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<b>12Project/Category</b>		<b>As of 4/25/24 Appropriations</b>	<b>As of 4/25/24 Expenditure</b>	<b>As of 4/25/24 Obligation</b>
<b>Public Health</b>				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program	399,949.66	399,949.66	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	66,362.57	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,488,618.85	3,404,630.19	83,988.66
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	54,250.98	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,600,361.39	1,422,878.16	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	185,406.39	185,406.39	0.00
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	290,060.11	230,088.02	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Public Health</b>		<b>6,481,742.09</b>	<b>6,160,298.11</b>	<b>86,488.66</b>
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R210d	Habitat for Humanity	610,000.00	610,000.00	0.00

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R210e	ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects	3,000,000.00	748,622.88	2,251,377.12
R210f	Harcum House	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	18,278.01	18,278.01	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	146,829.87	146,829.87	0.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	286,854.84	112,500.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	96,700.00	96,700.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts</b>		5,526,803.88	3,162,281.60	2,363,877.12
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
<b>Premium Pay</b>				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
<b>Subtotal Premium Pay</b>		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
<b>Infrastructure</b>				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	598,480.00	444,480.86	105,729.68
R52b	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00

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R52c	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Regional Lift Station	2,761,835.85	0.00	2,761,835.85
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	894,729.11	800,318.61	0.00
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	100,805.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	431,557.67	181,442.33
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	834,000.00	456,309.05	377,690.95
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Infrastructure</b>		<b>7,093,939.99</b>	<b>2,773,366.19</b>	<b>4,176.698.81</b>
<b>Revenue Loss</b>				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	369,959.32	687.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	337,984.72	337,984.72	0.00
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	372,221.42	2,778.58
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	572,433.00	537,899.50	34,533.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	543,820.85	543,820.85	0.00
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,763,530.00	2,471,708.96	253,169.65
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	486,110.43	280,437.03	54,458.73

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R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	197,657.97	2,342.03
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
<b>R61l</b>	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>R61m</b>	Engineer's Radios	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
<b>R61n</b>	Auditor Printers	4,357.66	4,357.66	0.00
<b>R61o</b>	Auditor Copiers	11,893.30	11,983.30	0.00
<b>R61p</b>	Bremen ADA Ramps	26,954.00	26,954.00	0.00
<b>R61q</b>	Transportation School Education Vehicles	38,357.90	38,357.90	0.00
<b>R517a</b>	Beavers Field Utilities	37,346.77	36,606.46	0.00
<b>Revenue Loss</b>		9,582,277.98	8,043,701.94	347,969.67
<b>Administration</b>				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	603,677.31	338,017.99	0.00
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>		603,677.31	338,017.99	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$29,355,902.97</b>	<b>\$20,545,127.55</b>	<b>\$6,972,534.26</b>

***There are multiple projects under review in addition to the projects already approved.***

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**The county will be using a community visioning process to inform final decisions and prepare for the second tranche, as well as prepare for broad community goals, beyond the fiscal recovery program.** We expect a report for the community strategic plan by the end of 2021. The county will be using the theme of Fairfield Forward for strategic planning. There are two main uses that stand out for Fairfield County's fiscal recovery:

1. Responding to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
2. Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

As we think about the first purpose, we are required to:

- Identify a need or negative impact of the public health emergency,
- Identify how the county investment would specifically address that need, and
- Readily explain how the investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption.

### **Project Listing**

#### **Public Health**

R15a	Public Health, PPE
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medical Costs County Benefits Program
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic
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R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health

#### **Negative Economic Impacts**

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### **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan
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### **Infrastructure**

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R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, the Grant Hampton Project
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, Airport
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, Greenfield Subdistrict
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R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects

### **Revenue Loss**

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R71a                      Administrative Expenses

### **Project Summaries - Public Health**

**Project Name – Public Health, PPE**

**Project Identification Number – R15a**

**Expenditure Category – 1.5**

**Project Description –** This project is to account for personal protective equipment. It includes the purchase of masks, gloves, and supplies for safeguarding measures. The need for PPE has arisen based on the impact of the public health emergency. Some supplies are on-hand, but additional supplies are anticipated. The county investment specifically addresses the need by providing PPE; the investment helps the county respond to the disease by improving safeguarding measures.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name – Public Health, Medical Expenses**

**Project Identification Number – R16a**

**Expenditure Category – 1.6**

**Project Description –** This project is to account for uses of ARP fiscal recovery funds for reimbursement of COVID-19 medical expenses within the county self-funded insurance fund, representing public health responses to the COVID-19 pandemic; these uses are part of the public health response because maintaining the health of county workers is imperative to being able to provide an effective local response to the pandemic; this is the specific need that has arisen from the pandemic; the county investment specifically addresses this need arising from the pandemic by supporting the county health benefit plan to address COVID-19 health related needs of county workers and will allow the county health benefit plan to address future needs associated with long-term effects of the disease, including continuing care for employees who have had COVID-19 or for employees who become infected in the future.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name – Public Health, Medical Expenses**

**Project Identification Number – R16b**

**Expenditure Category – 1.6**

**Project Description –** This project is to account for uses of ARP fiscal recovery funds for reimbursement of COVID-19 medical expenses within the county self-funded insurance fund, representing public health responses to the COVID-19 pandemic; these uses are part of the public health response because maintaining the health of county workers is imperative to being able to provide an effective local response to the pandemic; this is the specific need that has arisen from the pandemic; the county investment specifically addresses this need arising from the pandemic by supporting the county health benefit plan to address COVID-19 health related needs of county workers and will allow the county health benefit plan to address future needs associated with long-term effects of the disease, including continuing care for employees who have had COVID-19 or for employees who become infected in the future.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name – Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses**

**Project Identification Number – R17a**

**Expenditure Category – 1.7**

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**Project Description** – This project is to support leasing additional space (and related adaptations) for the Board of Health. It is a type of COVID-19 response, mitigation, and prevention activity: The Health Commissioner certified the new space (and adapting and implementing the new space) with a lease amendment was a type of COVID-19 response, mitigation, and prevention activity. A broad range of services are needed to contain COVID-19, including the conduct of vaccination programs; medical care; testing; contact tracing; support for isolation or quarantine; supports for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services; public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants); enforcement of public health orders; public communication efforts; enhancement of public health data systems; and other public health responses which directly or indirectly support the fight against COVID-19. For example, vaccinations for other diseases will help keep the public healthy and promote stronger immunity systems to fight the disease. The Health Department needed to move the vaccination clinic from the fairgrounds and mall to the Health Department offices. The additional space is being used in part for the clinic and in part for activities that are connected to public health which were displaced due to the need of the space for the clinic. The space changes were needed because of the move of the clinic. Also, adaptations (such as

wiring, flooring, and furniture, fixtures, and equipment) for the leased public space are included for COVID-19 mitigation tactics.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County

**Project Identification Number** – R17b

**Expenditure Category** – 1.7

**Project Description** – This project includes expenditures as a response to the public health emergency for capital investments to improve public safeguarding, distancing, and remote work, such as improvements in technology to allow for social distancing and remote services for the public. Investments include conference room equipment and *key technology* and software purchases for multiple public departments to allow for improved response, public safety, safeguarding, electronic filing, searching, communications and essential services. The category also includes building improvements and the purchase of general assets for facilities (such as a tent) and minor improvements for facilities to allow for safeguarding measures, such as distancing or the provision of services in outdoor spaces.

**Status of Completion** – Completed more than 50 percent

**Project Name** – Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements

**Project Identification Number** – R17c

**Expenditure Category** – 1.7

**Project Description** – This project addresses the need to improve air disinfection in public buildings, specifically in the buildings of Utilities and Developmental Disabilities, which have not yet received air disinfection equipment (as other buildings received from the CARES Act purchases) and have a need to improve air quality. Improvements in air quality management have been shown to be helpful in the measures to combat the spread of COVID19 and other diseases that are caused by airborne viruses; the county issued a request for proposals to survey the current market for appropriate methods, and records of the request for proposal are filed with the Facilities Management Department; the investment for the winning proposal was \$56,674, with such investment addresses the specific need as the county will be more prepared to improve air quality with the equipment; the investment helps the county respond to the disease by allowing for improved safeguarding measures.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, a Mobile Morgue



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**Project Identification Number – R17d**

**Expenditure Category – 1.7**

**Project Description –** The American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID19; one lesson from the pandemic was how there is an impact to the health system when there is an increased number of decedents; in 2020, EMA documented two reported instances where morgue capacity in the county was critically low; funeral home services were often backlogged and not able to take any decedents to alleviate room in the morgues, and funeral homes have indicated they would not be able to decedents in the future; the need for a mobile morgue exists as a direct result of the public health emergency; county EMA will research available mobile morgue units and evaluate costs from quotes obtained; such investment addresses the specific need as the county will have a mobile morgue and will be more prepared to address a potential increase in the number of decedents; the investment helps the county respond to the disease by allowing for improved response measures.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name –** Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence

**Project Identification Number – R17e**

**Expenditure Category – 1.7**

**Project Description –** The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has identified a need arising from the pandemic, with the need being an additional supervisor and cruiser relating to reassignment of staff to the northwestern

portion of the county that has experienced an increase in violence associated with the pandemic. The new supervisor position and vehicle will be directly focused on advancing community policing and law enforcement strategies in the northwestern portion of the county, where an increase in gun violence has been experienced.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name –** Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health

**Project Identification Number – R18a**

**Expenditure Category – 1.8**

**Project Description –** This project supported the Board of Health, a separate political subdivision, with professional communication services for outreach to the public about COVID vaccination clinics and protocols. The services began on March 3, 2021. While the project is completed as of the September 30, 2021, report date, the county is willing to re-open the project if the Board of Health requests additional support in this category.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name –** Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)

**Project Identification Number – R18b**

**Expenditure Category – 1.8**

**Project Description –** This project is for a subgrant to the Fairfield County Board of Health, a separate political subdivision, and is designed to support the Board of Health and its creation of a 2022 Community Health Assessment report and the development, with community partners, of a Community Health Improvement Plan to address health issues. The project will provide essential data collection and planning that will be used as a response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name –** Public Safety Payroll Support

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**Expenditure Category – 1.9**

**Project Description –** This project includes approved public safety payroll support expenditures, documented with attestation of the County Sheriff, opinion of the County Prosecutor and certification of the County Auditor. Position descriptions and assignments of 100 FTEs primarily addressing the public health emergency from March 13, 2021, through April 23, 2021, are available. The expenditures for March 12, 2021, through April 23, 2021, were accounted for with memo transactions, based on the timing of the US Treasury guidance. The project also includes additional public safety payroll support connected with the effort to address gun violence. These expenditures will be documented in an authorizing resolution and will be paid directly from the American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery fund.

**Status of Completion –** Completed more than 50 percent

**Project Name –** Public Health Payroll Support

**Project Identification Number –** R19b

**Expenditure Category – 1.9**

**Project Description –** This project is for a subgrant to the Fairfield County Board of Health, a separate political subdivision for 2021 and 2022. Payroll and related expenditures for public health employees hired as a response to the public health emergency are included. The deliverables and goals are evaluated periodically. Position descriptions and payroll reports are available for documentation. Examples of hires for the project are

an epidemiologist and a public health educator/public information officer. Two FTEs are included in the subgrant.

**Status of Completion –** Completed

**Project Name –** Other Public Sector Payroll Support

**Project Identification Number –** R19c

**Expenditure Category – 1.9**

**Project Description –** This project is to account for public sector payroll support for county employees, other than public safety for the County Sheriff. This is for the Fairfield County political subdivision. Payroll and related expenditures for public sector employees working on responses to the public health emergency are included. An example is public sector payroll support addressing court backlogs. As of September 15, 2021, nine FTEs are included with effort to address Domestic Relations Court backlogs. One employee is a new employee hired specifically to address the backlog, while eight others have increased hours from 35 to 40 in order to address the backlog. An additional public sector employee will address needs arising from pandemic based on an increase of substance abuse cases within protective services.

**Status of Completion –** Completed more than 50 percent

**Project Name –** Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services

**Project Identification Number –** R110a

**Expenditure Category – 1.10**

**Project Description –** This project is for the county to contract for professional mental health and related behavioral health services to address needs arising from the pandemic. An example is how the Fairfield County Juvenile Court has identified a need based on the increase in truancy directly related to the public health emergency; the county investment with ARP funds specifically addresses the truancy related need that has arisen from the public health emergency with the investment in professional services with mental health service provider, Ohio Guidestone. In this case, the county investment will specifically address the need by

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providing expanded early identification and prevention services for children and youth who are struggling with attendance, behavior, and grades. Evidence-based approaches will be used whenever possible. The investment helps the county respond to the disease or harmful economic consequences or the economic disruption by providing a direct response and support to children and youth who are suffering from the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Additional contracted mental and behavioral health services for families could be included in this project. As of September 30, 2021, less than \$50,000 is expected to be used.

**Status of Completion – Cancelled**

### **Project Summaries - Negative Economic Impacts**

**Project Name –** Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster

**Project Identification Number –** R210a

**Expenditure Category –** 2.10

**Project Description –** The county received multiple reports about the need for support for non-profit organizations, and the City of Lancaster (the county seat) is organizing some of its share of ARP funds to specifically help non-profit organizations who have been impacted by the public health emergency. The City of Lancaster desires to serve as the point of contact for the effort to assist non-profit organizations, and Fairfield County is a partner in the effort, sharing resources to support the approach so that all non-profits will be able to participate as long as they are eligible for the funding and purposes meet the ARP guidelines. The City of Lancaster will maintain records on the eligibility of the funds and will monitor the activity and help the non-profit organizations with reporting. A subgrant with the City of Lancaster is anticipated. The funding will help solve problems that have arisen from the pandemic and its negative effects; the county investment specifically addresses the need by sharing funds to identify solutions with respect to problems arising from the pandemic, such as recruitment and retention of employees. The effort will respond to the significant negative economic impact in lost opportunities or increased demands in the non-profit community, allowing for all non-profits to participate not only those within the City of Lancaster.

**Status of Completion –** Cancelled

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The program is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Any services provided for businesses located within a Qualified Census Tract will be identified. It is not expected that a majority of the services will be in QCTs.

**Project Name –** Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to The Lighthouse

**Project Identification Number –** R210b

**Expenditure Category –** 2.10

**Project Description –**The Lighthouse has a need arising from the public health emergency, and that need is for case management and supervisory services based on increased referrals of domestic violence, which are now dramatically increasing based on the effects of the pandemic. Referrals to the non-profit organization had waned while there were periods of shutdowns or stay-at-home orders. Beginning February 2020, and running through August 2021, in-shelter client numbers dropped dramatically. The number of clients per month dropped to just under four from 17. Now, the stay-at-home orders have been lifted, and referrals are increasing as contact with stakeholders and those who can make referrals increase. Since September 2021, the Fairfield County Lighthouse has experienced an increase of 75.6% in its caseload, consistent with trends reported throughout Ohio. There has also been a negative impact of the public health emergency in that there are fewer donations from the private sector and there are fewer resources with non-profit funders, such as the Fairfield County United Way, which has seen a significant drop in its available resources for local support. This year, the Lighthouse lost \$44,500 based on reduced contributions to the United Way. The Lighthouse is attempting to maintain a 24/7 crisis service and is limited with its resources, and the Lighthouse can provide

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critical case management and supervisory services during a time when referrals and caseloads are increasing and when funding has been decreased.

**Status of Completion** – Complete

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The program is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Any services provided for businesses located within a Qualified Census Tract will be identified. It is not expected that a majority of the services will be in QCTs.

**Project Name** – Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, beneficiary payment to The Salvation Army

**Project Identification Number** – R210c

**Expenditure Category** – 2.10

**Project Description** –The Salvation Army has a need arising from the public health emergency, and that need is for assistance with lost revenue from its Adult Day Services program, also known as the Samaritan Center. The Samaritan Center program was closed for long periods during the pandemic due to orders from the Ohio Department of Aging and the closure was extended through June of 2021. The population served by the Samaritan Center was considered high risk. While essential staff remained on duty to do wellness calls and socially distanced checks on families, the Center remained closed. Funding for the Samaritan Center is provided primarily through state and federal assistance. The overall strain of losing the funding, approximately \$562,363.00, resulted in a strain on overall operations of the Salvation Army in Fairfield County. Additionally, many similar programs in the area were permanently closed because of the pandemic. The need for the Adult Day Services program provided by the Samaritan Center and the Salvation Army is even more necessary for the for the citizens of Fairfield County.

**Status of Completion** – Complete

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The program is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Any services 85% of the clients in the Samaritan Center program attend for free due to partnership with Title III, Veterans' Administration, Passport, Alzheimer's Respite, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Medicare.

**Project Name** – Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, beneficiary payment to Habitat for Humanity

**Project Identification Number** – R210d

**Expenditure Category** – 2.10

**Project Description** – Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio has been impacted by significant cost increases associated with their housing program and demand for housing for impacted families has also increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The partner families and individuals served by Habitat for Humanity fall within 30%-80% of the median area income of Fairfield County. Operational costs for Habitat for Humanity have significantly increased as the organization works to address and help solve the housing issues related to

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the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. The costs associated with the materials for the Build Your Own Home program have also tripled due to supply issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic while the cost to build a Habitat home pre-pandemic was \$85,000 per home and now, post-pandemic, a similar home costs \$125,000 per home. Habitat for Humanity plans to build at least six additional houses in Fairfield County and have increased the number of homes being built from 1 home every two years to 2 homes per year.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The partner families and individuals served by Habitat for Humanity fall within 30%-80% of the median area income of Fairfield County.

**Project Name** – Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects

**Project Identification Number** – R210e

**Expenditure Category** – 2.10

**Project Description** – Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addition, and Mental Health (ADAMH) has been impacted by significant cost increases associated with their long-term housing and services for unhoused persons as the demand for housing for impacted families has also increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ADAMH is initiating a Housing and Homeless Prevention Project aimed at reducing homelessness and the risk of homelessness. The project also plans to address access to affordable housing and supported housing, increases services to affordable/supported housing residents, increases the number of beds and winter flex shelter beds, increase supportive daytime programming for clients in shelter beds, increases the quality of housing available to veterans, and improves the quality and accessibility of Peer Operated Services. The Housing and Homeless Prevention project includes steps for building a twenty-four one-bedroom apartment building, a new building for Fairfield Center of Hope on the same property, renovating 1665 E. Main St for LSS Homeless Shelter for additional beds and program space, and renovating an old shelter space at 1681 Main Street for Veterans' Housing to increase apartments. Venture Place will add twenty-four apartments in Fairfield County that will be used to help reduce homelessness and the risk of homelessness. There will be on site, wrap around support for the residents. The site will have embedded staff on location 24/7 as well as Behavioral Health agencies coming on site to provide services.

**Status of Completion** – Not Started

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The Housing and Homeless Prevention Project will be used to help reduce homelessness and the risk of homelessness.

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The partner families and individuals served by Habitat for Humanity fall within 30%-80% of the median area income of Fairfield County.

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The program is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Any services 85% of the clients in the Samaritan Center program attend for free due to partnership with Title III, Veterans' Administration, Passport, Alzheimer's Respite, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Medicare.

**Project Name** – Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, beneficiary payment to Harcum House

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**Project Identification Number** – R210f

**Expenditure Category** – 2.10

**Project Description** – Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio has been impacted by significant cost increases associated with their housing program and demand for housing for impacted families has also increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The partner families and individuals served by Habitat for Humanity fall within 30%-80% of the median area income of Fairfield County. Operational costs for Habitat for Humanity have significantly increased as the organization works to address and help solve the housing issues related to the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. The costs associated with the materials for the Build Your Own Home program have also tripled due to supply issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic while the cost to build a Habitat home pre-pandemic was \$85,000 per home and now, post-pandemic, a similar home costs \$125,000 per home. Habitat for Humanity plans to build at least six additional houses in Fairfield County and have increased the number of homes being built from 1 home every two years to 2 homes per year.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair

**Project Identification Number** – R211a

**Expenditure Category** – 2.11

**Project Description** – The American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; the Fairfield County Agricultural Society leads the Fairfield County Fair and is an institution that is part of the tourism and travel industry that has suffered based on the COVID19 pandemic, with negative economic effects from not being able to hold a traditional County Fair in 2020 (and losses of revenue and goodwill from not being able to hold a full fair in 2020); there were significant negative economic impacts in lost sales in connection with the public health emergency. The project is catalytic in that it will also support future County Fairs. This investment helps the county respond to the harmful effects of the economic disruption by directly supporting tourism and the county fair, with catalytic improvements for future fairs and the

tourism industry. The subgrant will be used for safety and security services, utilities, painting, technology improvements, and other improvements outlined in a subgrant agreement.

**Status of Completion** – Complete

**Project Name** – Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

**Project Identification Number** – R211b

**Expenditure Category** – 2.11

**Project Description** – The American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used to respond to the public health emergency, including aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

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Fairfield County partners with a non-profit organization to support tourism and travel by managing a baseball field owned by Fairfield County; Fairfield County owns the land and buildings which are leased for \$1; the field is known as Beavers Field; the operations at Beavers Field suffered during the pandemic, with 30% fewer games able to be held in 2020, as compared to the projected number in 2021; rental income decreased in 2020 during the pandemic, and the non-profit organization had fewer dollars to invest in pandemic safeguards or improvements; there arose a need to improve restrooms to address the impact of the public health emergency, (including the ability to efficiently clean the flooring); the county investment specifically addresses this need by allowing for additional physical safeguards for the public with the purchase of sanitary fixtures, touchless faucets, and flooring; the investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption by supporting improvements for an organization within the tourism industry; Fairfield County anticipates contracting for professional services and the purchase of fixtures and flooring for the project to improve the health safeguarding for the public. Beyond the need identified in September 2021, this category could include additional aid for tourism, travel, and hospitality.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name – Emergency Assistance for Business Planning**

**Project Identification Number – R29a**

**Expenditure Category – 2.9**

**Project Description –** The county received multiple reports about the need for small businesses and non-profit organizations to have consulting services to help solve problems that have arisen from the pandemic and its negative effects; the county will implement contracted services for business consulting services to solve problems arising from the negative effects of the health emergency for Fairfield County businesses and non-profit organizations. The county investment specifically addresses the need by identifying solutions with respect to problems arising from the pandemic, such as recruitment and retention of employees. The effort will respond to the significant negative economic impact in lost sales, opportunities, or revenues in the business

and non-profit community. A contract for professional services supports future business activity and will address harm by allowing for improvements within the workforce, organizations, and the overall economy.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The program is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Any services provided for businesses located within a Qualified Census Tract will be identified. It is not expected that a majority of the services will be in QCTs.

**Project Name – Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community**

**Project Identification Number – R213a**

**Expenditure Category – 2.13**

**Project Description –** As an industry, agriculture has experienced market disruptions and slowdowns due to the pandemic. In response, the United States government provided economic relief in 2020 to assist farmers affected by the disruptions. This assistance has continued into 2021. In a study from the US Department of Agriculture in May of 2021, there was evidence that there were economic disruptions for agri-food products, with meat products and seafood being most severely impacted by the pandemic (Arita, Grant, Sydow, & Beckman, May 2021). Arita, et al. (May 2021) concluded there was a high degree of uncertainty in the

agricultural industry based on the impact of the pandemic; reporting in the media shows uncertainty and disruptions in the agricultural industry; the Fairfield County agricultural industry faces challenges in identifying

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long-term needs and in examining how their businesses will emerge from the coronavirus pandemic. *Fairfield Growing*, is a local food council spearheaded by the Regional Planning Commission; the community would benefit from a long-term *Fairfield Growing* plan establishing strategies to support growers coming out of the pandemic and supporting the overall agricultural economy; professional consulting services will provide researched recommendations for improvements and stabilization as the industry comes out of the pandemic; the project addresses harm by identifying research, needs for improvements, and support for grant opportunities, which in turn supports the overall economy.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The project is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities.

**Project Name** – Technical Assistance for Townships

**Project Identification Number** – R213b

**Expenditure Category** – 2.13

**Project Description** – Fairfield County supports townships, villages, and cities in the county and desires to implement contracted services for grant writing support, technical assistance, and planning support through a contract for services to solve problems arising from the negative effects of the health emergency; and this county investment specifically addresses a need by identifying solutions with respect to problems arising from the pandemic; there have been reports from smaller public entities about negative economic impacts in lost opportunities, delayed development, or lost revenues, and contracting for professional services for grant writing support, technical assistance, and planning supports future economic activity and development and will address harm by allowing for improvements within the overall economy; the reports for the need for assistance are justified by federal actions which share ARP Act funds and also by state and federal actions that have increased the number of grant opportunities and reporting requirements placed upon smaller entities who often do not have an ability to respond; contracting on behalf of the smaller entities is similar to providing an allocation but there is a defined use consistent with the ARP Act (provision of technical assistance to help with planning as entities come out of the pandemic and address the negative effects of the pandemic).

**Status of Completion** – Completed more than 50 percent

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The project is not targeting economically disadvantaged communities.

**Project Name** – Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic

**Project Identification Number** – R213c

**Expenditure Category** – 2.13

**Project Description** – This project is for services to support residents suffering from the pandemic. An example of contracted services is for pro bono legal services. The U.S. Supreme Court ended the eviction moratorium on August 26, 2021, and this has left some renters subject to eviction as the delta variant continues to surge; there is a negative impact of the pandemic that has resulted in citizens at risk for eviction. A county investment in providing legal and related services would help the county respond to the

harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption by supporting residents who are evicted, on the brink of eviction, in need of unemployment, or in need of help with filing taxes or addressing a legal matter that has arisen during the pandemic. These uses are part of the public health response because the legal services are imperative to fiscal recovery for residents; A main part of this project is for the purchase of services to include pro bono legal services for those facing eviction or dealing with potential eviction of tenants; services to help navigate unemployment claims or appeals; services relating to filing federal, state, or local taxes; and any legal matter to be of support as response to the pandemic. Another example is for supplies and storage



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services (and a vehicle with safeguarding measures) to support wards of the Probate Court who are facing eviction or are unsheltered based on effects of the pandemic and mental health concerns. Related services might be included as identified.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The project is targeting economically disadvantaged communities.

Individuals receiving services will likely be unemployed, and it is anticipated that at least 25 percent of beneficiaries will have no income or are below the federal poverty guideline. Generally, beneficiaries will either be facing eviction or at risk of eviction. Some are wards of the Probate Court.

### **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

**Project Name –** Housing Support - Affordable Housing Strategic Planning

**Project Identification Number –** R310a

**Expenditure Category –** 3.10

**Project Description –** As a community, Fairfield County has experienced economic disruptions and slowdowns due to the pandemic. Members of a housing coalition, many of whom are county agencies, non-profit groups, and other governmental organizations, have reported a growing concern about the lack of affordable housing, heightened by the problems arising from the pandemic. The housing coalition is in need of a facilitated process to help the group with a collaboration to address the lack of affordable housing in the county. Professional consulting services will provide researched recommendations for improvements and stabilization as the comes works hard to come out of the pandemic; the project addresses harm by identifying research, needs for improvements, and support for new grant opportunities, which in turn supports the overall economy and addresses the problem of the lack of affordable housing. There will be a contract for services to support the Housing Coalition in the strategic planning process.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Demographic Distribution:** The project is to serve economically disadvantaged communities.

Generally, ultimate beneficiaries of the plan will be facing eviction, at risk of eviction, or will be unsheltered.

### **Project Summaries – Premium Pay**

**Project Name –** Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers

**Project Identification Number –** R41a

**Expenditure Category –** 4.1

**Project Description –** Based on US Treasury guidance, it is permissible pay Emergency Management Agency workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to permanent EMA workers of the county performing essential work. The county selected the timeframe of March 14, 2020, through February 26, 2021, for all regular hours worked during that time for payment. Permanent EMA workers are unique county workers included in the decision for premium pay because they had

fundamental responsibility for the success of the response to the health emergency for the county (as an entity). Their work was essential for all of Fairfield County. The total of the project cost is \$27,907.73.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Sector designated as critical for premium pay:** Public sector, permanent EMA workers only.

**Number of workers:** 5

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**Additional narrative/justification:** The approval for premium pay was for permanent EMA workers of the county performing essential work from March 14, 2020, through February 26, 2021, as a premium of \$4 per regular hours worked during that timeframe. Permanent EMA workers are unique county workers because they had fundamental responsibility for the success of the county (as an entity) response to the public health emergency. The justification for payment of premium pay is that this work unit had fundamental responsibility of the response from a public entity perspective. Essential duties included leadership with clinics, communications, and response protocols. These workers faced financial and health risks that exceeded that of the general population, even if deemed essential. A single employee's pay, of the five employees in this category, resulted in an annual pay estimate just above 150 percent of the state's annual average wage. As of July 7, 2021, the average annual pay for the average jobs category in Ohio was \$56,477. The annual salary for the EMA Director in 2021 will exceed 150 percent of the average with the premium pay. The premium pay for this individual was \$8,256.98 with benefits of OPERS and Medicare included. The EMA Director is exempt from overtime pay and worked multiple hours beyond the standard during the pandemic. Overall, the project included a rate of \$4 per hour worked from March 14, 2020, through February 26, 2021, provided as a lump sum, for five EMA employees, for a cost of \$27,907.73 with benefits included.

### **Project Summaries – Infrastructure**

**Project Name –** Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport

**Project Identification Number –** R52a

**Expenditure Category –** 5.2

**Project Description –** Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance projects are included as projects in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance; this project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of centralized collection and conveyance of wastewater in accordance with EPA Handbook definitions for a project located at the Fairfield County Airport; Fairfield County Utilities will perform all construction inspection services and administer the contract and related competitive bidding processes.

**Status of Completion –** Completed less than 50 percent

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** March 1, 2022

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2022

**Location of Project:** Fairfield County Airport, 3430 Old Columbus Road, Carroll, Ohio, 43112

**NPDES Permit Number, if applicable:** N/A

**Project Name –** Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District

**Project Identification Number –** R52b

**Expenditure Category –** 5.2

**Project Description –** Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance projects are included as projects in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance. The Walnut Creek Sewer District is looking to expand its existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to 400,000 gallons per day. The investment helps Fairfield County support Walnut Creek Sewer District in maintaining vital wastewater treatment infrastructure serving the Village of Pleasantville and the Village of Thurston.

**Status of Completion –** Not Started

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** July 1, 2023

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** April 9, 2024

**Location of Project:** Walnut Township, customers in Pleasantville and Thurston Ohio.

**NPDES Permit Number, if applicable:** N/A

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**Project Name** – Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Regional Lift Station

**Project Identification Number** – R52c

**Expenditure Category** – 5.2

**Project Description** – Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance project is included as projects in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance. The Regional Lift Station project for sewer improvements for the Fairfield County Regional Lift Station project within the Fairfield County Sewer District, which is a part of the Fairfield County Utilities. The project includes the design and construction of a new regional lift station to provide services to northern Violet Township.

**Status of Completion** – Not Started

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** 2024

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2026

**Location of Project:** Violet Township.

**NPDES Permit Number, if applicable:** N/A

**Project Name** – Clean Water, Stormwater

**Project Identification Number** – R56a

**Expenditure Category** – 5.6

**Project Description** – The American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, of which stormwater projects (Clean Water definitions) are included, based on the June 17, 2021, Compliance and Reporting Guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury; the stormwater project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of conveying stormwater via pipes, inlets, roadside ditches, and other similar mechanisms. This category also includes the costs of activities associated with the planning, design, and construction of treating stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means. A subgrant is anticipated for the Hunters Run Conservancy District, and a subgrant is in place for Walnut Township, separate political subdivisions of the state. Other stormwater costs could be included as identified.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** April 1, 2022

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2023

**Location of Project:** Walnut Township, City of Lancaster, & other townships in Fairfield County, Ohio

**NPDES Permit Number, if applicable:** N/A

**Project Name** – Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, the Grant Hampton Project

**Project Identification Number** – R511a

**Expenditure Category** – 5.11

**Project Description**– Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution projects are included in ARP projects; this project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of water lines, hydrant, valves and other similar mechanisms in accordance with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Fairfield County Public Water System ID# 2301912 (consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Compliance and Reporting Guidance - Page 22, issued June 17, 2021); the waterline improvements will be along Grant Lane, Hampton Drive, Hampton Circle and MacIntosh Circle, areas tested with high levels of arsenic in

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private wells; Fairfield County is seeking to construct transmission waterlines to offer alternatives to the private wells with high levels of arsenic and in doing so, improve the available water supply and health conditions of 60 residences; Fairfield County Utilities will perform all construction inspection services and administer the contract and related competitive bidding processes.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** February 1, 2022

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2022

**Location of Project:** Grant Lane, Hampton Drive, Hampton Circle & MacIntosh Circle in Fairfield County, Ohio

**Public Water System ID#:** 2301912

**Project Name – Drinking Water:** Transmission and Distribution, Airport

**Project Identification Number – R511b**

**Expenditure Category – 5.11**

**Project Description–**Transmission & Distribution projects are included in ARP projects; this project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of water lines, hydrant, valves and other similar mechanisms in accordance with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Fairfield County Public Water System ID# 2301912 (consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Compliance and Reporting Guidance - Page 22, issued June 17, 2021); the waterline improvements will be located at property near the Airport to improve drinking water transmission and distribution; Fairfield County Utilities will perform all construction inspection services and administer the contract and related competitive bidding processes.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** March 1, 2022

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2022

**Location of Project:** Fairfield County Airport, 3430 Old Columbus Road, Carroll, Ohio, 43112

**Public Water System ID#:** 2301912

**Project Name – Drinking Water:** Transmission and Distribution, Greenfield Subdistrict

**Project Identification Number – R511c**

**Expenditure Category – 5.11**

**Project Description–** Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution projects are included as allowable infrastructure projects. This project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of water lines, hydrant, valves and other similar mechanisms in accordance with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Fairfield County Public Water System ID# 2301912 (consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Compliance and Reporting Guidance - Page 22, issued June 17, 2021); the waterline improvements will be located in the Greenfield Subdistrict to improve drinking water transmission and distribution; Fairfield County Utilities will perform all construction inspection services and administer the contract

and related competitive bidding processes. This project is for the overall Greenfield Subdistrict, as opposed to the area located at the Fairfield County Airport.

**Status of Completion – Not started**

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** August 1, 2022

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 31, 2022

**Location of Project:** Greenfield Township in Fairfield County Ohio

**Public Water System ID#:** 2301912

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**Project Name** – Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, Village of Baltimore

**Project Identification Number** – R511d

**Expenditure Category** – 5.11

**Project Description**– Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution projects are included as allowable infrastructure projects. This project is to assist the Village of Baltimore in funding the design, construction and construction administration of crucial waterline improvements to West Washington Street. The infrastructure in the area is beyond its useful life and the Village experiences an increasing number of water main breaks, disrupting service to the residents. The project will directly impact 53 residential homes but will also provide more reliable fire protection through new hydrants to Liberty Union High School and will also provide a loop to the west side of the Village's water system that desperately needs it. Due to budget constraints, the W. Market Street waterline has not been able to be improved and replacement and extension of the W. Washington Street waterline will provide a vital loop to the water customers.

**Status of Completion** – Not started

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** May 1, 2023

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** December 15, 2023

**Location of Project:** Village of Baltimore in Fairfield County Ohio

**Public Water System ID#:** OH2300112

**Project Name** – Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution, Village of Pleasantville

**Project Identification Number** – R511e

**Expenditure Category** – 5.11

**Project Description**– Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution projects are included as allowable infrastructure projects. This project is for professional services and related to the comprehensive responsible maintenance of two (2) Village of Pleasantville Drinking Water Tanks, East Walnut Street Water Tank (55,000 gallons-100 years old) and the WTP tank (150,000 gallons-26 years old). The investment helps the county support the Village in maintaining vital potable water infrastructure in the Village of Pleasantville. The Village of Pleasantville is a fiscally stressed community in need of such financial support to maintain two elevated water tanks that serve Pleasantville's population of 934 residents. Pleasantville has 377 housing units with a median household income of only \$46,371. Average household water bills currently average over \$100 per month.

**Status of Completion** – Not started

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** To be determined.

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** To be determined.

**Location of Project:** Village of Pleasantville in Fairfield County Ohio

**Public Water System ID#:** OH2301712

**Project Name** – Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects

**Project Identification Number** – R516a

**Expenditure Category** – 5.16

**Project Description**–This project is for a broadband infrastructure purpose, pledging support to broadband providers participating in the State of Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program and benefitting Fairfield County residents when certain criteria are met.

1. The winning project, awarded a contract with Fairfield County, is intended to allow internet access to at least 1,600 residences located in Fairfield County;

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2. The winning project will allow internet access with a minimum speed of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream;
3. The project's total cost is at least \$8 million;
4. The winning broadband provider sought financial support in advance from Fairfield County;
5. The funds awarded to Fairfield County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 can lawfully be used for the support contemplated by this resolution; and
6. If multiple projects are awarded in Fairfield County, then Fairfield County's commitment could be spread across multiple projects on a per household basis as long as all other requirements are met.

**Status of Completion** – Not started

**Projected Actual Construction Start Date:** To be determined with the state process

**Projected Initiation of Operations Date:** To be determine with the state process

**Location of Project:** Fairfield County, OH

**Geospatial Location, respectively:** To be determined with the state process

**Speed/pricing tiers to be offered:** N/A

**Speed/pricing of its affordability:** N/A

**Technology deployed:** Fiber

**Miles of fiber:** To be determined with the state process

**Cost per mile:** To be determined with the state process

**Cost per passing:** N/A

**Number of institutions or businesses projected to have increased access to service of at least 25 Mbps download and 4 Mbps uploads:** To be determined with the state process

**Specify if the institution will have access to the minimum speed standard of reliable 100 Mbps symmetrical upload and download:** Minimum speed standards will be met.

**Specify if the institution will have access to the minimum speed standard of reliable 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload:** Minimum speed standards will be met.

### **Project Summary – Revenue Loss**

**Project Name** – SaaS and Technological Equipment

**Project Identification Number** – R61a

**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description**– The project provides a software as service solution with Enterprise ERP of Tyler Technologies to address the specific needs for improved continuity of operations, improved access, and improved cybersecurity as part of the public health response because implementing the solution:

1. Allows for multi-site operations and improved remote operations

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2. Provides for additional server hardware capacity for other critical services, such as electronic communications for all county departments
3. Reduces the cyberthreat plane
4. Increases efficiency for county personnel, such as IT specialists and systems analysts, who would have improved capacity to respond to pandemic outbreaks or other disaster recovery measures
5. Reasonably reduces anticipated downtime of the financial systems of the county

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Project Name – Recorder Document Scanning**

**Project Identification Number – R61b**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description–** The project provides scanning and digitizing of recorded property records and allows for electronic media images of documents from 1980-1996. The project allows for import into the current recorder management system and improves the ability for document searchers to conduct effective searches.

1. The public purpose of the project is to improve connections with and service to the to the public by using technology.
2. The project improves connections with and service to the public.
3. Currently the Recorder's office only provides document images back to August of 1996. In today's digital age having more documents available in a more expansive timeframe will assist more customers & constituents from an online standpoint. Scanning saves time and

money for the title searchers & attorneys by not having to send someone to do a physical search. It also allows for less exposure for potential sickness and health risks.

During the Covid pandemic access to paper records in our office was limited, as the Recorder's office was deemed essential. Due to the lack of imaged documents to continue to stay safe and operational, appointments had to be made to search for real estate records in our records room. This in-turn slowed the process of providing timely information to title companies and lenders for real estate closings. It also added to the at-risk factor of catching the virus through contact. Should we have the type of situation we encountered with Covid in 2019 & 2020 it would further delay timely processing of crucial documents title companies and lenders need to advance their businesses as well as subject our staff to potential virus exposure.

**Status of Completion – Complete.**

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**Project Name** – Clerk of Courts Case Management

**Project Identification Number** – R61c

**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description**– The project goal is to automate court functions by adopting a comprehensive and collaborative case management e-filing system to allow the Fairfield County Court system to respond to the public health emergency effectively, efficiently, and uninterrupted.

Objectives of the project are:

1. Streamline case workflow
2. Eliminate paper with the use of e-filing
3. Increase efficiencies with the ability for citizens and attorneys to file court documents anytime from anywhere

The public purpose of the project is to enhance court user functionality by means of technology.

This need arises from the public health emergency because there is desire to socially distance and safeguard the public and employees during the pandemic and to plan for periods of time with there may be resurgences.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and emphasized the important role technology plays in ensuring an accessible, efficient, and effective justice system. While some other departments and business models have the option of temporarily suspending operations during a pandemic or other emergency, the court system does not. Individuals remain in jail on charges of which they have not been convicted. Others are in dire need of protection from abusers in the form of court-issued protection orders. Probationers with substance abuse issues rely on the accountability and structure of community control supervision. Citizens need the ability to petition the court for emergency child custody actions and stays of foreclosure and eviction actions. The doors of the Court and Clerk's Office must remain open—if not literally, then figuratively. In addition, there are some populations who remain compromised during the public health emergency and need to practice social distancing on an ongoing basis. Electronic processes provide practical, safe access to the court services.

**The COVID-19 Pandemic identified the need to implement a case management system to include e-filing for the public to remedy the following deficiencies:**

The public can currently search cases online, but a true e-filing system is not in place. During the pandemic, we made allowances to accept filings via email and fax, which was not ideal, but was a quick remedy to cater to the needs of our customers by being able to electronically receive pleadings without having people come into the office. Had the technology solution been identified in 2020, the project could have been evaluated for the use of CARES Act funds. But because there was a need to examine alternatives and evaluate them, there was not enough time to use the CARES Act resources. Given the need to socially distance and work remotely, the American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds are proposed to support the project.



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**The County investment in an upgraded case management system would specifically address the deficiencies of the current case management software by:**

Increasing access to justice for attorneys and pro-se litigants to have e-filing capabilities. It removes barriers such as transportation, especially here in Fairfield County, where many litigants live in rural areas without the benefit of public transit. For individuals suffering financial fall-out from COVID-19, it also eliminates the need for gas money and/or other costs associated with transportation and in-person filing. It will further assist out-of-town attorneys in reducing drive time and, in turn, will reduce the expenses passed on to their clients. Perhaps most importantly, though, it will reduce foot traffic in the Court and Clerk's Office—protecting our staff and the health of immuno-compromised attorneys and litigants alike.

Moreover, an easily accessible web-based portal will allow staff to easily work-from-home when health, childcare, or other environmental concerns pose a barrier to working in the office. As articulated above, it is imperative for Court and Clerk's Office operations to seamlessly proceed no matter the circumstance, while ensuring that our staff, including our probation officers and Judges, have full access to (and the ability to sign, approve, and file) court orders, which will promote the timely resolution of pending cases and the effective administration of justice.

In addition to protect constitutional, statutory, and basic human rights, the Court and Clerk's Office must also protect its most valuable asset: its employees. COVID-19 has undoubtedly challenged the balancing of the two. It has also shown that the key to balancing those interests lies in technological improvements, such as upgrading our case management system to allow for e-filing, e-signatures, an easy-to-navigate web-based portal, and a cloud-based server. COVID-19 has prompted the Courts and Clerk's Office to prioritize upgrading its current case management system because of these needs.

**This investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption by:**

Because of the public health emergency there is a need to update court case management to allow for electronic filing and evidence-based case management activities to be facilitated in remote environments. Such electronic filings and remote case management activities allow for social distancing and a continuity of services if there is a resurgence of the COVID-19 disease and allow for effective service delivery for all populations, including those that continue to have compromised immunity systems or other health concerns that prevent them from in-person contact. Electronic processes are practical responses as opposed to slowing the essential services (by allowing only appointments) or building larger spaces for more social distancing. The county recognizes the immediate need to be more prepared for ongoing and future public health emergencies.

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It is for these reasons that the Court and Clerk's Office seek to upgrade its current case management system. These upgrades are necessary in light of the three tenets COVID-19 has prompted us by providing interrupted access to justice, protect the health and safety of our staff and litigants, and disaster preparedness.

On September 10, 2020, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor established the *Improving Court Operations Using Remote Technology Task Force* (iCourt) to study how courts have used technology during the coronavirus pandemic and to make recommendations to allow for the continuing use of technology in the future to improve access to justice and modernize court operations (See Addendum). The iCourt Task Force was tasked with identifying court rules that may need to be updated and modernized. One recommendation of the iCourt Task Force is to modify the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure to require Courts to provide for the filing of documents by electronic means. Upgrading to Courtview 3.0 will greatly improve Fairfield County's ability to meet this need. A copy of the Memorandum from the iCourt Task Force to the Commission of Rules of Practice & Procedure in Ohio Courts dated April 20, 2021, is attached hereto.

Lastly, transitioning our case management system to a cloud-based server (rather than a county-hosted server) will further the county's disaster preparedness. The cloud-based server has multiple layers of protection and security that our current county-based server does not. Therefore, in the event of a catastrophe, the server—and all the court's records—will be protected.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Project Name – MARCS Tower Project**

**Project Identification Number – R61d**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The project provides an updated MARCS communication tower for the Lancaster area of Fairfield County. The updated tower will provide for greater ease of communication between municipal, county, and other public safety forces including fire.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Project Name – Dispatch Consoles**

**Project Identification Number – R61e**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The project provides the Sheriff's officer with updated 911 dispatch consoles that are compatible with the new MARCS communications system.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

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**Project Name – Fairfield Center Purchase**  
**Project Identification Number – R61f**  
**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The project provides for the purchase of the Ohio University Pickerington campus for use as a government services area in the northwest area of Fairfield County near Pickerington and Violet Township, both of which are areas of growing population within Fairfield County. The new Fairfield Center will provide an expanded Sheriff substation, a new Title office with a drive through (only one of 3 in the state) and will allow for social distancing of customers. The Fairfield Center will also provide the opportunity to expand county services to the population center and allow for future growth.

**Status of Completion – Complete**

**Project Name – Fairfield Center Renovation**  
**Project Identification Number – R61g**  
**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The project provides for the renovation of the Ohio University Pickerington campus for use as a government services area in the northwest area of Fairfield County near Pickerington and Violet Township, both of which are areas of growing population within Fairfield County. The new Fairfield Center will provide an expanded Sheriff substation, a new Title office with a drive through (only one of 3 in the state) and will allow for social distancing of customers. The Fairfield Center will also provide the opportunity to expand county services to the population center and allow for future growth.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Project Name – Community School Attendance Program**  
**Project Identification Number – R61h**  
**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The county investment of American Rescue Plan funding would specifically address the need to increase staffing levels to better meet the increasing number truancy related issue project.

**Status of Completion – Completed less than 50 percent**

**Project Name – Economic Development and Smart Growth Plan**  
**Project Identification Number – R61j**  
**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

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**Project Description-** Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development (FCEWD) Department and the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) are seeking to prepare an Economic Development Strategic Plan as well as an update to the 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

**Project Name – United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

**Project Identification Number – R61k**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** Fairfield County United Way in conjunction Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio is sending a free age-appropriate book each month to kids enrolled in the program. Research has shown that a child with twenty-five books in the home completes an average of two additional years of schooling compared to their peers without books in their home. The COVID 19 pandemic has impacted literacy efforts and the education of children within Fairfield County, Ohio, and the use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services.

**Status of Completion – Completed**

**Project Name – Auditor Historical Records Scanning**

**Project Identification Number – R61l**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The project is for scanning services associated with Finance and Payroll historical records to improve the efficiency of records storage and to improve access to historical records. Scanning the hard copy records into digital files will improve information access and flow, reduce physical handling, increase efficiency, and secure the historical records, and the use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services.

**Status of Completion – Cancelled**

**Project Name – Engineer's Radio**

**Project Identification Number – R61m**

**Expenditure Category – 6.1**

**Project Description-** The proposed project for the Fairfield County Engineer's Office is to upgrade their radio equipment with the new MARCS System capabilities. This will provide direct integration with the State of Ohio MARCS radio system which provides Radio service to all Public Safety Agencies in Fairfield County. The direct integration provides redundant and more robust communications for all MARCS users. The use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services. The radios are the department's main source of communication for all employees with approximately seventy pieces of equipment. The equipment would also be essential during a natural disaster or power outage that would leave cell phones out of service.;

**Status of Completion – Complete**

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**Project Name** – Auditor Printers  
**Project Identification Number** – R61n  
**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description-** Purchase of printers, and the use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Auditor Copiers  
**Project Identification Number** – R61o  
**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description-** Purchase of copiers, and the use of the standard allowance for this project is a direct provision of government services.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Bremen ADA Ramps  
**Project Identification Number** – R61p  
**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description-** The proposed project is to assist the Village of Bremen in installing ADA ramps within the Village. The ramps will provide a safe level area for wheelchairs to maneuver for Village curbs.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

**Project Name** – Beavers Field Utilities  
**Project Identification Number** – R517a  
**Expenditure Category** – 6.1

**Project Description**–This project is to improve broadband connectivity for locations owned by the county, Beavers Field and the County Utilities Building. There will be two new connections to have increased access to broadband meeting service of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload for the local government.

**Status of Completion** – Completed

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### **Project Summary – Administration**

**Project Name – Administration**

**Project Identification Number – R71a**

**Expenditure Category – 7.1**

**Project Description–** According to US Treasury guidance dated June 24, 2001, recipients of funds may use fiscal recovery funds to cover the portion of payroll and benefits of employees corresponding to the time spent on administrative work necessary due to COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts; this includes, but is not limited to, costs related to disbursing payments of fiscal recovery funds and managing new grant programs established using fiscal recovery funds. A Deputy County Administrator has been assigned fundamental responsibility for success of the fiscal recovery program; work assignments are documented in a position description; there are examples of work products relating to the management of fiscal recovery programs. Also included in this category are professional, contracted services for strategic visioning to help identify catalytic projects with community stakeholder support.

**Status of Completion – Completed more than 50 percent**

### **List of Subgrants > \$50,000**

- Subgrant with the Fairfield County Agricultural Society - \$500,000.00 – R211a
- Subgrant with the Fairfield County Board of Health - \$60,740.85 for 2021 and \$143,660.15 for 2022 – R19b
- Subgrant with Walnut Township - \$400,000.00 – R56a
- Subgrant with Hunter's Run Conservancy District- \$139,895-R56a
- Subgrant with Lighthouse - \$120,000.00 – R210b
- Subgrant with Walnut Creek Sewer District - \$750,000.00 – R52b
- Subgrant with Village of Baltimore - \$613,000.00 – R511d
- Subgrant with Village of Pleasantville - \$659,000.00 R511e

### **List of Contracts > \$50,000**

- Contract with for DeBra-Keumpel - \$56,674.00 – R17c
- Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. — \$ 1,366,478.00 – R17b
- Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. — \$ 775,000 – R17b
- Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. - \$ 350,937.50

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**Details of subgrants and contracts > \$50,000 as of the report date are listed on the following pages.**

**Recipient:** The Fairfield County Agricultural Society  
**DUNS Number:** 619661317  
**Address:** 157 East Fair Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
**Award Number:** 2021-07.27.e & AA 08.20-2021.b  
**Award Date:** July 27, 2021  
**Award Type:** Subgrant  
**Award Amount:** \$500,000.00  
**Award Description:** This subgrant is for the conduct of a Fairfield County Fair in 2021; the conduct of a Fairfield County Fair in 2022; essential operations to further the conduct of the County Fairs and events at the Fairgrounds; essential painting of buildings; technological improvements and equipment to support Fair and other events held at the fairgrounds; and paving and repair of a roadway that suffered abnormal and increased use during the conduct of COVID-19 vaccination clinics, held at the fairgrounds.

**Award Payment Method:** Reimbursable  
**Primary Place of Performance:** 157 East Fair Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
**Related Project Name:** Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair  
**Related Project Number:** R211a  
**Period of Performance Start Date:** July 27, 2021  
**Period of Performance End Date:** December 31, 2022  
**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$500,000.00  
**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00  
**Project(s):** *Deliverables include:*

- The conduct of the Fairfield County Fair from October 10 – October 16, 2021 -and- in October 2022.
- A report of outcomes of the 2021 Fair, indicating attendance, by December 31, 2021.
- A report of outcomes of the 2022 Fair, indicating attendance, by December 31, 2022.
- Before and after pictures (of painting and roadway work).
- A list of buildings painted.
- A list of equipment purchased by the Fairfield County Agricultural Society and an annual inventory, each year by December 31, and through the life of the equipment purchased.
- A final report is due January 31, 2023, noting all activities and outcomes.

### **Programmatic Performance Indicators**

**Industries:** Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality  
**Additional narrative/justification:** The American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality. The Fairfield County Agricultural Society leads the Fairfield County Fair and is an institution that is part of the tourism and travel industry that has suffered based on the COVID19 pandemic, with negative economic effects from not being able to hold a traditional County Fair in 2020 (and losses of revenue and goodwill from not being able to hold a full fair in 2020). There were significant negative economic impacts in lost sales in connection with the public health emergency. Subgranting funds to support future County Fairs will address that harm by allowing for improvements or services that were formerly delayed

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and by helping to ensure the conduct of safe fairs. This investment helps the county respond to the harmful effects of the economic disruption by directly supporting tourism and the conduct of the county fair, with long-term improvements for future fairs.

**Sector of Employer:** Tourism, Non-Profit Organization

**Purpose of Funds:** The purpose of the subgrant is to support projects that address the negative impact to the tourism and travel industry from not being able to hold a County Fair during the

COVID19 pandemic and to support the County Fair as part of the tourism and travel industry, ultimately benefitting the Fairfield County economy as the community recovers from the public health emergency.

**Recipient:** Fairfield County Board of Health  
**DUNS Number:** 140782967  
**Address:** 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
**Award Number:** AA 09.13-2021.a and AA 12.10.2021b (amendment)  
**Award Date:** July 1, 2021  
**Award Type:** Subgrant  
**Award Amount:** \$60,740.85 as amended  
**Award Description:** The purpose of the subgrant is to cover payroll and covered benefits expenses for two public health employees, to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response. For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

**Primary Place of Performance:** 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
**Related Project Name:** Public Health Payroll Support  
**Related Project Number:** R19b  
**Period of Performance Start Date:** July 10, 2021  
**Period of Performance End Date:** December 17, 2021  
**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$60,740.85 as amended  
**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00  
**Project(s):** For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response. The Board of Health has documented two positions descriptions (that are primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response. An attestation of their primary dedication (more than 50% of their time) is available.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

**Number of Employees:** Two

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The Board of Health has a need arising from the public health emergency, and that need is for the services of an epidemiologist and health educator/public information officer. These employees are employed by the Fairfield County Board of Health as a response to the COVID-19 health emergency. The county investment from July 10, 2021, through December 17, 2021, addresses this need by providing public health payroll



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support as the Board of Health has no other resources for these specific positions. The positions will be funded by reimbursements through a subgrant and will reassessed for need after December 17, 2021. The investment helps the county respond to the disease as the activities to be performed include professional services to evaluate the incidence, distribution, and possible control of diseases, including the COVID19 disease.

Activities also include the creation and dissemination of educational materials about the response to and recovery from COVID19 public health emergency.

<b>Recipient:</b>	Fairfield County Board of Health
<b>DUNS Number:</b>	140782967
<b>Address:</b>	1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
<b>Award Number:</b>	AA.01.05-2022.d
<b>Award Date:</b>	December 8, 2021
<b>Award Type:</b>	Subgrant
<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$143,660.15
<b>Award Description:</b>	The purpose of the subgrant is to cover payroll and covered benefits expenses for two public health employees, to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response. For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

<b>Primary Place of Performance:</b>	1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
<b>Related Project Name:</b>	Public Health Payroll Support
<b>Related Project Number:</b>	R19b
<b>Period of Performance Start Date:</b>	December 18, 2021
<b>Period of Performance End Date:</b>	December 16, 2022
<b>Quarterly Obligation Amount:</b>	\$143,660.15
<b>Quarterly Expenditure Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Project(s):</b>	For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response. The Board of Health has documented two positions descriptions (that are primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response. An attestation of their primary dedication (more than 50% of their time) is available.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

**Number of Employees:** Two

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The Board of Health has a need arising from the public health emergency, and that need is for the services of an epidemiologist and health educator/public information officer. These employees are employed by the Fairfield County Board of Health as a response to the COVID-19 health emergency. The county investment from December 8, 2021, through December 16, 2022, addresses this need by providing public health payroll support as the Board of Health has no other resources for these specific positions. The positions will be funded by reimbursements through a subgrant and will reassessed for need after December 17, 2022. The investment helps the county respond to the disease as the activities to be performed include professional services to evaluate the incidence, distribution, and possible control of diseases, including the COVID19 disease. Activities also include the creation and dissemination of educational materials about the response to and recovery from COVID19 public health emergency.

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**Recipient:** Walnut Township  
**DUNS Number:** 832635742

**Address:** 11420 Millersport Road, Millersport, Ohio 43046  
**Award Number:** 2021-11.16.c  
**Award Date:** December 7, 2021  
**Award Type:** Subgrant  
**Award Amount:** \$400,000.00  
**Award Description:** The purpose of the subgrant is to cover payroll and covered benefits expenses for two public health employees, to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response. For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

**Primary Place of Performance:** 11420 Millersport Road, Millersport, Ohio 43046  
**Related Project Name:** Clean Water, Stormwater  
**Related Project Number:** R56a  
**Period of Performance Start Date:** December 7, 2021  
**Period of Performance End Date:** September 30, 2024  
**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$400,000.00  
**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00  
**Project(s):** The project is known as the North Walnut Township Stormwater Conveyance Project. The project is to address critical stormwater infrastructure needs. It addresses flooding concerns now rising to a heightened level of emergency concerns within a 25-year flooding event; the emergent need to address stormwater increased due to the changes in water discharge policy on state of Ohio land, as governed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, increasing the amount of stormwater in a relatively small area with no outlet. The project purpose is to plan for stormwater conveyance via pipes, inlets, roadside ditches, and other similar mechanisms and/or planning of the treatment of stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, or which stormwater projects (Clean Water definitions) are included, based on the June 17, 2021, Compliance and Reporting Guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury for the ARP fiscal recovery funds. The Stormwater category includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of conveying stormwater via pipes, inlets, roadside ditches, and other similar mechanisms. This category also includes the costs of activities associated with the planning, design, and construction of treating stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means.

Walnut Township has held public meetings about concerns relating to flooding in the region where approximately 300 residents are impacted. Such flooding concerns are rising to a heightened level of emergency concerns within a 25-year flooding event; the emergent need to address stormwater increased due to the changes in water discharge policy on state of Ohio land, as governed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, increasing the amount of stormwater in a relatively small area with no outlet. Walnut Township anticipates providing some ARP resources and seeking some additional resources to address the concerns, specifically to commission a professional study that will outline a solution for drainage. Walnut Township

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needs some additional resources to properly conduct the professional study, and subgranting for the purposes of planning of conveying stormwater via pipes, inlets, roadside ditches, and other similar mechanisms and/or

planning of treating stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means is the overarching purpose of this subgrant.

The Board of County Commissioners has approved the use of \$400,000 of ARP fiscal recovery funds for the provision of a subgrant with Walnut Township for the purposes of planning of conveying stormwater via pipes, inlets, roadside ditches, and other similar mechanisms and/or planning of treating stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means.

The full amount of the subgrant is expected to be provided for contracted, professional services.

<b>Recipient:</b>	Hunters Run Conservancy District
<b>DUNS Number:</b>	8320110
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 1139 Lancaster, Ohio 43130
<b>Award Number:</b>	AA.
<b>Award Date:</b>	April 6, 2022
<b>Award Type:</b>	Subgrant
<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$139,895
<b>Award Description:</b>	The project is for professional services and relate to economic study of HRCD's needs for proper maintenance of vital infrastructure.

<b>Primary Place of Performance:</b>	Hunters Run Conservancy, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
<b>Related Project Name:</b>	Clean water, Storm water
<b>Related Project Number:</b>	R56a
<b>Period of Performance Start Date:</b>	April 6, 2022
<b>Period of Performance End Date:</b>	December 31, 2024
<b>Quarterly Obligation Amount:</b>	\$139,895
<b>Quarterly Expenditure Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Project(s):</b>	The project is for professional and consulting services related to an economic study of HRCD's needs for proper maintenance of vital infrastructure.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The investment helps support HRCD in managing, maintaining, and budgeting for necessary storm water improvements to avoid flooding and flooding emergencies in the region it serves. The economic study is a necessary component of stormwater planning with the study identifying the benefits provided by the HRCD and the 28 dam structures maintained by the district. The economic report will allow HRCD to identify amounts of required revenue necessary to fund future stormwater improvements.

<b>Recipient:</b>	The Lighthouse
<b>DUNS Number:</b>	884991738
<b>Address:</b>	333 N. Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
<b>Award Number:</b>	AA.11.17-2021.e
<b>Award Date:</b>	November 22, 2021

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**Award Type:** Subgrant

**Award Amount:** \$120,000

**Award Description:** The purpose of the subgrant is for emergency assistance for a non-profit organization, The Lighthouse, Inc., so that critical operations to address the increasing incidents of domestic violence can continue as a response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic effects.

**Primary Place of Performance:** 333 N. Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

**Related Project Name:** Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits

**Related Project Number:** R210b

**Period of Performance Start Date:** January 1, 2022

**Period of Performance End Date:** December 31, 2023

**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$120,000.00

**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

**Project(s):** The project is for emergency assistance to a non-profit organization, the Lighthouse, Inc., so that critical case management and supervisory services can continue in the face of increasing mental health and domestic violence concerns as a response to the public health emergency and its negative effects on the economy. The assistance will be used to fund two case management positions up to \$75,500 and a director/supervisory position up to \$44,500.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

**Number of Employees:** Three

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The investment helps the county responds to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption by providing specific services of case management and supervisory services where the Lighthouse will work with victims of domestic violence (and where such referrals for cases are increasing due to the pandemic) to assess their needs and provide safety planning based on an individual's need. The level of service is diverse and intensive and may include living skills training, maintaining housing, utilities and/or employment assistance, and financial literacy, as well as services to maintain safe housing and supervision at the Lighthouse. The subgrant will keep the shelter operations open as it recovers from the negative effects of the pandemic and addresses the increases in domestic violence referrals.

**Recipient:** Village of Baltimore, Fairfield County Ohio

**DUNS Number:** 31-6400279

**Address:** 103 W. Market Street Baltimore, OH 43105

**Award Number:** 2023-02.28.b

**Award Date:** February 28, 2023

**Award Type:** Subgrant

**Award Amount:** \$613,000.00

**Award Description:** Transmission & Distribution projects are included in ARP projects; this project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of water lines, hydrant, valves and other similar mechanisms in accordance with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Fairfield County Public Water System ID# 2301912 (consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Compliance and Reporting Guidance - Page 22, issued June 17, 2021); the waterline improvements will be

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located in the Village of Baltimore to improve drinking water transmission and distribution; the Village of Baltimore will contract and complete the competitive bidding processes.

**Primary Place of Performance:**

**Related Project Name:** Village of Baltimore Water Project

**Related Project Number:** R511d

**Period of Performance Start Date:** May 1, 2023

**Period of Performance End Date:** December 15, 2023

**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$613,000.00

**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

**Project(s):** The purpose of this subgrant is to assist the Village of Baltimore in funding the design, construction and construction administration of crucial waterline improvements to West Washington Street. The infrastructure in the area is beyond its useful life and the Village experiences an increasing number of water main breaks, disrupting service to the residents.

***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

**Number of Employees:**

**Purpose of Funds:**

The project consists of installation of new 12-inch waterline along West Washington Street between Tower Street and W. Market Street. Existing 4-inch water main along the alignment between Tower St. and N. Basil Street will be abandoned and removed from service and all water services will be tied into the new water main. The project will directly impact 53 residential homes but will also provide more reliable fire protection through new hydrants to Liberty Union High School and will also provide a loop to the west side of the Village's water system that desperately needs it. The west portion of the water system is currently provided water through a water main that runs along W. Market Street. This water pipe is aging rapidly and experiences several main breaks each year. Due to budget constraints, the W. Market Street waterline has not been able to be improved and replacement and extension of the W. Washington Street waterline will provide a vital loop to the water customers on this side of town.

**Recipient:** Village of Pleasantville

**DUNS Number:** 15-909-4424

**Address:** 101 South Main Street Pleasantville, Ohio 43148

**Award Number:** 2023-02.28.c

**Award Date:** February 28, 2023

**Award Type:** Subgrant

**Award Amount:** \$659,000.00

**Award Description:** The Transmission & Distribution projects are included in ARP projects; this project includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of water lines, hydrant, valves and other similar mechanisms in accordance with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Fairfield County Public Water System ID# 2301912 (consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Compliance and Reporting Guidance - Page 22, issued June 17, 2021); the waterline improvements will be located in the Village of Baltimore to improve drinking water transmission and distribution; the Village of Pleasantville will contract and complete the competitive bidding processes.

**Primary Place of Performance:**

**Related Project Name:** Village of Pleasantville Water Project

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**Related Project Number:** R511d

**Period of Performance Start Date:**

**Period of Performance End Date:**

**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$659,000.00

**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

**Project(s):** The purpose of this subgrant is to complete maintenance restoration of two (2) aged Village of Pleasantville potable water tanks.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

#### **Number of Employees:**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The project is for professional services and related to the comprehensive responsible maintenance of two (2) Village of Pleasantville Drinking Water Tanks, East Walnut Street Water Tank (55,000 gallons-100 years old) and the WTP tank (150,000 gallons-26 years old). The investment helps the county support the Village in maintaining vital potable water infrastructure in the Village of Pleasantville, and region as necessary, and to provide the ability for the Village of Pleasantville to serve its water customers in accordance with Ohio EPA drinking water standards. The Village of Pleasantville is a fiscally stressed community in need of such financial support to maintain two elevated water tanks that serve Pleasantville's population of 934 residents. Pleasantville has 377 housing units with a median household income of only \$46,371. Average household water bills currently average over \$100 per month.

### ***Programmatic Performance Indicators***

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects. "Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance" projects are included, based on the June 17, 2021, Compliance and Reporting Guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury for the ARP fiscal recovery funds.

The Walnut Creek Sewer District is looking to upgrade a forty-year-old regional wastewater treatment facility. The District is looking to expand its existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to 400,000 gallons per day. The investment helps Fairfield County support Walnut Creek Sewer District in maintaining vital wastewater treatment infrastructure serving the Village of Pleasantville and the Village of Thurston that serves over six hundred sewer customers.

The investment would allow the Walnut Creek Sewer District to continue to fulfill its wastewater treatment responsibilities in a manner that is environmentally friendly while ensuring good public health and providing additional economic development investment opportunities to financially distressed areas within Fairfield County.

**Recipient:** Walnut Creek Sewer District

**Unique Entity ID:** J17TENUGK6N1

**Address:** 8125 Maple Street PO Box 178 Thurston, Ohio 43157

**Award Number:** 2023-05.30.c

**Award Date:** May 30, 2023

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**Award Type:** Subgrant  
**Award Amount:** \$750,000.00

**Award Description:** The Board of County Commissioners has approved the use of \$750,000 of ARP fiscal recovery funds for the provision of a subgrant with the Walnut Creek Sewer District for the expansion of its existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to an increased wastewater treatment capacity of 400,000 gallons per day. The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$3,100,000. Once available, competitive bid documents and responsible low-bid specifics will be provided to County ARP administrators.

**Primary Place of Performance:** Walnut Creek Sewer District, Pleasantville and Thurston Ohio

**Related Project Name:** Clean water, Storm water

**Related Project Number:** R52b

**Period of Performance Start Date:** July 1, 2023

**Period of Performance End Date:** December 31, 2024

**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$750,000.00

**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

**Project(s):** The project is to upgrade a forty-year-old regional wastewater treatment facility. The District is looking to expand its existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to 400,000 gallons per day.

**Contractor:** DeBra-Keumpel

**Vendor Number:** 16297

**Address:** 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

**Award Number:** AA.08.05-2021.b

**Award Date:** August 5, 2021

**Award Type:** Contract

**Award Amount:** \$56,674.00

**Award Description:** The award is for equipment to address a need to improve air quality. The need arose from the public health emergency. The equipment is specifically for the buildings of Utilities and Developmental Disabilities, which did not receive air disinfection equipment from the CARES Act purchases. Improvements in ventilation have been shown to be helpful in the measures to combat the spread of COVID19 and other diseases that are caused by airborne viruses.

**Primary Place of Performance:** Carroll and Lancaster, Ohio

**Related Project Name:** Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements

**Related Project Number:** R17c

**Period of Performance Start Date:** August 5, 2021

**Period of Performance End Date:** December 31, 2021

**Quarterly Obligation Amount:** \$56,674.00

**Quarterly Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

**Project(s):**

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The county issued a request for proposals to survey the current market for appropriate methods, and records of the request for proposal are filed with the Facilities Management Department. The

investment addresses the specific need for improved air quality as the county will be more prepared to address ventilation with the new equipment. The investment helps the county respond to the disease by allowing for improved safeguarding measures.

<b>Contractor:</b>	Tyler Technologies, Inc.
<b>Vendor Number:</b>	1370
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 203556, Dallas, TX 75320-3556
<b>Award Number:</b>	2021-09.28.n
<b>Award Date:</b>	September 28, 2021
<b>Award Type:</b>	Contract
<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$ 1,366,478.00

**Award Description:** Implementing a comprehensive and collaborative public safety software program will allow Fairfield County Public Safety officials the ability to respond to the public health emergency effectively and efficiently. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office identified the need to implement a public safety software system for county public safety agencies to remedy the following deficiencies arising by the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Health Information is being shared over the radio thus resulting in privacy concerns.
- Inability to fully share information in real time among jurisdictions regarding COVID-19 precautions at specific residences.
- Lack of GPS tracking for first responders.
- Inability for citizens to submit reports or look up information in a safe and secure manner that minimizes transmission of communicable diseases.
- The inability to easily share information between law enforcement agencies inhibits their ability to collaborate effectively to respond to the public pandemic and resulting outcomes of the pandemic such as increasing gun violence.
- Gun violence in the County has increased during the pandemic.
  - o Public safety reports indicate a steady increase in 911 calls relating to gun violence during the pandemic.
    - ☐ County-wide calls involving guns has increased by 34% from 2019 to 2020.
    - ☐ County-wide calls involving guns is estimated to increase by 30% from 2020 to 2021 based upon data received through July 2021.
    - ☐ Violet Township and City of Pickerington calls involving guns has increased by 65% from 2019 to 2020.
    - ☐ Violet Township and City of Pickerington calls involving guns is estimated to increase by 135% from 2020 2021 based upon data received through July 2021.

<b>Primary Place of Performance:</b>	Sheriff's Office and Jail, Lancaster, Ohio
<b>Related Project Name:</b>	Public Health, Capital Investments & Public Facilities of the County

<b>Related Project Number:</b>	R17b
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<b>Period of Performance Start Date:</b>	October 2021
<b>Period of Performance End Date:</b>	December 2022
<b>Quarterly Obligation Amount:</b>	\$ 1,366,478.00
<b>Quarterly Expenditure Amount:</b>	\$0.00

**Project(s):** The investment in a countywide public safety software would specifically address the need arising from the pandemic and the deficiencies of the current public safety software by:

- Allowing MDT's to be placed in Fire/EMS apparatus.
  - This allows for silent dispatching and the ability for sensitive messages/alerts to be transmitted via secure computer connection ensuring no HIPPA violations occur by information being aired over open radio waves.
- Providing one database repository for all agencies.
  - o This allows for all alerts and messages, specifically ones having to do with Covid-19 pandemic, to be shared and broadcast to all public safety personnel. This will ensure that everyone is aware and able to provide precautions. This information could also be shared with County Health Department helping them to better track epidemiological data on communicable diseases.
- Providing GPS tracking on fire/EMS apparatus and law enforcement cruisers.
  - o This offers real time track response to emergencies. It also allows for implementing "certain length geo-fence" around a location to provide alerts to responders that enter that geo-fence. This would ensure first responders get certain alerts if they inadvertently drove into an area or walked up to a house that has covid-19 positive infections.
- Providing an online portal for citizens.
  - o Citizens could access reports and information online without personal interaction with public safety personnel.
- Providing law enforcement agencies shared technology in order to collaborate effectively to respond to the public pandemic and resulting gun violence.
  - o This allows public safety personnel the ability to share data and work together to apprehend criminals effectively.
  - o All public safety entities can share information regarding criminal activity which allows them to identify patterns or similar repeat events that could lead to more efficient apprehension, investigation, and prosecution of the offender(s).
- Providing public safety information to citizens via social media outlets, allowing for remote communication.

This investment specifically helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption by:

- Providing public safety and first responders the ability to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic specifically by investing in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic.
- Providing quick and secure capability to dispatch Fire/EMS runs that have COVID-19 positive patients or any future pandemic issue.
- Providing a centralized repository and GPS tracking system that is shared by all agencies will ensure that the proper information is disseminated to all responders whether it be for tracking epidemiological data or tracking rise in crime/violence specifically dealing with gun violence;

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The county desires to be more prepared for ongoing health emergencies and has estimated staff savings of \$6,132,000 (40 employees X 2 hours saved daily X 365 days x \$30 average total rate with benefits X 7 years) is afforded with the project, as compared to costs of under \$3,000,000 within a useful life of seven years for the program (a longer useful life is anticipated, and this example shows how there is more than a 200% return on the investment in 7 years).

<b>Contractor:</b>	Tyler Technologies, Inc.
<b>Vendor Number:</b>	1370
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 203556, Dallas, TX 75320-3556
<b>Award Number:</b>	2021-10.19.q
<b>Award Date:</b>	October 19, 2021
<b>Award Type:</b>	Contract
<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$ 774,918.00

**Award Description:** the Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Courts have identified a need arising from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The need is to update technology of a legacy system for case management to a technology solution for court case management that will allow electronic filing, searching, and communications. The new system will facilitate essential public services of court case management while allowing for social distancing and remote work. The case management functionality is available with one vendor, as the court is transforming its processes to include evidence-based practices of juvenile justice. This aspect further promotes the use of ARP funds, as the beneficiaries include at risk youth, where needs have increased based on the pandemic. The court has statistics to demonstrate increased mental health needs, increased system needs to address truancy, increased needs to address crime, and an increased caseload of at-risk youth and families. The court continues to promote prevention and support services to reduce the number of youths requiring detention.

In addition, the need arises from the public health emergency because there is desire to socially distance and safeguard the public and employees during the pandemic and to plan for periods of time with there may be resurgences. In addition, there are some populations who remain compromised during the public health emergency and need to practice social distancing on an ongoing basis. Electronic processes provide practical, safe access to the court services.

Now, the public cannot file cases, search cases, or communicate well electronically with the court with respect to the court case management. Staff has difficulty working remotely based on the outdated system. Had the technology solution been identified in 2020, the project would have been evaluated for the use of CARES Act funds. But because there was a need to examine alternatives and evaluate them, there was not enough time to use the CARES Act resources. Given the need has arisen from the need to socially distance and work remotely, the American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds are proposed to support the project.

The need arising from the public health emergency is a need to update court case management to allow for electronic filing and evidence-based case management activities to be facilitated in remote environments. Such electronic filings and remote case management activities allow for social distancing and a continuity of services if there is a resurgence of the COVID-19 disease and allow for effective service delivery for all populations, including those that continue to have compromised immunity systems or other health concerns that prevent them from in-person contact. Electronic processes are practical responses as opposed to slowing

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the essential services (by allowing only appointments) or building larger spaces for more social distancing. The county desires to be more prepared for ongoing health emergencies.

<b>Primary Place of Performance:</b>	Juvenile and Probate Court, Lancaster, Ohio
<b>Related Project Name:</b>	Public Health, Capital Investments & Public Facilities of the County
<b>Related Project Number:</b>	R17b
<b>Period of Performance Start Date:</b>	October 2021
<b>Period of Performance End Date:</b>	December 2024
<b>Quarterly Obligation Amount:</b>	\$ 774,918.00
<b>Quarterly Expenditure Amount:</b>	\$0.00

**Project(s):** The county investment specifically addresses this need by providing updated technology (proprietary software and training) which will permit electronic filing and remote case management activities for Juvenile and Probate Courts. The public will be able to file or access a Juvenile or Probate court case electronically on any device, with efficiency and remotely. Staff will experience multiple efficiencies and time savings, including savings in time completing paperwork, filings, research, and obtaining signatures and other required documentation. There will be fewer phone calls, as well, as the updated technology allows for a virtual chat box with direct customer support.

The investment helps the county respond to the disease and the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption. The investment will allow for electronic filings and remote work, which will continue services during the public health emergency, even if there is a resurgence of the disease. The county will be prepared for ongoing safeguarding measures, protecting the public and employees, while continuing essential court services. Also, the investment also addresses harmful economic consequences for the general population, as there is a potential for reduced costs of travel for anyone filing or accessing court cases.