

Macomb County, Michigan

Recovery Plan



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

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 and continue to see 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 to Macomb County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). Fifty percent (50%) of these funds have been received as of June 30, 2022; we are awaiting our second tranche of funds to be distributed. 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.

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 the 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) *Corrections Central Intake & Assessment Center – 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 Mental Health Services (EC 1.12).*

(2) *Central Health and Community Services Facility - 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 – Other Public Health Services (EC 1.14).

(3) *Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements – expansive replacement and upgrades of underground water and wastewater infrastructure, targeting our most serious areas of deficiency. Program Alignment: Infrastructure – Clean Water; Combined Sewer Overflows (EC 5.4)*

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 expects to have our draft project plans and estimated budgets for each project outlined above completed in 3Q 2022. Formal project approval along with corresponding budget amounts is expected in 4Q 2022 and 1Q 2023. The County's SLFRF spending plan may adjust as more information becomes available as the projects are implemented. Once projects are finalized and approved more information regarding goals, data collection, outcome analysis, etc. will be provided.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Macomb County intends to use funding from the American 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.

Community Engagement

Over the past year we have held and participated in numerous meetings, presentations and discussions regarding the use of our recovery funds. These forums have included citizens, public officials such as the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, County Sheriff, Public Works Commissioner, locally elected officials, department leaders, and community corrections, older adult and community action/service oriented advisory committees. Macomb County remains committed to a thorough and transparent project planning and evaluation process in the distribution of the SLFRF funds. The County will continue to promote and participate in community engagement and feedback utilizing forums such as in-person meetings, budget presentations, surveys and social media to continue to gather input from stakeholders, constituents and community-based organizations.

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.

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.

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. As stated previously, the County expects to have our draft project plans and estimated budgets for each project outlined above completed in 3Q 2022. Formal project approval along with corresponding budget amounts is expected in 4Q 2022 and 1Q 2023.

Project Inventory

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

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

No expenditures as of June 30, 2022.

	Expense Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	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	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (Including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.8	COVID-19 Assistance to Small Businesses		
1.9	COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits		
1.10	COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries		
1.11	Community Violence Interventions		
1.12	Mental Health Services		
1.13	Substance Use Services		
1.14	Other Public Health Services		
2	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: Paid Sick and Medical Leave		
2.6	Household Assistance: Health Insurance		
2.7	Household Assistance: Services for Un/Unbanked		
2.8	Household Assistance: Survivor's Benefits		
2.9	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.10	Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers		

2.11	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
2.12	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
2.13	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in the Child Welfare System		
2.14	Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning		
2.15	Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing		
2.16	Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		
2.17	Housing Support: Housing Vouchers & Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
2.18	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
2.19	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
2.20	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
2.21	Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
2.22	Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety		
2.23	Strong Healthy Communities: Demo & Rehab of Properties		
2.24	Addressing Educational Disparities: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
2.25	Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social and Emotional Services		
2.26	Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services		
2.27	Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time		
2.28	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.29	Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship		
2.30	Technical Assistance, Counseling or Business Planning		
2.31	Rehabilitation of Commercial Properties		
2.32	Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance		
2.33	Enhanced Support to Microbusinesses		
2.34	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations		
2.35	Aid to Tourism, Travel and Hospitality		
2.36	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.37	Economic Impact Assistance: Other		
3	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		
3.1	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety or Human Services Workers		
3.2	Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff		

3.3	Public Sector Workforce: Other		
3.4	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		
3.5	Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs		
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	Water and Sewer: Private Wells		
5.17	Water and Sewer: IJJA Bureau of Reclamation Match		
5.18	Water and Sewer: Other		
5.19	Broadband: Last Mile		
5.20	Broad Band: IJJA Match		
5.21	Broadband: Other Projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
6.2	Non-Federal Match for Other Federal Programs		
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Transfer to Other Units of Government		