

Allen County, Indiana
Recovery Plan

**State and Local
Fiscal Recovery Funds**

March 3 – December 2021 Report

Executive Summary

Allen County, Indiana (the “County”) received 50% of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funds (“Recovery Funds”) allocation in late May 2021. The other 50% of Recovery Funds are expected in or around May 2022. In total, the County expects to receive just over \$73,000,000. As the SLFRF Final Rules were released in January 2022, the County has a clearer idea of how Recovery Funds may be used. While no definitive plan has been developed, the County intends to be strategic and targeted in its use of Recovery Funds with particular focus on Negative Economic Impacts and Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure.

Uses of Funds

The County has not developed a definitive plan for the use of Recovery Funds. However, there are a handful of Expenditure Categories in which the County has a natural bent toward assistance.

Public Health (EC 1) – The Allen County Department of Health has been on the front lines of keeping the County safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly through contact tracing and testing, but also by operating a vaccination site. The ongoing need to operate a free, no symptoms necessary testing site is probably an area the County will look to spend Recovery Funds.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2) – The County has been approached by small businesses, non-profits, and other government units expressing a need for financial assistance due to COVID-19. The difficulty for the County is pinpointing the best use of Recovery Funds to aid negative economic impacts. Many businesses, non-profits, and households have weathered the pandemic quite well. Identifying those in need and targeting assistance is a challenge that needs addressed.

Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5) – The County believes this is a significant area of focus for Recovery Funds due to the community-wide impact that can be had with infrastructure projects. Broadband, in particular, has been something the County has been actively studying since the start of the pandemic. Large swaths of rural Allen County lack adequate broadband to facilitate Work from Home for adults or E-Learning/Distance Learning for students. Not to mention the wide availability of Telemedicine that became available during the pandemic and will be a new norm for many moving forward. The County expects significant state and federal money to be available for Broadband and will seek to leverage every dollar possible.

Revenue Replacement (EC 6) – While no decision has been made on utilizing Recovery Funds for lost revenue, using the Department of Treasury’s formula, the County would be eligible for over \$11,000,000 in revenue replacement for the year 2020 alone. The provision of government services never stopped during the pandemic, and in some areas increased.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The County understands that Recovery Funds are expected to bear in mind equitable outcomes. As there is no definitive plan for the use of Recovery Funds yet, there are not particular goals or outcomes that have been identified.

Community Engagement

The County understands that Recovery Funds are expected to be developed having received feedback from the community. As there is no definitive plan or draft plan for the use of Recovery Funds yet, this step has not yet been completed. It is an important step, and attention will be paid to feedback generated from reaching out to constituents, non-profits, and small businesses.

Labor Practices

No specific infrastructure plans have been identified.

Use of Evidence

As there is no definitive plan for the Use of Recovery Funds yet, it is not possible to report on whether Recovery Funds are being used for evidence-based interventions and/or if projects are being evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	0	0
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	0	0
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	0	0
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	0	0
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	0	0
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	0	0
7	Administrative and Other	0	0

Project Inventory

There are no projects to describe during this reporting period.

Performance Report

The County's determination of key performance indicators for any major projects funded with Recovery Funds will be forthcoming.

Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)

Not applicable to Allen County.