

Macomb County, Michigan

Recovery Plan



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Section 1.0 - Executive Summary

Macomb County has been working tirelessly since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that no resource at our disposal is left untapped that could help our residents. We have worked closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of every member of our community, and have forged strong partnerships with nonprofit organizations, businesses, community leaders, and healthcare providers to meet unprecedented health and economic challenges brought on by the pandemic.

We have dedicated significant human and financial resources to maintaining essential county services including public health, public safety, and health and human services programs. We also allocated significant funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to support small businesses, public health partners, schools, and nonprofit human service providers struggling with uncertain financial circumstances amid rising demand for their services. When Macomb County residents faced hardship with obtaining food, making rent payments, getting access to health information and resources, or navigating the uncertainty of the pandemic, we did everything in our power to connect our residents with the help they needed. But as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to evolve, the needs of the community greatly outweighed resources available.

Macomb County seeks to leverage the American Rescue Plan as the foundation for transformational change in the areas of criminal justice, public health & community action, and infrastructure improvements. Throughout the pandemic many operational areas across the county's service network have been strained due to increased need and emerging community trends. Our objective has been to remain resilient in the face of so many unprecedented challenges, and work with our community partners to ensure that our programs can adapt to meet the needs of our constituents. As we have seen an influx of funds from our state and federal partners that target meeting daily needs, we have sought to modernize our service offerings by investing in capital projects and new program offerings that will revolutionize how and where we provide critical services. Our initiatives leveraging the American Rescue Plan are as follows:

- Criminal justice reform with a new central intake and assessment center focused on prevention, diversion and treatment rather than punishment and confinement.
- New community action centers connecting all of the service providers within our Health and Community Services Divisions which will be focused on client advocacy and comprehensive case management.

- An expansive public works program targeting deficiencies in underground infrastructure.

The U.S. Department of Treasury allocated \$169,758,815.00million to Macomb County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). 50% of these funds have been received as of August 31, 2021. Macomb County intends to create a plan that is effective, efficient, and equitable in helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and promote a healthy economic recovery. Key outcome goals will be delineated after public input. Noteworthy challenges primarily center on evolving information related to Treasury regulations and requirements. Noteworthy opportunities include early positive feedback across the community for a high degree of collaboration. The pandemic has impacted all of us, but our most vulnerable neighbors have been hurt the most. The road to full recovery may be long. However, with the support of SLFRF, Macomb County will be able to put these dollars to work for our community to meet these challenges.

Section 2.0 - Uses of Funds

In order to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn, Macomb County intends to strategically address needs across expenditure areas as defined by Treasury. Furthermore, our initial collaboration with elected officials, county departments and stakeholders has identified three priority categories for use of SLFRF dollars. While we constantly evaluate the needs of every member of our greater community, the COVID-19 pandemic has enhanced our understanding of existing needs and brought to light important issues that need to be addressed across the county. Decisions about specific uses of funds will continue to be evaluated and adjusted as more information about other potential revenue sources becomes available. That includes opportunities to use funds allocated by the Michigan State Legislature. Macomb County is also closely monitoring opportunities to use additional Federal funding to support the COVID-19 pandemic recovery and address a variety of governmental services that enhance health, safety, and sustainability. Macomb County is in the process of researching and evaluating three (3) projects for the use of our funding. Below is a general summary of each project along with the eligible use categories that these projects align with as provided for in the Department of Treasury Guidance:

(1) Criminal justice reform – adopting correctional practices based upon prevention, diversion and treatment rather than confinement. This includes the development and creation of a new central assessment and intake facility for the county jail that includes programs, services and housing for behavioral/mental health services, medical services and substance use disorders. Program Alignment: Public Health (EC 1);

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2), and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)

(2) Health and community services - the development of two (2) new Health and Community Action Centers focused on centralizing client services, expanding client advocacy, and promoting comprehensive case management by placing/concentrating services in the areas of the county with the greatest need and utilizing emerging technology to its fullest advantage to provide equitable access and services to our most vulnerable. Program Alignment: Public Health (EC 1); Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2); and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)

(3) Infrastructure improvement – expansive replacement and upgrades of underground water and wastewater infrastructure, targeting our most serious areas of deficiency. Program alignment: Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)

The SLFRF has recognized that equitable criminal justice systems, health and essential community services, and improvements to basic infrastructure that enhance access to clean water are foundational to any community’s economic health. While we continue to address the short-term and urgent needs of our community, we will also invest in long-term strategies to emerge from this pandemic stronger and more resilient. We are aware that our community will not be successful until every one of our residents is able to share in its success. It is our goal to make that a driving focus as we work to rebuild and recover.

The County’s SLFRF spending plan may adjust as more information becomes available.

Section 3.0 - Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Macomb County intends to use funding from the America Rescue Plan Act’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to support response to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19. SLFRF funding is designed to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities, neighborhoods, residents, and businesses. Macomb County will utilize fiscally sound and equitable processes to apply funding to the projects identified in innovative ways that support the stakeholders listed above. These projects will have a significant, long term, productive impact on vulnerable populations within the county. Macomb County will consult with stakeholders to assess current program methods and to identify any systemic inequities or barriers in the use of this funding

Macomb County intends to promote equitable outcomes and specific measures that will be determined after public input. Outcomes will utilize the Treasury’s definition of equity as laid out in EO 13985 **“On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government”** issued on January 20, 2021.

Section 4.0 - Community Engagement

The County will promote community engagement among and through input from stakeholders, constituents and community-based organizations. Macomb County is committed to a thorough and transparent project planning and evaluation process in the distribution of the SLFRF funds.

Section 5.0 - Labor Practices

At this time, no infrastructure projects have been approved to date. The County will follow all applicable local, county, state and federal labor requirements as they pertain to any approved projects utilizing this federal award.

Section 6.0 - Use of Evidence

The County will, where relevant, employ the use of various methods for collecting and verifying evidence, which may include, but are not limited to: logic models, federal clearinghouses, and learning agendas. Attention will be given to scientifically valid methods for collecting data. We understand that evidence based intervention strategies are critical to validating our projects and the community that we serve. We are committed to expending SLFRF funds in an adaptable and evolving manner aligned with changing economic, social and health related indicators as, we recover from COVID-19.

Section 7.0 - Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

No expenditures as of April 5, 2022.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		

1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		

3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Storm water		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

See Section C (7) on page 27 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Project Inventory

Macomb County has not implemented any projects as of the end of the reporting period.

Performance Report

Macomb County's determination of key performance indicators for any major projects funded with SLFRF will be forthcoming as specific projects are identified, planned, approved and implemented.

Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision

This section only applies to States and territories.