continues to trend. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the growing number of park patrons. In addition to campers, the park also sees many day users. The following is the number of vehicle entries for the last 3 years with the estimated total

	Vehicles	People
2019	34,657	138,628
2020	36,197	144,788
2021	39,282	157,128

number of people. These numbers are anticipated to continue to increase.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the 2020 Census report, in 2020, Chino, California, had a population of 89.2k people with a median age of 37.3 and a median household income of 85,659. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Chino declined from 89,631 to 89,170, a -0.514% decrease and its median household income grew from 81,711 to 85,659, a 4.83% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Chino, are White (Hispanic) (26.1%), White (Non-Hispanic) (22.7%), Other (Hispanic) (18.7%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (14.6%), and Two+ (Hispanic) (6.92%).

Over the years, the existing restrooms have sustained damage from weather, rodents, and misuse. They have been used continuously and the restrooms are often overburdened causing malfunction to fixtures or issues with drainage. These issues can put the restrooms out of service.

The Chino community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live in the community. Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

The proposed project would offer an accessible, clean restroom facility that would be available for use by anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions.

Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities. If the replacement of these restrooms and the corresponding renovation of the pathways are not addressed, then it would prevent the Regional Parks Department from providing service to its growing number of park patrons seeking recreational activities in a safe outdoor environment. Upon completion, the proposed project will immediately address access and usage to clean, reliable and accessible restroom facilities.

#### Use of Evidence:

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

According to an article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol.

#### 5, No. 7, 2019).<sup>73 74 75</sup>

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, a satisfaction survey is offered on the website. One of the criticisms by visitors and community members is the state of the existing restroom facilities. Stalls are often out of service due to needed repairs, and the showers are often inaccessible. The goal of this project is to mitigate this negative feedback and provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors with a focus on providing full accessibility.

#### Performance Report:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. The Request for Funding is currently with Counsel for review. Following completion, the Department will track performance by reviewing park entry data and conduct surveys to support positive outcomes.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Demo and replace two restrooms located at RV campground area, renovate the restroom located at the Mallard Shelter, install new landscaping, and accessible walkways. Scope will include removal of the existing walkways and parking stalls, to make them in compliance for accessibility under ADA.

This project is still in the planning and design phase therefore there are no performance measures to report. The plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 25, 2024, and a walkthrough of job site is scheduled for July 17th, 2024. Regional Parks expects an RFI date of July 31st, 2024, and bid openings on August 14th, 2024. Contract award expected by November 5th, 2024, and project completion date expected to be in October of 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)
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## 6.1 – Prado Tent Campground Restroom Addition

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013261 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$2,070,655.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

This Prado Tent Campground Restroom Addition project will add new restroom at tent campground area, and install new landscaping, and accessible walkways at the Regional Park. The scope will include removal of the existing walkways, parking stalls and bathroom buildings, to make them in compliance for accessibility under ADA. The existing tent camp area does not have any restrooms. Furthermore, the tent camp area does not provide access from the current ADA parking stalls, therefore the new restroom will remove barriers for accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Code.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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- White alone (not Hispanic or Latino) = 20.5%
- Hispanic or Latino = 53.5%
- Asian alone = 16.6%
- Persons under 18 years = 22.3%
- Persons 65 years and over = 11.7%
- Median Household Income = \$91,107 (Persons in poverty = 8.0%)

#### Uses of Funds:

Funding for this project will come from ARPA funds. Funds will go towards the addition of the restroom facilities at the Regional Park in the tent campground area to allow local community members and tourists alike the opportunity to be outdoors and enjoy nature. It is our hope that this will

	Reservations	People	Nights
2019	5,085	13,373	14,315
2020	4,786	14,846	13,164
2021	6,571	23,382	18,796

improve both the physical and mental well-being of this population. The scope of the work will also include the installation of new landscaping, and accessible walkways. Scope will include removal of the existing walkways and parking stalls, to make them in compliance for accessibility under ADA and to ensure they are accessible for all park visitors.

The Department realized an increase in campers by 175% from 2019 to 2021. This increase to campers continues to trend. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the growing number of park patrons. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the appeal of outdoor recreation, increasing the number of people who visit the park daily.

In addition to campers, the park also sees many day users. The following is the number of vehicle entries for the last 3 years with the estimated total number of people. These numbers are anticipated to continue to increase.

	Vehicles	People
2019	34,657	138,628
2020	36,197	144,788
2021	39,282	157,128

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

According to the 2020 Census report, in 2020, Chino, California, had a population of 89.2k people with a median age of 37.3 and a median household income of \$85,659. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Chino declined from 89,631 to 89,170, a -0.514% decrease and its median household income grew from \$81,711 to \$85,659, a 4.83% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Chino are White (Hispanic) (26.1%), White (Non-Hispanic) (22.7%), Other (Hispanic) (18.7%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (14.6%), and Two+ (Hispanic) (6.92%).

There is currently no existing restroom facility at this site. Groups choosing to camp in this area would need to walk or drive to another restroom facility within the park. The Chino community is very much involved with the Regional Park and many business-owners live in the community. Both the Regional Parks Department and the County Administrative office have concentrated efforts to keep the community aware of upcoming improvements and opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities.

The proposed project would offer an accessible, clean restroom facility that would be available for use by anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions. Proposed outcomes would see an increase in satisfaction from park patrons and an increase in health and wellness for visitors, community members and anyone using the park facilities.

Completion of this project will allow lower income families with an opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation at an affordable cost versus many other vacation options.

#### Use of Evidence:

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

According to an article published in the National Library of Medicine, there is growing evidence to suggest that exposure to natural environments can be associated with mental health benefits. Proximity to greenspace has been associated with lower levels of stress and reduced symptomology for depression and anxiety, while interacting with nature can improve cognition for children with attention deficits and individuals with depression (Pearson & Craig, 2014). In another article found on the American Psychological Association website it states that, "exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation". In a review of the research, Gregory Bratman, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Washington, and colleagues shared evidence that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness, subjective well-being, positive affect, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress (Science Advances, Vol. 5, No. 7, 2019).<sup>76 77 78</sup>

As part of Regional Park's dedication to service provision, a satisfaction survey is offered on the Park's website. One of the complaints voiced by visitors and community members is the distance one must travel to access a restroom facility while camping. The goal of this project is to mitigate this negative feedback and provide adequate amenities for the expanding number of park visitors.

#### Performance Report:

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> The great outdoors? Exploring the mental health benefits of natural environments - PMC (nih.gov)
 <sup>77</sup> Nurtured by nature (apa.org)

<sup>78</sup> Nature and mental health: An ecosystem service perspective | Science Advances

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. The Request for Proposal was released in May 2023. Mandatory job walk took place in June 2023, with a proposals due date of June 21, 20023. Following completion, the Department will track performance by reviewing park entry data and conduct surveys to support positive outcomes.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project will provide a new restroom located at the Tent campground area. It will include new landscaping, and accessible walkways fulfilling ADA needs. Scope will include removal of the existing walkways, parking stalls and bathroom buildings, to make them in compliance for accessibility under ADA.

Performance measures are not available at this time as the project is not complete. This project's planning and design phase has been completed. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan on May 7, 2024. Mandatory job walk through is scheduled for May 30, 2024, RFI is expected June 12, 2024, and bids for contract expected July 11, 2024, and award expected in October 2024. Completion date expected is September 4, 2025.

## 6.1 – Purchase of County Fire Trailers

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012312 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$120,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

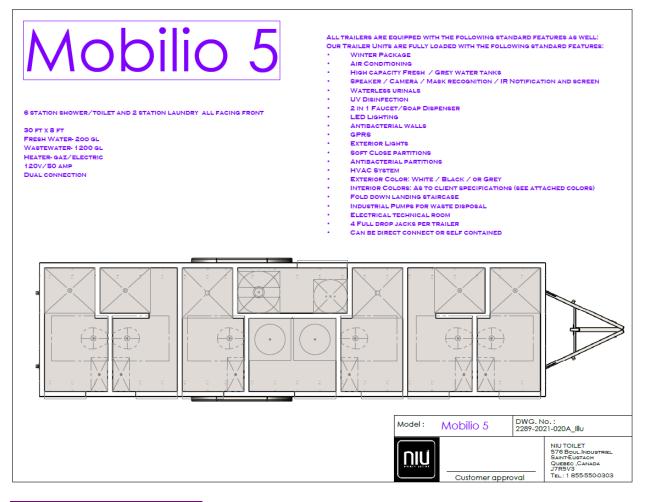
This purchase will promote equitable outcomes in the local communities. Although this is a movable trailer, it will be in Glen Helen which serves the underserved and adversely affected areas of Muscoy and Bloomington. Muscoy's at-risk population includes 836 households with disability, 830 residents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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Purchase of County Fire Trailer Project is well on its way. The trailer production has an approximate

9-month lead time for manufacturing. This process was hampered and delayed a bit– as the vendor experienced hold up due supply shortage, and access to material to complete and fulfill backfill orders. Furthermore, as a Canadian company - a foreign organization, the vendor had to meet Federal requirements and register as an international agency in SAM.gov, which also contributed to some further delay. Nevertheless, currently it is anticipated that trailer delivery will take place in July 2023.



#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The procurement and delivery of the County Fire Trailer Project has been completed. Delivery occurred in October 2023 and the trailer is ready to be placed into service for this upcoming wildland fire season. The trailer is located at the Glen Helen Fire Camp where fire camp personnel including seasonal Firefighter Suppression Aides (FSAs) and firefighters are housed during peak wildland fire season which typically includes summer and fall. This trailer will be used by staff when they return from deployment to a fire as they are recovering from their long and physically demanding work or are preparing to respond to another emergency.

During peak wildland fire season, the trailer which has laundry, bathroom, and shower capabilities will enable fire camp personnel to prepare for their next deployment. When the FSAs and firefighters get off the fire line and get back to the camp, they now have adequate facilities to shower, clean up, and launder their clothes which may have dirt, possibly poison oak, and other issues that would lend to an uncomfortable workday, if this facility were not available.



# 6.1 – Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline (Lake Gregory Restroom Improvements)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012327 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$1,487,400.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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

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

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

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

Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

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



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

#### Use of Evidence:

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

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

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

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

#### (c)2017 National Recreation and Park Association

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

#### (C)2022 Recreation Management

#### Performance Report:

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. On March 23, 20023 a feasibility study was conducted. A Request for Proposals was released on May 25, 2023, with a mandatory job walk scheduled for June 8, 2023. This project is still in development – nevertheless, upon completion, Regional Parks will work with the concessionaire who operates the facility to track the usage of this facility.

\*Note: Projects 2.37 – Restroom Constructed on a Chamber of Commerce Parking lot in Crestline and 2.37 – Restroom on the East end of Lake Gregory San Moritz Parking lot were previously under the same Project Identification Number (1012327) – however, moving forward, they will be reported independently, under two separate projects Identification Numbers (PIN).

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Procure and install a prefabricated restroom with two (2) unisex stalls; provide for plumbing, electrical, building pad, coordination with SCE, Water Department for electrical and water meter installation.

This project feasibility study was completed but this project is still in the planning and design phase therefore there are no performance measures to report. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan on May 7, 2024, and requests for proposals are planned to be released in July 2024. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2025.

## 6.1 – San Bernardino County Sherriff's K-9 Unit Support - NEW

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 4430001000 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$50,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD) utilizes its canine programs to provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents and Sheriff's personnel. SBCSD's canine programs include apprehension canines trained to apprehend suspects, narcotics detection canines used to detect illegal drugs, tracking canines to assist in locating missing persons or suspects, bomb detection canines deployed to sniff out explosives, cadaver dogs that aid in locating human remains, and wellness canines that provide emotional support to officers and residents in times of crisis. Their keen senses and specialized training make them invaluable assets in law enforcement efforts to maintain public safety and improve operational efficiency.

In 2023-24, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$50,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to SBCSD to help fund the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Regional K9 Training Facility at the Frank Bland Regional Training Center. The project is comprised of various obstacles simulating real-



world obstacles to enable handlers to train their dogs to gain and enhance confidence and obedience. The obstacles include hurdles, a dog walk, a double stairway, a window obstacle, tunnel crawl, barrel crawls, and small places for role players to hide. Investing in a specialized dog training course is a cost-effective measure to enhance the capabilities of SBCSD and other law enforcement agencies, which will improve officer safety, community relations, and professional development.

Well-trained working dogs often perform tasks more efficiently and with less risk than officers. This can lead to long-term cost savings for SBCSD and other law enforcement agencies by decreasing the number of on-duty injuries, as well as reducing the potential for costly litigation. In addition, the canine program contributes to positive community relations, improves public perception and fosters trust between law enforcement and the community.

Providing canine handlers with a training course demonstrates SBCSD's commitment to professional development. Investing in the enhancement of canine skills and expertise results in a more capable and effective canine program. The training course will be available to all SBCSD working dogs and those of surrounding agencies, yielding significant benefits to the County and local communities.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

The SBCSD Regional K9 Training Facility will serve the San Bernardino County law enforcement community and surrounding areas for the benefit of County residents.

#### Use of Funds:

The estimated cost of the project is \$260,000, with \$50,000 funded by ARPA funds. The ARPA funds will be used to purchase the obstacle course equipment designed to provide physical and mental stimulation while promoting bonding between the dogs and their handlers. SBCSD will fund the remaining portion of the project, which includes demolition and grading, installation of the fence and gates, painting, sod and plants, among other items.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Police canine training facilities play a crucial role in law enforcement and community safety by providing specialized training to police dogs and their handlers. Police canine training facilities serve communities by enhancing law enforcement capabilities, improving response times, providing a less-lethal force option, engaging with the community, upholding training standards, and ensuring accountability and oversight. By doing so, these facilities contribute to promoting favorable outcomes in law enforcement practices, as shown below:

1. Enhanced Law Enforcement Abilities: Police canine units are trained to assist law enforcement officers in various tasks such as detecting drugs, explosives, and missing persons, as well as apprehending suspects. This enhances the overall effectiveness of law enforcement agencies in keeping communities safe.

2. Improved Response Times: Police dogs are often used in situations where human officers may face challenges or delays. For example, police dogs can quickly locate suspects hiding in difficult terrain or buildings, helping to expedite the resolution of critical incidents.



3. Less-lethal Force Option: Canine units provide law enforcement officers with a less-lethal force option in apprehending suspects. This can help reduce the use of lethal force in certain situations promoting a more favorable outcome by potentially minimizing harm to suspects.

4. Community Engagement: Police canine units often participate in community outreach programs, demonstrations, and public events. These interactions help build positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, fostering trust and collaboration.

5. Training Standards: Canine training facilities ensure that police dogs and their handlers receive standardized and rigorous training, which promotes professionalism and accountability within law enforcement agencies. This can contribute to more favorable outcomes by ensuring that all units operate according to established best practices.

6. Diversity and Inclusion: Efforts are being made to promote diversity and inclusion within police canine units, ensuring that these resources are accessible to all communities. By training a diverse group of handlers of all ethnicities and dogs, these facilities can better serve a wide range of communities and promote equitable outcomes for all residents.

7. Accountability and Oversight: Training facilities play a role in ensuring that police canine units operate within the boundaries of the law and department policies. Proper training and oversight help prevent misuse of police dogs and ensure that their deployment is in line with legal and ethical standards.

#### Performance Report:

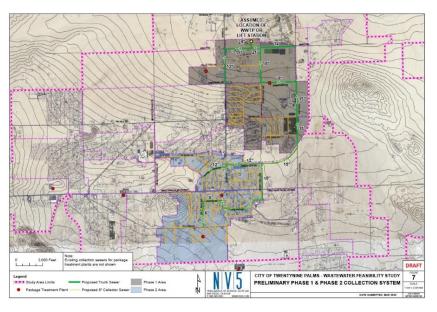
Through May 1, 2024, SBCSD has completed the demolition and grading, installation of the fence and gates as well as tree trimming and landscaping. The project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2024.

## 6.1 – Twentynine Palms Sewer Projects

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012326 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$779,180.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Incorporated on November 23, 1987, the City of Twentynine Palms encompasses 53.75 square miles and has grown from a population of 11.000 at incorporation to nearly 30,000 today. Twentynine Palms serves as a gateway community to the nearly 800,000-acre Joshua Tree National Park on the south and the 1,100-square-mile Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) on the north, as well as the Mojave National Preserve, Amboy Crater, Route 66, and other desert destinations.



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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

The City of Twentynine Palms (City) is seeking qualified firms (Consultant) to submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for providing engineering and design services for Project Phoenix (Project). Services

to be provided including civil and traffic engineering, landscape and irrigation design, utility engineering and coordination, permit acquisition, preparation of contract documents, and services during construction associated with the development of a 11.2-acre mixed used project in the downtown area of the City.

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

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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



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

#### Labor Practices:

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



#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

During the July 2022-June 2023 period, the City completed several tasks associated with the development of the Twentynine Palms Sewer Projects. The most notable is the completion of the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document; it was approved as a MND (Mitigated Negative Declaration). The City also completed the PDR (Preliminary Design Report) for the Collection System. Moreover, the City completed its financial analysis of the project, as required by the State Water Board. And finally, and essentially, the Funding Request/Application for the project to State Water was submitted for construction.

The funding for the whole project is estimated to be \$158,500,00.00; of which, \$1,000,000 will be ARPA funds. Items in progress are Utility Rate Study, property acquisition for the plant, and the CDR (Conceptual Design Report) for the Treatment plant.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the City anticipates the completion of:

- Collection system to a high level of design, around 70-80%.
- Treatment plant design to approximately 15% design plans and procurement documentation.
- CDR for Treatment Plant, along with the Utility Rate Study, and property acquisition.

The City expects the funding award and contracting with State Water for construction within the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Assuming construction funding grant award, then the project will go out to bid for the collection system, traditional Design Bid Build, mid-year 2024. Then Design Build for the Treatment Plant in that same timeframe, mid-year 2024. The County ARPA fund will support the Treatment Plant's 15% Design, Procurement Documents, and property acquisition.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

In November 2023, the Geotechnical Investigation, technical specifications and the preliminary design report were submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. Project Specifications for the collection system were prepared to a 25% level. Three additional potential wastewater treatment sites were studied and cost estimates and flow rates to each site estimated to determine how much of the collection system could be constructed given the proposed grant amount.

In October 2023, the City of Twentynine Palms received the official notification from the State of California that the City would only receive \$50 million in total for the City's Wastewater project. The \$50 million consisted of \$1 million for the feasibility, preliminary design, environmental, and financial analysis, and \$49 million for the construction of the collection and treatment systems. The City was expecting to receive a total of \$158 million for this project, however, as a result of State budget cuts, the City's allocation for this project was reduced considerably. During this reporting period, the City met with NV5 and Carollo consultants to discuss site alternatives and projected flows that would be more in line with the proposed funding. The sites considered were as follows: Site 1 - Original site, which is closest to Desert Knoll Avenue; Site  $2 - \frac{3}{4}$  miles east from site 1; and Site  $3 - 1\frac{3}{4}$  miles east of Site 1.

To stay within budget, the consultants reduced the area serviced and the number of connections from septic to sewer. They also reduced the capacity of the plant from 9 hundred thousand gallons per day to 154 thousand gallons per day. The number of sewer lines and connections decreased as the plant was moved further east. The consultants' estimate for each alternate location was \$52 million, which includes the treatment plant, trunk lines, laterals, and connections, however, this was only the hard cost of the project. The estimated cost for complete construction would be \$72 million and the monthly operation cost per resident connected to the sewer would be \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year. The reduced system capacity would result in higher operating costs, which would be an enormous burden on the residents required to connect into the system.

Due to the significant funding shortfall, on December 12, 2023, City Council declined the construction funding of \$49 million, but gave Staff direction to continue with the USGS study, which had been approved by the Council on August 23, 2022. The purpose of the study is to gather information on the City's groundwater and impacts of septic tanks. As of December 31, 2023, NV5 has completed approximately 50-60% of the final plans of the Sewer Collection System, which has been submitted to the City. The plans delivered under this project can and will be utilized in the future when the City acquires the appropriate funding for this project. The progress set are included with the submittal of this report. As of December 31, 2023, the City has spent all the funds from the ARPA funding received through the County.

## 6.1 – Upland Police Department Locker Room Improvements - NEW

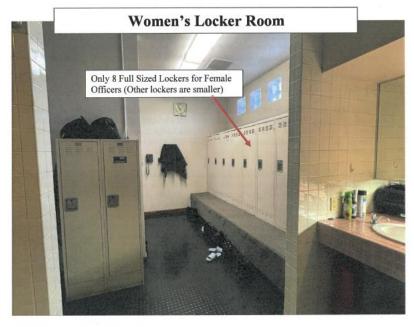
<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014314 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$500,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The City of Upland is geographically situated in an area that serves nearby qualified census tracts. The Upland Police Department was built in late 1989, and subsequently, an urgent need has been identified to replace and retrofit the male locker rooms, as well as to replace and expand the female locker rooms. The female locker room has an increased need to appropriately accommodate the consideration for future female staffing (currently six female officers, three Code Enforcement Officers, three Police Service Technicians, one Homeless Services Coordinator, one Police Officer Trainee, and additional female staff members).

All staff members wear uniforms and equipment that requires more space than is currently available. Modem locker configurations include lockers that better meet our staff's storage needs (including uniforms, body armor, other needed gear to perform their job duties). An improved locker room configuration (to the industry standard) will these address needed accommodations, including health considerations regarding wearables and contamination. By replacing and expanding the Upland Police Department locker rooms, the City of Upland will improve government operations with this needed improvement to public safety for residents, workers, and visitors.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:



The female locker room is very small and only has eight full-sized lockers for female officers, other female staff have smaller lockers, and some have none based on no availability. Only female personnel that have uniforms and other accouterments for their uniforms have lockers (Officers, Police Service Technicians, and Code Enforcement). In addition, there is no room in lockers to store shoes without contaminating existing uniforms and other attire stored in lockers.

"In 2022, Upland, CA had a population of 78.8k people with a median age of 37.1 and a median household income of \$93,994. Between 2021 and 2022 the population of Upland, CA grew from 78,624 to 78,847, a 0.284% increase and its median household income grew from \$82,259 to \$93,994, a 14.3% increase. The 5 largest ethnic groups in Upland, CA are White (Non-Hispanic) (34.9%), Other (Hispanic) (16.7%), White (Hispanic) (13.2%), Two+ (Hispanic) (11.7%), and Asian (Non-Hispanic) (9.88%).

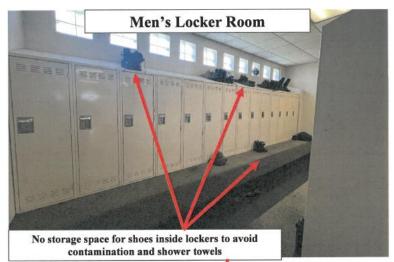
None of the households in Upland, CA reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the

primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household. 92.3% of the residents in Upland, CA are U.S. citizens.

The largest universities in Upland, CA are Salon Success Academy-Upland (203 degrees awarded in 2022).

In 2022, the median property value in Upland, CA was \$647,400, and the homeownership rate was 55.4%.

Most people in Upland, CA drove alone to work, and the average commute time was 30.4 minutes. The



average car ownership in Upland, CA was 2 cars per household."79

#### Uses of Funds:

The projected expenditures of not-to-exceed \$500,000 will be funded by ARPA. The expenditures identified in the schedule include furnishing and installing new lockers, installing new flooring, and rehabilitating shower.

<sup>79</sup> https://datausa.io/profile/geo/upland-ca

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

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012037 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$124,981,367.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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



#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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





PARKING COUNT:

Required: 435 stalls including 7 HC stalls

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

Site Plan

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The County's Project and Facilities Management Department released a Request for Qualifications package

for the Valley Emergency Operations Center (Valley Communication Center) design-build project and received nine proposals. Three firms were selected from those proposals and were asked to submit a Best and Final Proposal. After a selection committee evaluated the responses, a contract was awarded to Swinerton Builders, Inc., a Santa Ana, California-based company, by the Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2023. This project has a scheduled commitment that would complete construction by Fall 2025 (complete date), with additional time after that to move in and begin operation in Winter 2025. Activities for the coming year include design, permitting, major equipment ordering, and beginning of excavation and earthwork.

In addition to awarding the contract, the Board of Supervisors approved a project budget in the amount of \$124,981,367.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Construction activities commenced March 21, 2024, an occasion that was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was attended by County officials that included the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Shannon Dicus. Prior to the ceremony, the County completed numerous planning tasks related to design, permitting, and equipment procurement.

The current project schedule anticipates the completion of construction to occur in October 2025. The facility is expected to be operational sometime during the winter of 2025.

## 6.1 – Water Tank (Reservoir) Replacement Project (CSA 70-F)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013572 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$600,00.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Department of Public Works - Special Districts provides for the operation and maintenance of 88 water connections, maintains three wells, one booster station, and a reservoir (water tank) that stores approximately 260,000 gallons of water for County Service Area 70 F (District). As part of ongoing maintenance to ensure continuous operations of the water system, it was determined that replacement of the District's water tank was necessary due to significant leaks, resulting from heavy interior corrosion. The most recent leak investigation determined that the District's water tank condition is fragile and at risk of potential failure. The water tank is the only source of potable water available to residents of Morongo Valley, further necessitating the need for a new tank.

The project will replace the failing 260,000-gallon existing potable water reservoir and its appurtenances that will help alleviate future maintenance costs and to continue to provide safe drinking water to the District's customers.

#### Uses of Funds:

The Project has been determined to be eligible for ARPA funding in connection with eligible expenditures of up to \$600,000 to fund the design, construction, and construction management of the tank replacement.

In May 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Project as a Capital Improvement Program, allowing for the expenditure of funds. The Request for Proposals for professional engineering services is currently underway and was released in June 2023. It is anticipated the project will go into design by late August 2023.

#### Labor Practices:

The project will require the Contractor to comply with California Prevailing Wage Law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and encourages Local Vendor Preference Certification.

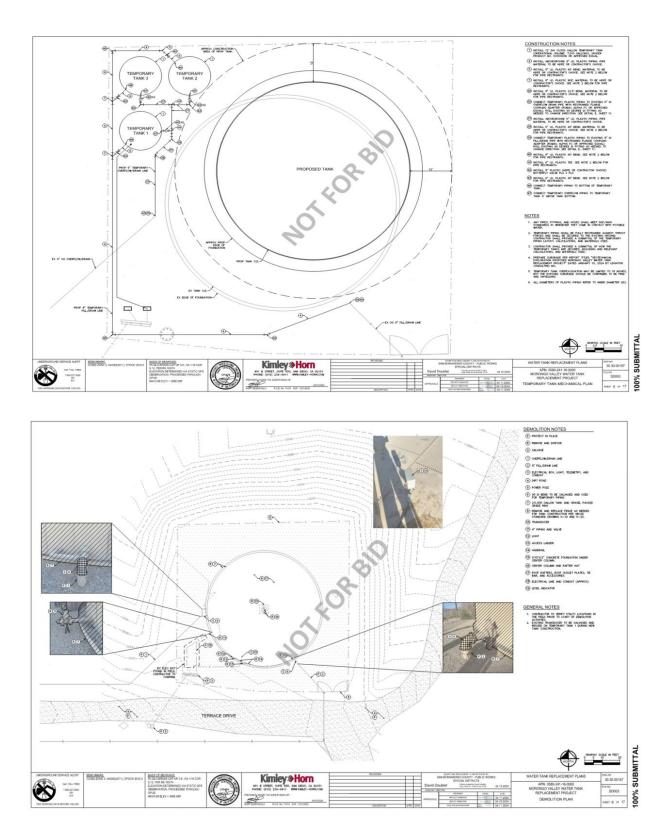
#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

• On May 21, 2024, the Department took the plans and specifications to the Board of supervisors for approval.

The next milestones for the project are:

- After the Board of Supervisors approval of Plans and Specifications, the project will go out for bid, in the early part of fiscal year 2024/2025.
- It is anticipated the Construction contract will be awarded by the end of the year, 2024.



## 6.1 – Wonder Valley Community Center (CSA 70-M)

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013271 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$499,650.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

Wonder Valley is a small unincorporated town located in the jurisdiction of San Bernardino County. Residents of Wonder Valley are serviced by San Bernardino County's County Service Area (CSA) 70M a Special District that provides its residents with fire protection, park, and road maintenance services. With a population of 615 people and serving an area of 150 square mile, many residents of Wonder Valley live on large parcels of land consisting of 5 acres, a result of the community's growth.

CSA 70M owns the Wonder Valley Community Center and the Department of Public Works, Special Districts provides construction, operations and maintains support services to the Community Center. The Wonder Valley Community Center has served as a portal for half a dozen non-profit social services agencies offering a variety of free services including food, clothing, and free hygiene bags. However, over the years, the Community Center has deteriorated.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project brings access and services to a community negatively impacted by COVID-19. It also provides assistance to households disproportionately impacted.

The average household income in Wonder Valley in 2020 was \$39,643 with a poverty level of 25.7%. The unemployment rate is at 8.15% with a Median house or condo Value of \$103,600.

Wonder Valley is an ethnically diverse town. White Origin are the most predominate group in Wonder Valley, accounting for 79.2% of the town's residents, Hispanic or Latino makes up 18%, followed by black or African American at 1.9%, and 0.9% multiracial group. Ancestries of people in Wonder Valley include Danish. English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Scottish.

#### Uses of Funds:

The ARPA funding will fund renovations to the bathroom fixture replacement, community kitchen improvements, replacement of the kitchen and bathroom flooring, installation of lighting for energy efficiency and safety, playground update, and commercial grade reverse osmosis water filtration system installation due to the fluoride, arsenic, and other contaminants that exceed regulation levels.

The project will help the community by giving kids and adults a safe place to meet and play within their community. Upon the completion of the planned improvements funded by ARPA, the community center will serve as the hub for a variety of services and public communication of those disadvantaged and disproportionately impacted in the community and surrounding region.

To allow for the use of the future kitchen renovation, water quality testing to determine the appropriate water treatment system is required. Thus, a Request for Qualifications for Water Testing was distributed, and the Notice to Proceed for water testing was issued to Babcock Labs in December 2022. In February 2023, water testing was completed, and testing analysis was delivered and reviewed. The results have

allowed the team to determine that a Reverse Osmosis system will be needed to treat the well water prior to entering the community center.

- In March 2023, the community center floor plans were submitted for review with the Environmental Health Department.
- In May 2023, the range hood certification was completed.
- In May 2023, the septic tank certification process was initiated.

Upon obtaining the Environmental Health Department approval, the design plans for the community center will be 100% complete. It is anticipated that the bid package and the Board Agenda Item to move forward with formal solicitation of bids for construction will be completed in Summer 2023 and go into construction early 2024.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

Investing in the improvement of the Wonder Valley Community Center is essential for fostering community engagement, expanding educational opportunities, promoting health and wellness, enriching local culture, driving economic development, and empowering youth. These enhancements will create a thriving and inclusive community, where individuals can grow, connect, and contribute to a brighter future for everyone involved.

Currently, the community center offers quality programs and special nonprofit events for all residents such as:

- Art Classes
- Food Distribution
- Friends of Wonder Valley Talks
- Local Town Meetings
- Library
- 3D Printing (Coming Soon)

The Wonder Valley Community Center is accessible to the public and programs and services will be advertised on the CSA 70 - Wonder Valley website, social media accounts, and to residents in the area.

#### Use of Evidence:

Several studies have been conducted that show the positive impact of community centers on communities. "The Role of Community Centre-based Arts, Leisure and Social Activities in Promoting Adult Well-being and Healthy Lifestyles" (2013): This study found that group-based activities in community centers are associated with improvements in health and wellbeing of adults who experience poor health and other forms of social disadvantage.

In 2017, a survey conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) found that more than half of all Americans agree recreation centerers should offer a variety of services, such as healthy living classes, programming directed toward older adults, nature-based activities, arts and crafts opportunities, access to computers and the internet, inclusive facilities for all abilities and needs, and health clinics. The ARPA funding would allow for the facilities to be improved and for additional programming to occur.

#### Performance Report:

The project is still in the development phase; therefore, usage data will be provided after the completion of the upgrades to the Wonder Valley Community Center. The District will maintain logs that will track daily use of the facility, and an event calendar will be maintained to ensure the facility continues to support the needs of the community.





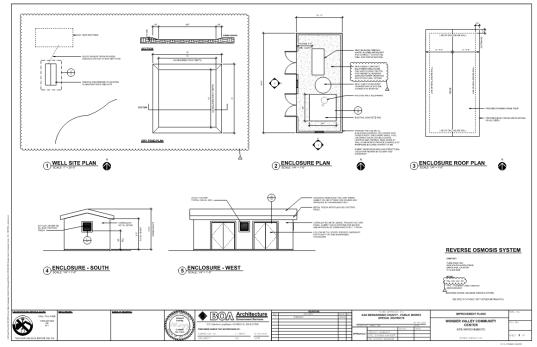
#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

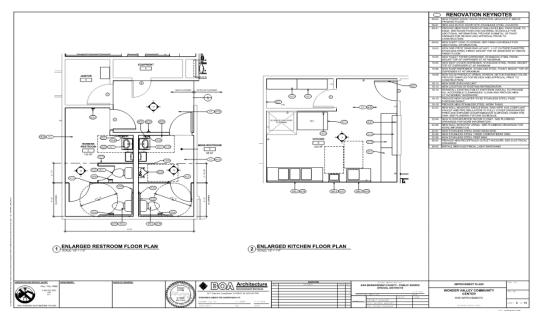
During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following progress was made:

- On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Plans and Specifications for the Project.
- On April 22, 2024, a Mandatory pre-bid meeting was conducted, and bids were due in June 2024.

The next milestones for the project are:

• Award Construction contract by early fiscal year 2024/2025.



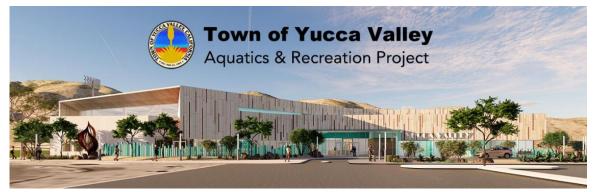


## 6.1 – Yucca Valley Aquatic and Recreation Center Project

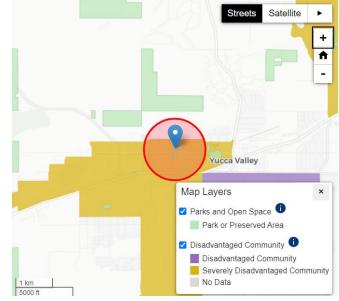
<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1014313 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$3,904,598.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

The Town of Yucca Valley (Town) was awarded a \$22 million grant from the State of California as a result of voter approval of the Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68). The purpose of the grant is to provide the Town with funding for the development of public facilities that will assist in achieving recreational projects, including aquatic and fitness centers. The Town was deemed eligible for the grant because the Town's master plan recommends construction of a community swimming pool and gymnasium facility. The Yucca Valley Aquatic and Recreational pool, gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, outdoor recreational and walking areas, and administrative offices. As of May 2024, the total estimated construction costs are \$41,000,000 and the additional funding from ARPA-CLFRF will be used for a portion of the costs for construction of the project.



The Town of Yucca Valley pivoted goals of this project to address negative impacts and disadvantages that were identified during the COVID-19 pandemic. These responses will provide resources for many demographics and age ranges and can ensure equitable distribution of those resources to Town community members. For instance, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most youth socialization was halted or restricted for children from school, sports, enrichment activities and contact with other children. The YVARC will include recreational and athletic youth programs that are essential to childhood development. This facility will also be utilized by households that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic; many households in this community are below the Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or receive



federal assistance that would qualify them as negatively impacted.

#### Project Demographic Distribution:

This project serves the public health of the general public impacted by COVID-19. It also brings assistance to households impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The YVARC facility will be located in census tract 104.27 and is directly located in a QCT serving a "Severely Disadvantaged" community and those that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

The park location is surrounded by low-income neighborhoods, as identified in the California State Park Community Fact Finder report. Within a half mile of the YVARC facility location there are approximately 188 individuals at or below the poverty line; 63 households without access to a car; 352 seniors; and 212 youth. Within the tract are several multi-family housing complexes and the existing Town's community sports parks. The community in the surrounding area is 5%

## California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

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

County	San Bernardino
City	Yucca Valley
Total Population	1,039
Youth Population	212
Senior Population	352
Households Without Access to a Car	63
Number of People in Poverty	188
Median Household Income	\$47,291
Per Capita Income	\$31,634
Park Acres	15.62
Park Acres per 1,000 Residents	15.03



Project ID: 112635 Coordinates: 34.1261, -116.4308 Date: 5/28/2024

#### REPORT BACKGROUND

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

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

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

Demographics—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2017-2021; Decennial 2020 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks—California Protected Areas Database 2022b CFF adjusted (1/2023) - more information at http://www.CALands.org. Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are further defined in this report: parksforcalifornia.org/park\_equity#parks\_data.

Users can send updated information on parks to <u>SCORP@parks.ca.gov</u>

nonwhite and 25% Hispanic or Latino. As of the 2020 United States Census the total population was 21,738, with 6.6% of households within the Town of Yucca Valley without healthcare coverage and 30.6% of households below the federal poverty level.



#### Uses of Funds:

The proposed Yucca Valley Aquatic and Recreation Center will be a year-round new aquatics and recreation facility consisting of three zones: a 10-lane, 25-yard by 25-meter, swim/lap competitive pool, zero-depth recreational pool, and exercise/therapy pool. Recreational pool features will include: a zero-depth entry, waterslide, and wet-play structure with multiple splash features. The Facility Plan features a 37,200 SF single story building with a 12,300 SF natatorium, 700 SF wet multi-purpose room, 1,450 SF multi-purpose activity room, 1,370 SF of offices, and a 9,250 SF gymnasium. Supporting these program elements are an 850 SF lobby and additional locker room, restroom, storage facilities, ground level parking, and a solar panel system.

Ongoing programs and services that are proposed to be included within the new facility include:

- Youth athletic classes and training
- Adult athletic classes and training
- League swimming and tournaments
- Senior health and wellness classes
- Family recreational open swim and gym activities
- Events, including facility rentals and holiday programs.
- Emergency Operations Center/Emergency Shelter
- After-school care programs and activities

Prior to the pandemic, the Town's community center and athletic fields provided locations for classes, athletic leagues, and unique events. The proposed centralized park location for the YVARC facility will ensure the building will become an essential resource across all Town demographics and will be vital to the development of the youth, family, and senior communities. In total, the Town has dedicated \$51,000,000 in funding available for use to ensure the successful completion of the project with a high-quality facility with the necessary resources available for use upon opening.

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The YV ARC project is a direct investment in the future of the Town's underserved community members and will ensure that all residents have access to beneficial parks and community programs. It will create and provide a centralized location for the community to gather, participate in health and fitness activities for all ages, and will encourage nearby schools, nonprofits, and community centers to hold educational and community building events. То address disparities and achieve equitable outcomes, the programs and facility will be purposefully designed with Disadvantaged Severely the community in mind, including free and low-cost services, opportunities for the community to gather and celebrate, recreation programs and



health & wellness classes. With the ARPA funded project, the Town will expand upon services, increase equitability with broader access, and accommodate the rising need from the community.

Providing these programs directly in the community where those that were disproportionally impacted by the pandemic addresses equal access and disparities while promoting equitable outcomes.

Critical to the success of reducing the disparities and creating equitable outcomes is promoting the services

that would be available and eliminating those barriers to access. Solutions presented to promote and remove those barriers include:

- Direct and in-person promotion of programs and services
- Offering multiple means of registering for programs or eliminating the need to register if possible.
- Offering low-cost or free services.
- Providing financial assistance for



participation in fee-based recreation and wellness programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

#### Use of Evidence:

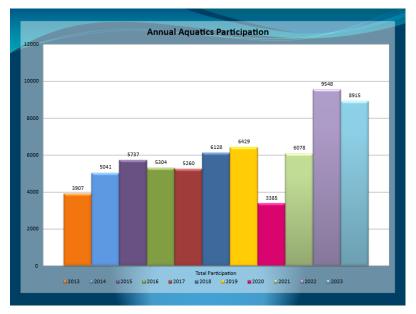
The YVARC facility will be a comprehensive facility providing indoor sports, recreation, and community center activities. Numerous published studies and surveys have gauged the effectiveness and importance of Community Centers – as they serve to bring a sense of belonging and community among residents. Additionally, having Community Centers available to residents makes access to services convenient, as well as raises awareness.

Furthermore, it promotes healthier social, mental, and physical health. Especially in today's climate, as communities are gradually shifting back into normalcy, community centers will serve as resources to disseminate information about services, but also encourage residents to partake in events and activities. The health and safety of the Town's residents is also of the utmost important and will be positively affected by the increased access and variety of programming offered in this facility that will be open year-round.

#### Performance Report:

The original Prop 68 Bond Grant funding was awarded to the Town of Yucca Valley due to the research and reporting provided within the Town's Park masterplan that identified the community's need for an aquatic and community recreation facility. The community has continued to communicate the demands for such programming and facility with current usage of the Town's current seasonal aquatics programs and community center programs.





The Town of Yucca Valley's current seasonal aquatics program provides high quality aquatics programming to residents of Yucca Valley and the Morongo Basin, offering American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes for vouth and promoting community health with water aerobics, fun swim, and lap swimming. In the early 2000's the Town invested in repairs and improvements to the Morongo Unified School District's pool at the Yucca Valley High School to ensure that the community's children have the option to learn lifesaving aquatics skills. The Town's policies, procedures, and programming reflect its commitment to provide easily

accessible and effective learn-to-swim classes for our community's youth. The current Aquatics Program runs 8 weeks each summer, June – August, participation data for 2023 is provided below. The 2024 program has been expanded to meet increasing demand with 2023 pool visitation averaging 229 patrons/day, generating 8,915 visits.

Learn-to-Swim Classes: 721 students, cost \$56 per person

Water Aerobics: 558 participants, cost \$2 per person

Lap Swim: 693 participants, cost \$3 per person

Fun Swim: 1873 participants, cost \$3 per person

In addition to an indoor aquatic's facility, the YVARC will also provide an indoor gymnasium and multipurpose rooms. The Town currently utilizes its existing Community Center building for the current health and wellness classes and event programs and contracts with the existing Hi-Desert Boys and Girls Club gym for seasonal basketball programming. Below are samples of the 2023-2024 program classes and participation:

#### **Stretch N Tone**

Tu, Wed, Thurs/9a-10a Participation average 58-83 per month (primarily seniors) Residency Cost \$3 per class

#### **CPR** Certification Course

Tu or Sat Classes offered monthly Participation average: 6 per class (max capacity/classes sell out) Cost \$25

#### **Adaptive Sports**

Wed 3:30p & 4:30p

Participation average: 24 per month Cost \$5 per class

#### Hi/Lo Fitness Class

Thurs 5:30p Participation average: 12 per class Cost \$10 per class

#### **Adult Pilates**

Mon 5:30p Participation average: 12 per class Cost \$40 4wk session/\$12 drop-in

#### Youth Basketball Clinics

Seasonal for children in grades 3-8 Participation average: 25 per clinic Cost \$75 per 4-day clinic

#### Youth Volleyball Clinic

Seasonal for children in grades 4-8 Participation average: 24-36 per clinic Cost \$75 per clinic

The proposed YVARC facility will be open year-round, with programming designed to meet the current needs of the program's participants and create new programs. The metrics for expansion will be tracked through registration and attendance records upon opening.

Key Indicators:

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

While participation levels already exceed prepandemic levels, the Town will seek to increase participation levels every year, especially by those individuals living in those identified "Disadvantaged" and "Severely Disadvantaged" areas. In addition, the Town will seek to increase participant satisfaction every year. Participation data will be collected through registration and attendance records.



## 7: Administrative

#### 7.1 – ARPA Administration

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1100001078 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$5,796,695.51 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

Project Overview/Project Description:

From its onset and acceptance of the ARPA funds, the County of San Bernardino set forth to build a robust plan and foundation for management of funds. During the initial steps and determination and categorization of funds, the Board of Supervisors allotted 11,000,000 - 3% of total County ARPA allocation to Government Operation category. This category was designed to encompass a range of expenses pertaining to feasibility studies, software, and data management services, and most importantly operation and administrative expenses.

In previous reports, the County reported some of these projects independently under the 7.1 category, nevertheless, it's noteworthy that the funding provided for each project is essentially from the \$11,000,000.00 Government Operation account. You can learn more about these projects in their descriptions in the following pages.

Project/Expense	Funding	<b>Project ID</b>
	Amount	
7.1 – ARPA Reporting Software	\$75,000.00	1012314
7.1 – Regional Parks Wi-Fi Feasibility Project	\$300,000.00	1012468
7.1 – Wastewater Needs Assessment – Feasibility	\$150,000.00	1012315
7.1 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting	\$200,000.00	1011946
7.1 – Yorba Slaughter Adobe Utility Analysis	\$56,298.00	1013578

In addition to the list above, the County has additional administrative projects in this category, including auditing and consulting services, ARPA staff salaries and benefits, additional Wi-Fi feasibility projects and more.

Please note that due to recategorization of funds, and utilization of the Revenue Loss, the Government Operation category will now encompass both expenditure categories 7: Administrative, and 6: Revenue Replacement. Nevertheless, thus far, only \$11,000,000 (3% of total funds) is allotted for administrative expenses.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024, the ARPA administrative team continued its efforts in advancing the various ARPA funded projects and their developments. The feasibility studies have advanced – and description for each is provided individually within its own section. Many of the studies have closed out or will be concluding in the coming fiscal year.

## 7.1 – ARPA Reporting Software

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012314 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$75,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

#### Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

#### Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The County has extended its contract with Crowe LLC for one more year for its ARPA Reporting Software. By the end of calendar year 2023, the County will reassess and determine if they deem it necessary to extend the contract further, based on use, and effectiveness.

#### Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024, the County utilized the software for producing reports, however the team determined that renewing the contract is no longer deemed necessary, thus the contract will not be extended beyond 2024.

# 7.1 – Regional Parks Wi-Fi Feasibility Project

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1012468 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$300,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

Project Overview/Project Description:



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

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

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

#### Uses of Funds:

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

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



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park to participate in park programs such as animal, trails, amenity, and plant identification; or to communicate for both personal and professional business.

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

#### Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

#### Labor Practices:

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



## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

On February 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Capital Improvement Program for the Regional Park Wi-Fi Internet Access Project in the amount of \$2,000,000. Of that amount, \$1,700,000 will be used

for the design and construction of the wireless network for the Regional Park Wi-Fi Project: PIN: 1013581. The remaining funds will be used to conduct feasibility studies at four additional Regional Parks to determine the scope of work at each facility.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

This project is still in planning and design and therefore there are no performance measures to report. On Feb. 28, 2023, The Board of Supervisors approved an item allowing Project and Facilities Management Department to solicit for design and construction proposals at Prado Park to procure and install mounting poles, wireless networking equipment, along with the associated electrical work, and coordinate with the Innovation and Technology Department (ITD) for testing, initiation, and support of Wi-Fi service.

A feasibility Study is currently being conducted and anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2024. It is projected that the Prado project will cost approximately \$1,700,000. The remaining \$300,000 will be utilized at the other Parks listed in the Recommendation to conduct Wi-Fi feasibility studies.

# 7.1 – Wastewater Needs Assessment - Feasibility

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

# Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

As a component of the Wastewater Needs Assessment – Feasibility project, Kennedy Communications, Inc. has engaged with several public agencies regarding project feasibility. These discussions have focused on potential long-term operation and maintenance agreements and project scopes. At this time, the County hasn't entered into any contractual agreements related to the work performed by Kennedy Communications, Inc. Nevertheless, once infrastructure projects are selected, various labor practices, including prevailing wages, will be incorporated into vendor agreements related to these projects.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

Kennedy Consulting, Inc. continued to provide consulting services to the County, particularly with regard to a proposed septic-to-sewer conversion project in partnership with the City of San Bernardino. However, due to the proposed project area being located in a historically disadvantaged community, the project will most likely qualify for state funding designated for low-income communities.

The vendor continues to provide consulting services to the County on an as-needed basis. This consulting is focused on evaluating the feasibility of proposed septic-to-sewer conversion projects.

# 7.1 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1011946 <u>Funding Amount:</u> \$155,416.67 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

## Project Overview/Project Description:

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

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

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

## Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Update:

The County's contractual agreement for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis and Consulting project with Local Equity LLC expired November 17, 2022. This partnership resulted in the creation of an ArcGIS mapping tool that contains numerous data layers, including existing water and sewer infrastructure, medically underserved areas, disadvantaged communities, groundwater threats, and food deserts. In addition, the contractor prepared a 77-page report that identifies unincorporated areas of the County that are best-suited for water and sewer infrastructure projects.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The County's contractual agreement with Local Equity LLC. expired November 17, 2022. However, the work product that was created as a result of this vendor agreement continues to serve as a resource for identifying potential areas of the County for infrastructure investment.

# 7.1 – Yorba Slaughter Adobe Utility Analysis

<u>Project Identification Number:</u> 1013578 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$56,298.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 7.1, Administrative Expenses

# Project Overview/Project Description:

The Yorba Slaughter Adobe (YSA), located in an unincorporated area outside of Chino, is maintained and operated by the San Bernardino County Museum. The structure is one of the oldest standing adobe residences in San Bernardino County and is a designated California State Historical Landmark. Constructed in the early 1850s, the YSA was purchased by then-California State Assemblymember Fenton M. Slaughter in 1868. Slaughter lived in the home until his passing in 1897.

The YSA is currently open to visitors who are interested in learning about the early settlers of San Bernardino County. In addition, facility staff frequently provide guided tours to students who are studying California history.

In an effort to provide improved public amenities, the County intends to use ARPA funding to conduct a utility analysis of the facility. Currently, YSA doesn't connect to a municipal sanitary sewer system, nor does it have the capability of providing high-speed internet to visitors. This analysis will assist the County in developing a cost estimate and scope of work for the necessary improvements. The overarching objective of this project is to enhance the user experience and ensure the long-term viability of the facility.

On February 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$56,298 to conduct the utility analysis. An on-call vendor was selected in accordance with federal, state, and local procurement requirements and is in the process of finalizing the study. If it is determined the proposed utility improvements align with the County's stated priorities, additional funding will be provided to the project at a later date.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The feasibility study to determine the cost for establishing sewer and broadband infrastructure was completed. However, due to a state requirement that is necessary due to Proposition 70, the County is awaiting state approval of an amended land use plan before this project can proceed.

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

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

# Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

On October 14, 2022, San Bernardino County (County) accepted \$12,000,000 from the United States Department of the Treasury, Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act.

The County's goal with all programs and initiatives is to promote an equitable outcome for the community at large, especially those historically unserved and underserved. After acceptance of funds, the County immediately began planning for an effective strategy for utilization of funds. Given the County's extensive efforts around homeless initiatives, \$8,800,000 of funds were allocated to the Office of Homeless Services, and Community Development and Housing Department for expansion and extension of social programs and services, as well as capital projects and development of new housing facilities.

The County is developing a plan for the remaining \$3,200,000 and evaluating potential ideas.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

The County is still evaluating and developing a plan for the remaining \$3,200,000, to ensure it is allocated appropriately.

# **<u>1: Government Services</u>**

# **1.4 – Project RoomKey Extension – Office of Homeless Services**

<u>Cost Center Number:</u> 110-612-1077 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$3,800,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 1.4, Social Services

Project Overview/Project Description:

Project Roomkey was an initiative developed by the State of California to provide safe isolation capacity for the unsheltered homeless in order to protect them from COVID-19. Individuals without stable housing not only face greater difficulty taking preventative actions, but they are often in poorer health than other residents. Unsheltered persons at higher risk of acquiring the disease include those who are 65 years of age and older, persons of any age with underlying health conditions (i.e. heart disease, lung disease, immunocompromised, diabetes, kidney and liver disease), and pregnant women.

Project Demographic Distribution:

Included below is the demographic breakdown of Project RoomKey program participants – based on 7/1/2022 - 6/29/2023 data. It is anticipated the program will support the same distribution of clients in the next reporting period.

	Race			Gender				
• White - 889				Adults:				
•	• Black, African American, or African - 511			• Male - 527				
•	• Asian or Asian American - 21			male - 621				
•	• American Indian, Alaska Native, or			• No Single Gender - 1				
	Indigenous - 29			estioning - 1				
•	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	r - 4	• Tra	ansgender - 1				
•	• Multiple Races - 52			tal - 1151				
•	Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused - 16							
•	• Data Not Collected - 20			Children				
•	• Total - 1542			• Male - 214				
				• Female - 169				
				• No Single Gender - 1				
				• Data Not Collected - 2				
				• Total - 386				
		Ir	come					
			at Start	Income at Latest Annual	Income at Exit			
				Assessment for Stayers	for Leavers			
-	No Income		1	0	368			
	\$1 - \$150			0	1			
	\$151 - \$250			0	5			
\$25	\$251 - \$500			0	20			

More data will follow in future reports as it becomes available.

\$501 - \$1,000	168	1	139
\$1,001 - \$1,500	210	0	159
\$1,501 - \$2,000	75	0	49
\$2,001+	136	1	86
Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	2	0	2
Data Not Collected	39	0	29
Number of adult stayers not yet		273	
required to have an annual assessment		215	
Number of adult stayers without		18	
required annual assessment		10	
Total Adults	1151	293	858

# Uses of Funds:

The goal of Project Roomkey was to secure a minimum of 15,000 rooms statewide for the purpose of providing homeless individuals most vulnerable to COVID-19 with safe housing to help minimize the spread of the virus within our communities while ensuring ongoing public safety. Through this funding, the County can continue to support to Roomkey initiative in its effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 and address the needs of the most vulnerable individuals living within our communities, the County, local jurisdictions and housing service providers collaborated to implement a hotel/motel program through the Project Roomkey model to provide temporary housing for persons experiencing homelessness who are most at-risk of contracting COVID-19.

# Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

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

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

BIPOC remains a group that still has difficulties accessing benefits and services. This is due to societal infrastructure that has created distrust in governmental services. Efforts must continue in these communities to ensure that people who are engaging in essential activities of life while experiencing homelessness will not be criminalized, sanctioned, or penalized.

## Use of Evidence:

Local Providers engage in the following evidence-based practices, promising practices and emerging practices for all services related to this project:

- Housing First
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)
- Harm Reduction
- Diversion
- Service Integration

# Performance Report:

Program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports. Currently the hotel/motels in operation are housing eighty homeless individuals.

# Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the County's Project RoomKey Extension spent a total of \$2,920,898.89 on five vendors that provided housing, food, laundry services, and security services for unhoused individuals. The remaining \$879,101.11 of LATCF funding allocated to Project RoomKey Extension is budgeted for housing and planned to be fully expended by the end of Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

# **<u>2: Capital Expenditures</u>**

# 2.5 – New Housing Production – Community Development and Housing

<u>Cost Center Number:</u> 110-621-1077 <u>Funding Amount</u>: \$5,000,000.00 <u>Project Expenditure Category</u>: 2.5, Housing

Project Overview/Project Description:

On March 28, 2023, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the County Homeless Initiatives Spending Plan to direct \$72,700,000 for a multi-faceted approach for the Homeless Strategic Action Plan. The Homeless Initiatives Spending Plan allocated \$20 million of funding to establish a housing development grant fund to accelerate the production of new housing units to address and prevent homelessness; of this \$20 million dollar allocation, \$5 million dollars is from ARPA-LACF funding. The Fund is designed to accelerate the production of housing units to respond to homelessness and to expand the capacity of the homeless system of care.

## Project Demographic Distribution:

This project will provide housing and services to the population disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and experiencing homelessness. Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino has increased 30% during the pandemic period and the County currently lacks sufficient emergency shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units to house the unsheltered population.

"The results of the 2023 San Bernardino County Homeless Point in Time Count, announced last week, showed homelessness had increased 26 percent during the past year. A total of 4,195 homeless individuals were counted of which 2,976 individuals were unsheltered." <sup>80</sup>

The below numbers, based on 2023 Continuum of Care Homeless Count and Survey – Final Report<sup>81</sup>, provide an outlook on the County's homeless population by race, gender, and the overall increase in the homeless population, and thus the need for enhanced and improved services.

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2022 Homeless Count	944	2,389	3,333
2023 Homeless Count	1,219	2,976	4,195
Difference	+275 (+29.1%)	+587 (24.6%)	+862 (25.9%)

	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Accompanied Children Under Age 18 in Families	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	2,087	70.8	6	54.5	8	47.1
Female	834	28.3	5	45.5	8	47.1
Transgender	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming	15	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unknown	9	0.3	0	0.0	1	5.8
Total:	2,948	100	11	100	17	100

	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Accompanied Children Under Age 18 in Families	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian, Alaska						
Native, or Indigenous	106	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American	35	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Black, African American,						
or African	590	20.0	2	18.2	10	58.8
Native Hawaiian or						
Other Pacific Islander	35	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
White	1,468	49.8	4	36.4	4	23.5
Multiple Races	528	17.9	5	45.4	2	11.8
Unknown	186	6.3	0	0.0	1	5.9
Total:	2,948	100	11	100	17	100

# Uses of Funds:

The Department of Community Development and Housing will solicit applications from city and nonprofit partners with eligible housing projects currently in development. Eligible projects can include:

Emergency shelters which are defined as any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements, non-congregate emergency shelter if it is a fixed, permanent site, and or permanent Supportive Housing Affordable Housing targeted to 80% area median income or below.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

The Housing Development fund will expand housing options for residents experiencing homelessness through the creation of new housing units and shelter beds. Current local data indicates that African American residents, LGBTQ youth and those with mental health disabilities are disproportionately represented in the homeless population. The expansion of housing options will provide a pathway to housing stability and greater wellness for these residents.

## Use of Evidence:

The need for housing and the prioritization of projects is based on data included in the San Bernardino County 2023 Homeless Count Report. Per the report, 4,195 adults and children were found to be homeless in 2023, the 2022 count identified 3,333 homeless persons. A comparison of last two counts reveals that: 862 more persons were counted in 2023, which represents an increase of 25.9%; 587 more persons were counted as unsheltered in 2023 when compared to the unsheltered count in 2022, which represents an increase of 24.6%; and 275 more persons were counted as sheltered in 2023 when compared to the sheltered count in 2022, which represents an increase of 29.1%. Funded projects will institute best practices such as housing first, trauma informed care, wrap around services, workforce development and economic supports.

# Performance Report:

Program/project data and metrics will be furnished in future reports. The County will continue to track and monitor services and their utilization.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Update:

During fiscal year 2023/2024, the County initially planned to spend the \$5,000,000.00 allocated to this cause on a project which would acquire and convert an existing motel into a 120-bed interim housing facility tailored to the needs of the chronically homeless population. However, during the project's review phase an alternate funding source was selected.

There are currently no housing development projects identified to be funded by the \$5,000,000.00 LATCF allocated at this time. For a project to be funded by LATCF, it is evaluated by readiness, other funds committed, and scope.