

State of Nebraska
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2024 Report

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Nebraska Department of Agriculture

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AGRICULTURE - GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

N/A

Uses of Funds

Department of Agriculture: There was included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22 \$10,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$9,875,000 Federal Funds for the Independent Processor Assistance Program, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$125,000 Federal Funds for a dairy industry study, which shall only be used for such purpose. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Agriculture: Independent Processors Assistance Program (IPAP) –

The funds have been used to provide direct aid to meat-processing small businesses throughout the state. All applicants needed to submit eligibility paperwork to show that they are active processing facilities with existing sales revenue less than \$2.5 million, and they employ fewer than 25 people.

Agriculture: Dairy Industry Study – N/A

Community Engagement

N/A

Labor Practices

N/A

Use of Evidence

Agriculture: IPAP - The goal is to facilitate improvements, enhancements, or expansions that will increase harvest capacity and/or product through-put for independent meat processors throughout the state impacted by COVID. These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Agriculture: Dairy Study - The goal is to identify key factors and policies to enhance growth and development in the Nebraska Dairy Industry to provide a more stable and resilient food supply. These SLFRF funds were not used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Agriculture: IPAP - We intend to evaluate the final reports from grantees to measure the impact of these funds on market access, supply chain strength, workforce development, and production capacity across Nebraska. This project primarily serves small independent meat processors who were disproportionately affected economically by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agriculture: Dairy Study – We are in the process of evaluating the final analysis for completeness, relevance, insight, and actionable recommendations.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 18031003: Independent Processor Assistance Program

Funding amount: \$9,875,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Overview

- The Independent Processor Assistance Program continues to provide aid to small meat processors within Nebraska to mitigate the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; address supply chain disruptions, increase processing capacity, expand market access, and facilitate workforce development. Eligible expenses by beneficiaries of each grant include capital improvements, upgrades to utilities, livestock intake and storage equipment, packaging and handling equipment, warehouse equipment, technology that allows increase to capacity or resilience, rental of buildings & facilities, costs for increased inspections, and educational and workforce training. Round one of funding provided up to \$80,000 for reimbursement or advance to eligible firms and a second round of funding provided up to \$100,000 for new, eligible applicants or up to \$55,009.66 for applicants funded in round one.

Use of Evidence

- The goal is to facilitate improvements, enhancements, or expansions that will increase harvest capacity and/or product through-put for independent meat processors throughout the state impacted by COVID. These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- We intend to evaluate the final reports from grantees to measure the impact of these funds on market access, supply chain strength, workforce development, and production capacity across Nebraska. This project primarily serves small independent meat processors who were disproportionately affected economically by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project 18031002: Dairy Study

Funding amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Overview

- The purpose of the Nebraska Dairy Study was to conduct an analysis of the opportunities facing the Nebraska Dairy Industry, Nebraska resource availability,

producer and processor perspectives, historical trends, and current conditions and to provide recommendations to ensure the viability and mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was allocated for the State fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024.

Use of Evidence

- The goal was to identify key factors and policies to enhance growth and development in the Nebraska Dairy Industry to provide a more stable and resilient food supply. These SLFRF funds were not used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- We are in the process of evaluating the final analysis for completeness, relevance, insight, and actionable recommendations.

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**Nebraska Department of
Corrections**

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The Nebraska Department of Corrections (NDCS) has 11 facilities that house over 5500 incarcerated individuals. Since April 4, 2020, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services had over 120 incarcerated individuals and staff members test positive for COVID-19 within their facilities. Activities within this project relate to provisions of adequate staffing needed during the COVID-19 Pandemic to maintain a safe and secure environment within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Service facilities.

Uses of Funds

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022.

Premium Pay (EC4): It is the goal of NDCS to maintain staffing levels conducive to mitigating the threat of COVID-19 to the health and safety of staff and the incarcerated individuals with our facilities. Premium pay is available to much of the staff, those in direct contact with incarcerated individuals as well as support staff needed to maintain services.

NDCS has a complex staff with interrelated duties. Correctional officers partner with social workers, nurses, and administrative staff to keep the facilities safe and functioning. In addition, there are housekeeping, maintenance, and food service workers striving to provide basic needs for incarcerated individuals.

Priority has been given to those with the most direct contact with inmates as well as those supporting their efforts.

Promoting equitable outcomes

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022.

- a. Goals: For several years prior to April 4, 2020, NDCS was struggling with overcrowded prisons and understaffing at those facilities. This resulted in many staff members working extended overtime in order to maintain staff levels at the facilities. The resulting stress led to staff burnout and acerbated personnel turnover. COVID-19 compounded our efforts to maintain staffing. The goal of NDCS is to stop the constant churn of employees. These funds have helped to stabilize the workforce, reduce training costs, as well as overtime expenditures. Ultimately this leads to better safekeeping of incarcerated individuals as well as protecting the public.*
- b. Awareness: The Nebraska State Legislature apportioned the funding to NDCS. Legislative sessions were open to the public for hearings and questions.*
- c. Access and Distribution: Premium Pay is only awarded for actual hours worked. Leave time is not rewarded. This offers additional incentive to avoid excessive leave usage.*

- d. *Outcomes: These funds have provided much needed relief to our staffing situation. We have been able to fill most vacancies in a short amount of time. Recruitment is at an all-time high, with individuals signing on from several states. We have kept our standards high throughout this time and believe we are well on our way to having not just a functional workforce, but a superior one.*

Community Engagement

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022.

Labor Practices

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022.

Use of Evidence

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022. These SLFRF funds were not used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

NDCS completed the SLFRF Program created to address staffing needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All available funds were claimed in program year 2022.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project: Premium Pay

Funding amount: \$20,262,543

Project Expenditure Category: Premium Pay

Project Overview

- *Activities within this project relate to provisions of adequate staffing needed during the COVID-19 Pandemic to maintain a safe and secure environment within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Service facilities*

Use of Evidence

- *These SLFRF funds were not used for evidence-based interventions.*

Performance Report

- *These funds have provided much needed relief to our staffing situation. We have been able to fill most vacancies in a short amount of time. Recruitment is at an all-time high, with individuals signing on from several states. We have kept our standards high throughout this time and believe we are well on our way to having not just a functional workforce, but a superior one.*

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**Nebraska Commission on Law
Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

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Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

**Report to the Executive Board
of the
Legislative Council**

**Crime Commission Project Compliance
with the
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF)**

*LB 1014, Section 48, for \$47,700,000 Federal
Funds in FY 2021-22*

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COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ELIGIBILITY

Summary

Treasury's Interim Final Rule for ARPA supports “communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic” and “that recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.”

Perpetual Deficit in Trained Law Enforcement Personnel						
Perpetual Deficit		Officers Leave/Die Due to COVID		Increases in Crime		Need to Expand Capacity and Ability to Isolate
<i>Open Positions vs. Trained</i>	+	<i>Increased Case Loads</i>	X	<i>Violent Crime</i>	=	<i>Facility Used to Respond or Isolate Training</i>

This project qualifies for ARPA per Treasury's Interim Final Rule which notes the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. An accepted strategy to respond to increases in violence per the rule is the hiring of public safety personnel, which is further expanded by the rule to allow communities to “use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.”

Crime Rates

Comparing 2019 (pre-pandemic) to 2020 (pandemic) crime statistics found increases in criminal homicide (50%), aggravated assault (5.34%), and arson (5.84%), while related crimes such as burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft went down as people were sheltering in place during the pandemic.

ARPA Guidance Under SLFRF Final Rule II (A)(2)(d)-Preventing and Responding to Violence (PG. 69-72)

“The interim final rule highlighted that some types of violence had increased during the pandemic and that the ability of victims to access services had decreased, noting as an example the challenges that individuals affected by domestic violence face in accessing services. Accordingly, the interim final rule enumerated as an eligible use, in disproportionately impacted communities, evidence-based community violence intervention programs. Enumerated eligible uses that respond to an increase in gun violence may be pursued in communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic, specifically: 1) hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies for gun violence.”

ARPA Guidance Under SLFRF Final Rule Part II (A)(4)(b) -Capital Expenditures (PG. 190-200)

“The interim final rule expressly permitted use of funds for a limited number of capital expenditures that mostly pertained to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation...Because, in all cases, uses of SLFRF funds to respond to public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic must be related and reasonably proportional to a harm caused or exacerbated by the pandemic, some capital expenditures may not be eligible.”

“For administrative convenience, the final rule provides presumptions on whether a Written Justification is required based on the type and size of the capital expenditure”. For projects that are greater than \$10 million, written justification would need to be submitted to the Department of the Treasury and recipients must submit regular reporting “including the requirement that a capital expenditure must be reasonably designed to benefit the individual or class that experienced the identified impact or harm and must be related and reasonably proportional to the extent and type of impact or harm”.

“The Written Justification should (1) describe the harm or need to be addressed; (2) explain why a capital expenditure is appropriate to address the harm or need; and (3) compare the proposed capital expenditure against alternative capital expenditures that could be made. The information required for the Written Justification reflects the framework applicable to all uses under the public health and negative economic impacts eligible use category, providing justification for the

reasonable design, relatedness, and reasonable proportionality of the capital expenditure in response to the harm or impact identified”.

Justification for Projects That Are Greater Than \$10 Million

Expenditure Benefits the Impacted

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) is the state’s law enforcement training academy, providing basic training to most Nebraska law enforcement agencies in addition to continuing education and specialized instructor training. While there are academies at the Lincoln Police Department, Omaha Police Department, and the Sarpy-Douglas Law Enforcement Academy, NLETC facilities are used by the State Patrol and by NLETC staff who train officers from over 200 agencies in the state. Further, officers from agencies with their own academies often attend classes at NLETC facilities. Enhancements and expansion of NLETC facilities will impact almost every officer in Nebraska.

Describe the Harm or Need to be Addressed

Nebraska law enforcement officers experienced a decline in staffing brought about by those leaving the profession during the COVID-19 pandemic, which exacerbated existing staffing issues and created a perpetual deficit of trained officers to fill an ever-expanding number of positions. Further, some violent crime rates rose, giving a decreased number of officers an increased caseload.

Capital Expenditure is Appropriate to Address the Harm or Need

The expenditure provides for expanded and improved facilities that will better prepare law enforcement officers in Nebraska to respond to increased caseloads, calls for service, and aid in increasing and enhancing training opportunities for new and existing officers. These facilities will also draw in instructors and additional applicants.

Proposed Capital Expenditure Compared to Alternative Capital Expenditures

No other expenditure can as efficiently and effectively impact the greatest number of officers as improvements to and expansion of NLETC. The facility has not been updated in over 20 years and cannot keep up with increased training loads and changes in content. The project will:

- Allow for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers and ensure continuity of services.
- Reduce the time to train and certify new officers.
- Enhance opportunities for specialized training and cross-training.
- Provide access to virtual training via technology-enabled classrooms.
- Compete with other states for top talent.
- Reduce the spread of disease among trainees and increase officer wellness and resiliency.

The funding had widespread support from state senators, law enforcement groups such as the Nebraska Sheriffs’ Association and the Police Chiefs’ Association of Nebraska, and agency leaders across the state. Further, the Nebraska League of Municipalities, which represents more than 394 member cities and villages that in turn account for 98% of all Nebraskans, are strong supporters of the project.

NEBRASKA DEPT. OF ADMIN. SERVICES NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER EXPANSION

Grand Island, NE

DD Estimate

April 26, 2024

Revision #1

Prepared For:

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NOTES REGARDING PREPARATION OF ESTIMATE

This estimate was prepared based on the following documents provided by Dewberry

1. Design Development Drawings dated March 29, 2024.
2. Design Development Specifications dated March 29, 2024.
3. Information regarding the project was also obtained via meetings, phone conversations, and email messages that clarified the project scope.

BIDDING PROCESS - MARKET CONDITIONS

This document is based on the measurement and pricing of quantities wherever information is provided and/or reasonable assumptions for other work not covered in the drawings or specifications, as stated within this document. Unit rates have been generated from current material/labor rates, historical production data, and discussions with relevant subcontractors and material suppliers. The unit rates reflect current bid costs in the area. All unit rates relevant to subcontractor work include the subcontractors overhead and profit unless otherwise stated.

Pricing reflects probable construction costs obtainable in the Grand Island, Nebraska area on the bid date. This estimate is a determination of fair market value for the construction of this project. It is not a prediction of low bid. Pricing assumes competitive bidding for every portion of the construction work for all subcontractors with a minimum of 3 bidders for all items of subcontracted work and a with a minimum of 3 bidders for a general contractor. Experience indicates that a fewer number of bidders may result in higher bids, conversely an increased number of bidders may result in more competitive bids.

Since Middleton Consulting has no control over the cost of labor, material, equipment, or over the contractor's method of determining prices, or over the competitive bidding or market conditions at the time of bid, this statement of probable construction cost is based on industry practice, professional experience and qualifications, and represents Middleton Consulting's best judgment as professional construction cost consultants familiar with the construction industry. However, Middleton Consulting cannot and does not guarantee that the proposals, bids, or the construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by them.

ASSUMED CONSTRUCTION PARAMETERS

The pricing is based on the following project parameters:

1. A construction start date of September 23, 2024.
2. A construction period of 15 months.
3. The contract will be competitively bid to multiple contractors.
4. All contractors will be required to pay prevailing wages.
5. The contractors will have full access to the site during normal working hours
6. Estimate includes pricing as of April 2024.

EXCLUSIONS

The following are excluded from the cost of this estimate:

1. Professional Design Fees
2. Testing Fees
3. Owner Contingencies/Scope Changes
4. Construction Contingency
5. Premium Time / Restrictions on Contractor Working Hours
6. Premium Costs For Any Local WBE/MBE Participation Requirements
7. Finance and Legal Charges
8. Hazardous Material Abatement Costs
9. Contaminated Soil Removal
10. Temporary Facilities
11. Loose Furniture
12. Equipment (Owner Furnished/Installed)
13. Intercom System



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Nebraska Law Enforcement
Training Center Expansion
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COST SUMMARY	GFA SF	\$/SF	BUILDING TOTAL
FIREARM RANGE FACILITY	49,612	\$505.03	\$25,055,651
EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT FACILITY	14,105	\$314.14	\$4,430,913
EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD			\$7,032,622
TACTICAL HOUSE	15,925	\$201.45	\$3,208,013
FURNITURE ALLOWANCE			\$400,000
EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT			\$1,727,129
EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING			\$28,763
NW CORNER EVOC TRACK			\$85,912
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS	79,642	\$526.97	\$41,969,003
ADD ALTERNATE: TACTICAL HOUSE ELEVATOR*			\$208,083

*Includes mark ups shown on subsequent summaries



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COST SUMMARY - FIREARM RANGE FACILITY		49,612	GSF	\$/SF	BUILDING TOTAL
01000	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS			\$0.00	\$0
02000	EXISTING CONDITIONS			\$0.00	\$0
03000	CONCRETE			\$18.37	\$911,130
04000	MASONRY			\$19.40	\$962,558
05000	METALS			\$27.99	\$1,388,398
06000	WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES			\$2.61	\$129,598
07000	THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM			\$28.30	\$1,404,160
08000	OPENINGS			\$16.16	\$801,816
09000	FINISHES			\$20.71	\$1,027,425
10000	SPECIALTIES			\$1.98	\$98,014
11000	EQUIPMENT			\$117.57	\$5,832,690
12000	FURNISHINGS			\$0.11	\$5,243
13000	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION			\$0.00	\$0
14000	CONVEYING EQUIPMENT			\$0.00	\$0
21000	FIRE SUPPRESSION			\$6.46	\$320,278
22000	PLUMBING			\$12.42	\$616,058
23000	HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING			\$63.01	\$3,125,845
26000	ELECTRICAL			\$27.74	\$1,376,217
27000	COMMUNICATIONS			\$10.65	\$528,257
28000	ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY			\$7.62	\$378,113
31000	EARTHWORK			\$9.92	\$491,911
32000	EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS			\$13.13	\$651,214
33000	UTILITIES			\$4.16	\$206,199
SUBTOTAL - FIREARM RANGE FACILITY				\$408.27	\$20,255,123
	ESCALATION	4.1%		\$16.74	\$830,460
	GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5%		\$31.88	\$1,581,419
	CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5%		\$15.99	\$793,345
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8%		\$32.16	\$1,595,304
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - FIREARM RANGE FACILITY				\$505.03	\$25,055,651



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COST SUMMARY - EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT		14,105	GSF	\$/SF	BUILDING TOTAL
01000	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS			\$0.00	\$0
02000	EXISTING CONDITIONS			\$0.00	\$0
03000	CONCRETE			\$19.10	\$269,416
04000	MASONRY			\$26.03	\$367,216
05000	METALS			\$19.69	\$277,734
06000	WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES			\$4.37	\$61,645
07000	THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM			\$36.79	\$518,889
08000	OPENINGS			\$12.69	\$178,954
09000	FINISHES			\$22.40	\$315,901
10000	SPECIALTIES			\$4.23	\$59,657
11000	EQUIPMENT			\$0.00	\$0
12000	FURNISHINGS			\$0.04	\$532
13000	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION			\$0.00	\$0
14000	CONVEYING EQUIPMENT			\$0.00	\$0
21000	FIRE SUPPRESSION			\$5.12	\$72,286
22000	PLUMBING			\$20.42	\$287,993
23000	HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING			\$23.93	\$337,471
26000	ELECTRICAL			\$17.50	\$246,882
27000	COMMUNICATIONS			\$5.57	\$78,545
28000	ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY			\$10.81	\$152,424
31000	EARTHWORK			\$16.79	\$236,861
32000	EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS			\$0.77	\$10,881
33000	UTILITIES			\$7.71	\$108,688
SUBTOTAL - EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT				\$253.95	\$3,581,974
	ESCALATION	4.1%		\$10.41	\$146,861
	GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5%		\$19.83	\$279,663
	CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5%		\$9.95	\$140,297
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8%		\$20.00	\$282,118
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT				\$314.14	\$4,430,913



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COST SUMMARY - EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD	BUILDING TOTAL
01000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	\$0
02000 EXISTING CONDITIONS	\$0
03000 CONCRETE	\$0
04000 MASONRY	\$0
05000 METALS	\$0
06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES	\$0
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM	\$0
08000 OPENINGS	\$0
09000 FINISHES	\$0
10000 SPECIALTIES	\$0
11000 EQUIPMENT	\$0
12000 FURNISHINGS	\$0
13000 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	\$0
14000 CONVEYING EQUIPMENT	\$0
21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION	\$0
22000 PLUMBING	\$0
23000 HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING	\$0
26000 ELECTRICAL	\$0
27000 COMMUNICATIONS	\$0
28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$0
31000 EARTHWORK	\$2,307,812
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$3,331,803
33000 UTILITIES	\$45,594
SUBTOTAL - EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD	\$5,685,209
ESCALATION	4.1% \$233,094
GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5% \$443,873
CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5% \$222,676
DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8% \$447,770
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD	\$7,032,622



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COST SUMMARY - TACTICAL HOUSE		15,925	GSF	\$/SF	BUILDING TOTAL
01000	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS			\$0.00	\$0
02000	EXISTING CONDITIONS			\$0.00	\$0
03000	CONCRETE			\$31.45	\$500,835
04000	MASONRY			\$17.18	\$273,634
05000	METALS			\$12.75	\$202,994
06000	WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES			\$1.24	\$19,768
07000	THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM			\$20.35	\$324,039
08000	OPENINGS			\$5.79	\$92,194
09000	FINISHES			\$3.60	\$57,356
10000	SPECIALTIES			\$0.00	\$0
11000	EQUIPMENT			\$0.00	\$0
12000	FURNISHINGS			\$0.00	\$0
13000	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION			\$0.00	\$0
14000	CONVEYING EQUIPMENT			\$10.74	\$171,099
21000	FIRE SUPPRESSION			\$3.48	\$55,438
22000	PLUMBING			\$7.50	\$119,496
23000	HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING			\$16.91	\$269,324
26000	ELECTRICAL			\$17.47	\$278,288
27000	COMMUNICATIONS			\$0.64	\$10,148
28000	ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY			\$8.89	\$141,598
31000	EARTHWORK			\$4.85	\$77,164
32000	EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS			\$0.00	\$0
33000	UTILITIES			\$0.00	\$0
SUBTOTAL - TACTICAL HOUSE				\$162.85	\$2,593,375
	ESCALATION	4.1%		\$6.68	\$106,328
	GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5%		\$12.71	\$202,478
	CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5%		\$6.38	\$101,576
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8%		\$12.83	\$204,256
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - TACTICAL HOUSE				\$201.45	\$3,208,013
ADD ALTERNATE: TACTICAL HOUSE ELEVATOR*					\$208,083

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COST SUMMARY - EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT	BUILDING TOTAL
01000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	\$0
02000 EXISTING CONDITIONS	\$0
03000 CONCRETE	\$0
04000 MASONRY	\$0
05000 METALS	\$0
06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES	\$0
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM	\$0
08000 OPENINGS	\$0
09000 FINISHES	\$0
10000 SPECIALTIES	\$0
11000 EQUIPMENT	\$0
12000 FURNISHINGS	\$0
13000 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	\$0
14000 CONVEYING EQUIPMENT	\$0
21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION	\$0
22000 PLUMBING	\$0
23000 HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING	\$0
26000 ELECTRICAL	\$0
27000 COMMUNICATIONS	\$0
28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$0
31000 EARTHWORK	\$973,339
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$422,881
33000 UTILITIES	\$0
SUBTOTAL - EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT	\$1,396,220
ESCALATION	4.1% \$57,245
GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5% \$109,010
CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5% \$54,687
DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8% \$109,967
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT	\$1,727,129



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COST SUMMARY - EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING		BUILDING TOTAL
01000	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	\$0
02000	EXISTING CONDITIONS	\$0
03000	CONCRETE	\$0
04000	MASONRY	\$0
05000	METALS	\$0
06000	WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES	\$0
07000	THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM	\$0
08000	OPENINGS	\$0
09000	FINISHES	\$0
10000	SPECIALTIES	\$0
11000	EQUIPMENT	\$0
12000	FURNISHINGS	\$0
13000	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	\$0
14000	CONVEYING EQUIPMENT	\$0
21000	FIRE SUPPRESSION	\$0
22000	PLUMBING	\$0
23000	HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING	\$0
26000	ELECTRICAL	\$0
27000	COMMUNICATIONS	\$0
28000	ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$0
31000	EARTHWORK	\$0
32000	EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$23,252
33000	UTILITIES	\$0
SUBTOTAL - EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING		\$23,252
	ESCALATION	4.1% \$953
	GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5% \$1,815
	CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5% \$911
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8% \$1,831
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING		\$28,763



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01000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	\$0
02000 EXISTING CONDITIONS	\$0
03000 CONCRETE	\$0
04000 MASONRY	\$0
05000 METALS	\$0
06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES	\$0
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION SYSTEM	\$0
08000 OPENINGS	\$0
09000 FINISHES	\$0
10000 SPECIALTIES	\$0
11000 EQUIPMENT	\$0
12000 FURNISHINGS	\$0
13000 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	\$0
14000 CONVEYING EQUIPMENT	\$0
21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION	\$0
22000 PLUMBING	\$0
23000 HEATING, VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING	\$0
26000 ELECTRICAL	\$0
27000 COMMUNICATIONS	\$0
28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$0
31000 EARTHWORK	\$6,620
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$62,832
33000 UTILITIES	\$0
SUBTOTAL - NW CORNER EVOC TRACK	\$69,452
ESCALATION	4.1% \$2,848
GENERAL CONDITIONS/BOND/INSURANCE	7.5% \$5,422
CONTRACTOR'S FEES	3.5% \$2,720
DESIGN CONTINGENCY	6.8% \$5,470
TOTAL ESTIMATED BID - NW CORNER EVOC TRACK	\$85,912



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
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FIREARMS RANGE FACILITY

BASE SCOPE

03000 CONCRETE

03100 Concrete Formwork

Formwork for strip footings	5,275	SQFT	6.08	32,081
Formwork for isolated column footings	946	SQFT	8.24	7,798
Formwork for piers	160	SQFT	10.28	1,644
Formwork for mat foundations	203	SQFT	14.42	2,928
Formwork for foundation walls	6,415	SQFT	6.57	42,147

Subtotal: Concrete Formwork \$86,599

03200 Concrete Reinforcement

Reinforcement in strip footings	5	TONS	2,520.62	13,359
Reinforcement in isolated column footings	2	TONS	3,627.31	5,804
Reinforcement in firing range slab on grade	26	TONS	3,186.39	81,253
Reinforcement in remaining building slab on grade	11	TONS	2,590.65	27,979
Reinforcement in piers	0	TONS	4,086.41	1,226
Reinforcement in mat foundations	1	TONS	4,013.67	3,211
Reinforcement in foundation walls	6	TONS	2,767.68	17,436

Subtotal: Concrete Reinforcement \$150,268

03300 Cast in Place Concrete

Concrete in strip footings, 4,500 psi	394	CUYD	244.81	96,457
Concrete in isolated column footings, 4,500 psi	106	CUYD	248.78	26,370
Concrete in piers, 4,500 psi	3	CUYD	273.30	820
Concrete in mat foundations, 4,500 psi	31	CUYD	231.79	7,186
Concrete in foundation walls, 4,500 psi	237	CUYD	247.64	58,692
Concrete in Vault walls, 5,000 psi	26	CUYD	264.81	6,885
Vapor barrier at slab	49,612	SQFT	0.69	34,381
Concrete slab on grade, 12" thk, 5,000 psi	25,488	SQFT	11.17	284,698
Concrete slab on grade, 5" thk, 4,000 psi	24,124	SQFT	5.70	137,480
Extra to form depression in slab	250	SQFT	1.86	464
Concrete densifier additive at Firing Range slab	25,488	SQFT	0.82	20,829

Subtotal: Cast in Place Concrete \$674,263

TOTAL: CONCRETE \$911,130

04000 MASONRY

04100 Exterior Masonry

8" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	8,867	SQFT	15.26	135,337
10" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	1,210	SQFT	18.02	21,799
12" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	17,050	SQFT	21.94	374,004
Grout CMU walls solid	405	CUYD	250.09	101,288

Subtotal: Exterior Masonry \$632,428

04300 Interior Masonry

CMU partition N1; 8" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	8,548	SQFT	15.26	130,468
CMU partition N2; 12" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	2,471	SQFT	19.45	48,053



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CMU partition N1; 8" block, glazed on one side with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	3,274	SQFT	33.02	108,093
Grout CMU walls solid	174	CUYD	250.09	43,516
Subtotal: Interior Masonry				\$330,130
TOTAL: MASONRY				\$962,558

05000 METALS

05100 Structural Steel

Structural steel beams, W-Shapes	103	TONS	4,509.10	464,437
Structural steel columns, HSS tubes including base plates and anchors	8	TONS	5,003.26	38,525
Structural steel beams, HSS tubes, galvanized, for horizontal support of roof top screen wall	16	TONS	4,739.94	76,313
Structural steel columns, HSS tubes, galvanized, for roof top screen wall, including base plates and anchors	10	TONS	5,234.10	49,724
Structural steel beams/support, HSS tubes, galvanized, at exterior stairs	1,850	LBS	5.69	10,529
Galvanized steel plate on top of HSS tube support member at screen wall, 1'4" x 6", continuous	3,505	LBS	5.98	20,943
Thru-bolt connection	5	EACH	738.31	3,692
Steel joists, series K	7	TONS	3,787.92	26,894
Steel joists, series LH	2	TONS	4,012.92	6,421
Steel joists, series LH long span	25	TONS	4,012.92	99,520
Steel joists, series LH long span, double-pitched	13	TONS	4,297.33	57,584
Metal roof deck, galvanized, 1-1/2" 20 ga.	51,566	SQFT	5.99	308,679
Subtotal: Structural Steel				\$1,163,261

05200 Structural Metal Stud Framing

Structural metal stud framing at soffits/canopy	616	SQFT	10.58	6,520
Subtotal: Structural Metal Stud Framing				\$6,520

05300 Stairs

Metal pan stairs	356	LNFT	66.72	23,752
Metal pan stair landing	200	SQFT	61.54	12,308
Subtotal: Stairs				\$36,061

05400 Metal Fabrications

Steel stair guard rails, steel pickets, painted, including steel handrail at stairs	8	LNFT	326.49	2,612
Galvanized steel railing and handrail at exterior stairs, MSR-01	178	LNFT	387.67	69,005
Galvanized steel handrail, 1-1/2" dia, wall mounted at exterior stairs	110	LNFT	59.95	6,595
Subtotal: Metal Fabrications				\$78,212

05900 Miscellaneous Metals

Miscellaneous angles, channels, lintels, etc.	49,612	SQFT	2.10	104,344
Subtotal: Miscellaneous Metals				\$104,344

TOTAL: METALS				\$1,388,398
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06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES

06200 Rough Carpentry

Miscellaneous wood blocking & rough carpentry	49,612	SQFT	1.24	61,583
Fire-retardant 3/4" plywood in MDF/IT Rooms	389	SQFT	1.97	765
Subtotal: Rough Carpentry				\$62,349

06300 Millwork



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P-lam base cabinets and stainless steel countertop with backsplash	71	LNFT	732.21	51,987
P-lam countertop, wall mounted, in Firing Range Control Room	14	LNFT	83.11	1,164
Solid surface vanity with sink cut outs in Restrooms	44	LNFT	119.30	5,249
Solid surface window sills	170	LNFT	52.06	8,850
Subtotal: Millwork				\$67,250
TOTAL: WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES				\$129,598
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				
07100 Dampproofing & Waterproofing				
Spray-applied air/vapor barrier	22,127	SQFT	2.59	57,307
Subtotal: Dampproofing & Waterproofing				\$57,307
07200 Thermal Insulation				
Rigid insulation, 2" thk, at exterior face of foundation walls	3,208	SQFT	2.78	8,921
Rigid insulation, 5" thk, at exterior walls	22,127	SQFT	4.95	109,586
Subtotal: Thermal Insulation				\$118,508
07400 Roofing				
TPO roofing including tapered rigid insulation, vapor barrier, coverboard and flashings	50,982	SQFT	11.56	589,586
Subtotal: Roofing				\$589,586
07600 Metal Panel Systems				
Metal panel rain screen over CMU/precast back up, including girts, trims and fascia at canopies	22,127	SQFT	20.30	449,251
Roof screen wall	7,108	SQFT	16.95	120,476
Metal panel soffit, including 5/8" exterior gypboard sheathing	616	SQFT	20.54	12,652
Prefinished metal parapet coping	1,290	LNFT	20.90	26,960
Subtotal: Metal Panel Systems				\$609,339
07800 Caulking & Sealants				
Miscellaneous caulking & sealants	49,612	SQFT	0.59	29,420
Subtotal: Caulking & Sealants				\$29,420
TOTAL: THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				\$1,404,160
08000 OPENINGS				
08100 Windows				
Storefront windows	908	SQFT	60.11	54,584
Subtotal: Windows				\$54,584
08200 Curtainwall & Storefront				
Aluminum framed storefront entrances	595	SQFT	70.80	42,124
Aluminum framed storefront windows	885	SQFT	60.11	53,201
Storefront/curtain wall door leaf in curtain wall/storefront framin system, including hardware	14	EACH	3,454.59	48,364
Automatic door operating hardware with actuator paddle each side of opening	4	EACH	8,271.62	33,086
Aluminum framed curtain wall	2,214	SQFT	139.01	307,772
Subtotal: Curtainwall & Storefront				\$484,548
08300 Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	3	EACH	482.58	1,448
HM frame type F1; 6'-0" x 7'-0"	7	EACH	553.10	3,872



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HM frame type F1; 9'-0" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	731.37	731
HM frame, ballistically rated, acoustical HM door and hardware, single air-lock; 3'-4" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	10,278.58	10,279
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	17	EACH	534.30	9,083
HM door type F; 4'-6" x 7'-0"	2	EACH	732.06	1,464
Hardware set, single	3	EACH	1,364.41	4,093
Hardware set, double	3	EACH	2,178.71	6,536
Hardware set, double, access controlled	5	EACH	2,831.61	14,158
Subtotal: Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$51,664
08400 Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	23	EACH	399.31	9,184
HM frame type F1; 4'-0" x 7'-0"	6	EACH	432.06	2,592
HM frame type F1; 6'-0" x 7'-0"	7	EACH	474.82	3,324
HM frame type F1; 9'-0" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	731.37	731
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	40	EACH	534.30	21,372
HM door type F; 4'-0" x 7'-0"	6	EACH	579.30	3,476
HM door type F; 4'-6" x 7'-0"	2	EACH	732.06	1,464
HM frame, ballistically rated, acoustical HM door and hardware, single air-lock; 4'-0" x 7'-0"	2	EACH	10,278.58	20,557
Hardware set, single	28	EACH	1,120.46	31,373
Hardware set, single, access controlled	1	EACH	1,938.71	1,939
Hardware set, double	5	EACH	1,628.71	8,144
Hardware set, double, access controlled	2	EACH	2,886.61	5,773
Subtotal: Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$109,929
08500 Interior Glazing				
Exterior storefront	187	SQFT	93.52	17,489
Interior storefront	250	SQFT	76.52	19,131
Storefront door leaf, interior	4	EACH	3,636.39	14,546
Storefront door leaf, exterior	2	EACH	4,101.39	8,203
Viewing window at Firing Range Control Room, HM framed with ballistic glazing, 11'-0" L x 4'-0" H)	1	EACH	22,418.34	22,418
Subtotal: Interior Glazing				\$81,787
08600 Special Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
Vault door, GSA Class 5-A	1	EACH	19,304.78	19,305
Subtotal: Special Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$19,305
TOTAL: OPENINGS				\$801,816
09000 FINISHES				
09100 Plaster & Gypsum Board				
Gypboard ceiling	2,625	SQFT	12.48	32,761
Gypboard soffit	1,759	SQFT	13.98	24,587
Partition A1; 3-5/8" metal studs, 5/8" type 'X' gypboard on each side, insulation and acoustic ceiling both sides top and bottom	5,431	SQFT	11.47	62,311
Partition A2; 3-5/8" metal studs, 5/8" type 'X' gypboard on one side, insulation and acoustic sealant top and bottom	1,177	SQFT	9.29	10,931
Partition F1; 7/8" metal hat channels with (1) layer of 5/8" typ 'X' gypboard and continuous sealant	10,481	SQFT	8.29	86,869

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Partition F2; 7/8" metal hat channels with (2) layers of 5/8" typ 'X' gypboard and continuous sealant	1,085	SQFT	10.36	11,241
Partition K2; (2) rows of 3-5/8" metal studs with (2) layers of 5/8" typ 'X' gypboard each side, insulation and continuous sealant	2,056	SQFT	20.20	41,523
Subtotal: Plaster & Gypsum Board				\$270,222
09200 Floor Finishes				
Moisture mitigation at epoxy resin floor finish areas	4,296	SQFT	4.47	19,192
Concrete sealer	7,941	SQFT	1.01	7,998
Epoxy resin flooring, RMX-01	4,296	SQFT	25.40	109,111
Rubber base RB-1	1,990	LNFT	2.13	4,241
Firing lane striping	5,277	LNFT	1.25	6,613
Stripe "Do Not Shoot Beyond 3 YD Line" in Firing Range	4	EACH	292.31	1,169
Lane number and ADA symbol striping at firing lanes	42	EACH	111.92	4,701
Subtotal: Floor Finishes				\$153,026
09300 Wall Finishes				
Ceramic wall tile, CR-01	122	SQFT	15.80	1,927
Subtotal: Wall Finishes				\$1,927
09400 Ceiling Finishes				
ACT-01, 2'-0" x 2'-0"	6,849	SQFT	4.47	30,633
ACT-02, 2'-0" x 2'-0", moisture resistant	960	SQFT	5.82	5,590
Metal baffle ceiling, MBF-01	2,948	SQFT	58.87	173,549
Subtotal: Ceiling Finishes				\$209,771
09500 Acoustical Treatments				
Non-ballistic acoustical ceiling, 2'-0" x 8'-0", NBC-01	4,015	SQFT	50.72	203,643
Whiteboard wall covering WC-01	611	SQFT	48.80	29,819
Firing range acoustical wall panels, AWP-01	1,409	SQFT	39.79	56,065
Acoustic wall panels, ACP-01	2,453	SQFT	25.86	63,435
Subtotal: Acoustical Treatments				\$352,961
09600 Paints & Coatings				
Paint HM doors	70	EACH	41.99	2,939
Paint HM door frame	51	EACH	30.24	1,542
Prime & paint gypboard ceilings and soffits	4,385	SQFT	0.81	3,551
Prime & paint gypboard walls	25,843	SQFT	0.70	18,201
Prime and paint CMU walls	11,895	SQFT	1.12	13,284
Subtotal: Paints & Coatings				\$39,518
TOTAL: FINISHES				\$1,027,425
10000 SPECIALTIES				
10200 Signage				
Exterior building signage	1	LSUM	15,000.00	15,000
Code required wayfinding, room identification signage and Firing Range signage	49,612	SQFT	0.66	32,615
Subtotal: Signage				\$47,615
10400 Toilet Accessories				
Toilet partition, accessible	2	EACH	1,407.21	2,814
Toilet partition, standard	9	EACH	1,150.76	10,357
Urinal screen	2	EACH	492.90	986



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Toilet paper dispenser	13	EACH	69.18	899
Paper towel dispenser, surface mounted	6	EACH	133.99	804
Napkin disposal, stainless steel, surface mounted	7	EACH	119.49	836
Soap dispenser	14	EACH	64.65	905
Shower curtain rod	2	EACH	49.64	99
Folding shower seat	2	EACH	410.49	821
Toilet seat cover dispenser	13	EACH	59.40	772
Utility mop holder & shelf, stainless steel	1	EACH	229.20	229
Grab bar set, three piece	4	EACH	223.95	896
Grab bar set, shower	2	EACH	209.30	419
Lavatory mirrors	16	EACH	247.99	3,968
Subtotal: Toilet Accessories				\$24,806
10500 Fire Protection Specialties				
Fire extinguisher & cabinet, wall mounted (quantity allowance)	8	EACH	353.60	2,829
Subtotal: Fire Protection Specialties				\$2,829
10600 Lockers & Benches				
Staff lockers with integral bench	18	EACH	617.90	11,122
Gear/ammo storage lockers	41	EACH	283.95	11,642
Subtotal: Lockers & Benches				\$22,764
TOTAL: SPECIALTIES				\$98,014
11000 EQUIPMENT				
11900 Miscellaneous Equipment				
Firing range equipment, 30 lanes, including controllers, targets, combat wall, ballistic overhead acoustic baffles, etc.	1	LSUM	5,152,690.00	5,152,690
Range equipment accessories	1	LSUM	55,000.00	55,000
Vented cleaning tables	1	LSUM	500,000.00	500,000
Lead monitoring system	1	LSUM	125,000.00	125,000
Subtotal: Miscellaneous Equipment				\$5,832,690
TOTAL: EQUIPMENT				\$5,832,690
12000 FURNISHINGS				
12100 Window Treatment				
Window treatments	611	SQFT	8.58	5,243
Subtotal: Window Treatment				\$5,243
TOTAL: FURNISHINGS				\$5,243
21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION				
21200 Fire Sprinkler Equipment & Specialties				
Test header	1	EACH	1,940.23	1,940
Fire department connection, siamese, exterior wall mounted, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 6"	1	EACH	2,144.53	2,145
Fire notification device, exterior wall mounted	1	EACH	423.12	423
Double check detector valve, 6"	1	EACH	6,942.49	6,942
Check valve, non slam, 4"	2	EACH	1,278.29	2,557
Supervisory valve, butterfly with tamper switch	1	EACH	1,344.37	1,344
Zone control valve, butterfly with tamper switch	2	EACH	1,056.24	2,112
Flow switches	1	EACH	299.06	299

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Pressure gauges	1	EACH	244.06	244
Subtotal: Fire Sprinkler Equipment & Specialties				\$18,007
21300 Sprinkler Heads & Piping				
Wet sprinkler system	24,428	SQFT	3.48	85,039
Wet sprinkler system (Firing Range)	25,171	SQFT	4.73	118,971
Dry sprinkler system	839	SQFT	3.48	2,921
Subtotal: Sprinkler Heads & Piping				\$206,930
21400 Testing & Commissioning				
System pressure testing and certification	1	LSUM	2,377.46	2,377
Subtotal: Testing & Commissioning				\$2,377
21900 Special Fire Suppression				
Preaction valve/system assembly and cabinet, double interlock	1	EACH	21,019.95	21,020
Nitrogen generator	1	EACH	71,943.66	71,944
Subtotal: Special Fire Suppression				\$92,964
TOTAL: FIRE SUPPRESSION				\$320,278
22000 PLUMBING				
22200 Plumbing Fixtures				
Water closet WC-1/2, wall hung, hardwired sensor-operated flush valve	13	EACH	2,148.42	27,929
Lavatory L-1, wall hung, hardwired sensor-operated faucet	2	EACH	2,283.84	4,568
Lavatory L-2, self rimming countertop, hardwired sensor-operated faucet	14	EACH	1,865.70	26,120
Urinal UR-1/2, wall hung, hardwired automatic flush valve	3	EACH	2,181.56	6,545
Sink S-1, stainless steel, single basin self-rimming, manual faucet	1	EACH	1,802.99	1,803
Sink S-2, stainless steel, double basin self-rimming, manual faucet	3	EACH	2,203.42	6,610
Handsink S-3 in gun cleaning room, wall hung stainless steel	2	EACH	1,870.42	3,741
Electric water cooler EWC-1, bi-level with bottle filler	2	EACH	4,071.13	8,142
Shower SH-1 head/valve, ADA	2	EACH	1,357.56	2,715
Mop basin MS-1, floor fixture	1	EACH	1,522.56	1,523
Wall box for water connection ISB-1	5	EACH	244.28	1,221
Hose bibb HB-1	2	EACH	368.14	736
Wall hydrant WH-1, nonfreeze	6	EACH	518.14	3,109
Subtotal: Plumbing Fixtures				\$94,762
22300 Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				
Domestic water heater, gas-fired, 199,000 btuh, 100 gallon including flue/intake	2	EACH	21,008.54	42,017
DHW recirculating pump	1	EACH	2,066.71	2,067
Expansion tank	1	EACH	1,071.28	1,071
Water softening system, duplex	1	EACH	12,317.08	12,317
RPZ backflow preventer, 2"	1	EACH	1,440.85	1,441
Water meter, 2"	1	EACH	788.57	789
Downspout nozzle DSN-1, 8"	4	EACH	298.14	1,193
Downspout nozzle DSN-1, 6"	1	EACH	254.06	254
Downspout nozzle DSN-1, 10"	4	EACH	347.00	1,388
Floor drain FD-1, 4"	3	EACH	466.54	1,400
Floor drain FD-2, 2"	6	EACH	533.14	3,199
Floor sink FS-1, 4"	4	EACH	1,358.57	5,434
Floor cleanouts	9	EACH	367.20	3,305



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Roof drain RD-1, 6"	12	EACH	699.71	8,397
Roof drain RD-1, 4"	3	EACH	600.85	1,803
Vent thru roof	5	EACH	328.14	1,641
Shutoff/isolation valve for natural gas, 3/4"	1	EACH	81.95	82
Lead filter and trap for sink in Gun Cleaning Room	1	EACH	1,881.71	1,882
Subtotal: Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				\$89,677
22400 Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 2" type L copper	300	LNFT	48.42	14,525
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/2" type L copper	125	LNFT	34.02	4,253
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/4" type L copper	330	LNFT	32.61	10,762
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1" type L copper	210	LNFT	24.00	5,040
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4" type L copper	920	LNFT	19.99	18,395
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1/2" type L copper	665	LNFT	17.59	11,697
Pipe insulation, 2" domestic water piping	300	LNFT	8.95	2,686
Pipe insulation, 1-1/2" domestic water piping	125	LNFT	8.47	1,059
Pipe insulation, 1-1/4" domestic water piping	330	LNFT	8.38	2,766
Pipe insulation, 1" domestic water piping	210	LNFT	8.09	1,698
Pipe insulation, 3/4" domestic water piping	920	LNFT	7.65	7,038
Pipe insulation, 1/2" domestic water piping	665	LNFT	7.28	4,844
Sanitary/waste pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 3"	70	LNFT	49.04	3,433
Sanitary/waste pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	360	LNFT	37.15	13,373
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 4"	40	LNFT	60.18	2,407
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 3"	30	LNFT	49.04	1,471
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	505	LNFT	37.15	18,759
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 1-1/2"	505	LNFT	31.56	15,938
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 10"	85	LNFT	204.41	17,375
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 8"	990	LNFT	141.40	139,985
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 6"	400	LNFT	89.26	35,704
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 4"	130	LNFT	75.81	9,856
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 10"	25	LNFT	21.71	543
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 8"	835	LNFT	19.72	16,465
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 6"	340	LNFT	15.41	5,240
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 4"	100	LNFT	12.48	1,248
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and supports, threaded, 2"	210	LNFT	40.03	8,406
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and supports, threaded, 1-1/2"	35	LNFT	30.26	1,059
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and roof top supports, threaded, 3/4"	30	LNFT	41.64	1,249
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 4"	510	LNFT	46.87	23,905
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 3"	35	LNFT	42.28	1,480
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 2"	105	LNFT	27.25	2,861
Vent pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 4"	15	LNFT	46.87	703
Excavation, bedding and backfill for UG piping	665	LNFT	25.09	16,682
Pipe and valve tagging	2,550	LNFT	1.12	2,859
System pressure testing, water pipe chlorination, and pipe flushing - domestic plumbing	1	LSUM	2,451.16	2,451
Coordinate gas service provision with local utility, including fees	1	LSUM	3,405.30	3,405



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Subtotal: Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				\$431,619
TOTAL: PLUMBING				\$616,058
23000 HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				
23200 Ventilation & Exhaust				
Concrete housekeeping pads	316	SQFT	10.85	3,430
Air handling unit AHU-1; custom variable volume central station including (4) SA fans, HW heating coil, DX cooling coil, air blender, UV light section, dampers, filters, etc.; 16,000 CFM	1	EACH	315,237.08	315,237
Firing range heating, cooling and ventilation system (per quote from vendor)	1	LSUM	1,564,000.00	1,564,000
Roof top unit RTU-1, including (3) SA fans at 3 HP each, (2) RA fans at 5 HP each, economizer, HW heating coil, integral DX cooling, dampers, filters, etc.; 9,000 CFM	1	EACH	83,868.54	83,869
HW coil connections, AHU - valves, fittings, specialties, and pipe insulation - 4"	1	EACH	9,187.31	9,187
HW coil connections, RTU - valves, fittings, specialties, and pipe insulation - 2"	1	EACH	5,468.95	5,469
Air-cooled condensing unit, multi-compressor scroll type; 50 ton	1	EACH	58,681.62	58,682
Sound attenuation	16,000	CFM	0.69	11,110
AC split system, 3 ton cooling, including line set and remote thermostat	1	EACH	5,084.98	5,085
AC split system, 2 ton cooling, including line set and remote thermostat	3	EACH	3,038.73	9,116
Refrigeration/suction, copper tubing	380	LNFT	43.85	16,662
Pipe insulation, refrigeration piping	190	LNFT	12.83	2,437
Exhaust fan EF-1, rooftop, with curb, backdraft damper; 1,200 CFM, 1/2 HP	1	EACH	1,717.49	1,717
Exhaust fan EF-2, rooftop, with curb, backdraft damper; 1,000 CFM, 1/2 HP	1	EACH	1,717.49	1,717
Intake/exhaust hoods	2	EACH	8,669.95	17,340
Inline HEPA filter and housing at roof top exhaust duct	1	EACH	3,586.85	3,587
Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 24"x16" inlet	2	EACH	2,322.49	4,645
Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 16" inlet	2	EACH	1,614.37	3,229
Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 10"-12" inlet	3	EACH	1,469.84	4,410
Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 6"-9" inlet	12	EACH	1,290.77	15,489
Reheat coil connections, VAV - valves, fittings, and insulation	19	EACH	1,025.66	19,487
Galvanized steel duct, rectangular	18,420	LBS	11.06	203,653
Galvanized steel roof top EA duct, rectangular, including supports	750	LBS	17.11	12,832
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 22" dia.	10	LNFT	62.53	625
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 20" dia.	20	LNFT	57.39	1,148
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 18" dia.	75	LNFT	74.80	5,610
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 16" dia.	35	LNFT	61.75	2,161
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 14" dia.	125	LNFT	52.67	6,584
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 12" dia.	125	LNFT	42.05	5,256
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 10" dia.	410	LNFT	33.05	13,552
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 9" dia.	25	LNFT	33.91	848
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 8" dia.	685	LNFT	26.06	17,850
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 7" dia.	7	LNFT	22.54	158
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 6" dia.	100	LNFT	20.55	2,055
Duct insulation, SA	8,500	SQFT	2.47	21,026
Registers, grilles and diffusers - D1	64	EACH	169.53	10,850
Registers, grilles and diffusers - D2	2	EACH	119.67	239
Registers, grilles and diffusers - E1	4	EACH	164.53	658
Registers, grilles and diffusers - E2	1	EACH	109.67	110



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Registers, grilles and diffusers - LD1	6	EACH	274.06	1,644
Registers, grilles and diffusers - R1	4	EACH	169.53	678
Registers, grilles and diffusers - WR1	2	EACH	144.53	289
Registers, grilles and diffusers - WS1	2	EACH	144.53	289
Subtotal: Ventilation & Exhaust				\$2,464,021
23300 Central Hydronic & Steam Equipment & Specialties				
HW boilers, gas-fired condensing, 1500 mbh including flue/breechings	2	EACH	44,526.93	89,054
Heating HW pump, 7.5 hp, base-mount	2	EACH	4,642.05	9,284
AHU/RTU coil pump, 1 HP, inline	2	EACH	1,602.13	3,204
Variable frequency drive, pump, 7.5 HP (material only, installed by EC)	2	EACH	3,248.29	6,497
Vibration isolation, pumps	2	EACH	1,834.26	3,669
Isolation valves, pumps, butterfly, 4"	2	EACH	822.03	1,644
Flexible pump connections, 4"	4	EACH	329.26	1,317
Suction diffuser, 4"	2	EACH	1,757.03	3,514
Pump strainer, Y-type, 4"	2	EACH	652.03	1,304
Expansion tank, HW	1	EACH	5,642.05	5,642
Air separator, 4"	1	EACH	2,724.59	2,725
Chemical pot feeder	1	EACH	1,458.53	1,459
Pressure fill/makeup water system including glycol fill	1	EACH	10,884.10	10,884
Subtotal: Central Hydronic & Steam Equipment & Specialties				\$140,196
23400 Heating & Ventilating Terminals				
Unit heaters, HW, horizontal, 26.6 MBH	2	EACH	1,433.53	2,867
Unit heaters, HW, vertical, 16.2 MBH	1	EACH	1,258.53	1,259
Unit heaters, HW, vertical, 25.6 MBH	1	EACH	1,693.53	1,694
Unit heaters, HW, vertical, 31.9 MBH	1	EACH	2,010.66	2,011
HW connections - valves, fittings, and specialties	5	EACH	489.26	2,446
Subtotal: Heating & Ventilating Terminals				\$10,276
23500 HVAC Piping				
Condensate drain piping, 1" copper	50	LNFT	44.49	2,225
Condensate drain piping, 3/4" copper	25	LNFT	35.43	886
Pipe insulation, condensate drain piping, up to 1" dia.	75	LNFT	13.83	1,038
HHWS/R piping, std. wgt. blk. steel pipe, fittings, and supports, welded/flanged, 4"	200	LNFT	115.81	23,162
HHWS/R piping, std. wgt. blk. steel pipe, fittings, and supports, welded/flanged, 3"	350	LNFT	101.60	35,560
HHWS/R piping, std. wgt. blk. steel pipe, fittings, and supports, welded/flanged, 2-1/2"	100	LNFT	93.79	9,379
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 2"	120	LNFT	65.10	7,812
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/2"	210	LNFT	52.30	10,984
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/4"	150	LNFT	45.71	6,857
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1"	120	LNFT	40.97	4,916
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4"	590	LNFT	29.81	17,585
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 3"	350	LNFT	25.27	8,846
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 4"	200	LNFT	29.08	5,815
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 2-1/2"	100	LNFT	23.19	2,319
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 2"	120	LNFT	16.33	1,960
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1-1/2"	210	LNFT	14.86	3,121

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Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1-1/4"	150	LNFT	13.29	1,994
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1"	120	LNFT	11.67	1,400
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 3/4"	590	LNFT	10.56	6,230
Pipe and valve tagging	1,915	LNFT	1.12	2,147
Subtotal: HVAC Piping				\$154,235
23600 Temperature Controls				
DDC controls - air handling unit	1	EACH	40,000.00	40,000
DDC controls - packaged rooftop unit	1	EACH	27,500.00	27,500
DDC controls - air-cooled condensing unit	1	EACH	8,500.00	8,500
DDC controls - AC split system	4	EACH	3,750.00	15,000
DDC controls - exhaust fans	2	EACH	3,000.00	6,000
DDC controls - VAV terminals with reheat coil	19	EACH	3,250.00	61,750
DDC controls - HW boilers	2	EACH	8,500.00	17,000
DDC controls - pumps, constant speed	2	EACH	2,475.00	4,950
DDC controls - pumps, variable speed	2	EACH	7,850.00	15,700
Thermostats/temperature sensors	28	EACH	473.29	13,252
Airflow measuring station	2	EACH	2,459.37	4,919
Emergency boiler shutoff switch	2	EACH	612.44	1,225
Motorized damper with electric actuator; 36"x18"	1	EACH	2,320.31	2,320
Miscellaneous points & devices	1	LSUM	10,000.00	10,000
Engineer's station	1	LSUM	11,500.00	11,500
Interface with existing building BAS-DDC system	1	LSUM	15,000.00	15,000
Programming, testing, and training	1	LSUM	17,500.00	17,500
Subtotal: Temperature Controls				\$272,116
23700 Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				
Air testing and balancing (not including firing range)	1	LSUM	45,000.00	45,000
Pipe system testing and balancing	1	LSUM	15,000.00	15,000
HVAC system commissioning (not including firing range)	1	LSUM	25,000.00	25,000
Subtotal: Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				\$85,000
TOTAL: HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				\$3,125,845

26000 ELECTRICAL

26200 Main Power Distribution

Utility company provisions and coordination, including fees, incoming service conduits from existing pole on site and concrete pad for transformer	1	LSUM	25,594.86	25,595
Main distribution panel 'MDP'; 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 1600A	1	EACH	31,713.24	31,713
Main distribution panel, 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 400A including incoming feed from utility transformer	1	EACH	17,158.97	17,159
Transient suppressor/voltage regulator, including connection to distribution panel	1	EACH	1,107.26	1,107
Transformer, dry-type, ventilated, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 30 kVA including supports	2	EACH	4,289.49	8,579
Transformer, dry-type, ventilated, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 45 kVA including supports	1	EACH	4,984.36	4,984
Transformer, dry-type, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 75 kVA including supports and feeder from distribution panel	1	EACH	10,615.81	10,616
Panelboard, 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 400A including feeder from step-down transformer	1	EACH	7,440.81	7,441

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Panelboard 'NL1', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 300A	1	EACH	5,465.81	5,466
Panelboard 'NH2', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 225A	1	EACH	4,064.36	4,064
Panelboard 'NH3', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 225A	1	EACH	4,064.36	4,064
Panelboard 'NH1', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 225A	1	EACH	4,064.36	4,064
Panelboard 'EH1', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 225A	1	EACH	4,064.36	4,064
Panelboard 'EH2', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 100A	1	EACH	2,876.32	2,876
Panelboard 'EL1', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 100A	1	EACH	2,636.32	2,636
Panelboard 'EL2', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 100A	1	EACH	2,636.32	2,636
Panelboard 'NL3', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 100A	1	EACH	2,636.32	2,636
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, 250 kcmil, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	675	LNFT	11.47	7,745
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, 400 kcmil, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	2,700	LNFT	32.69	88,269
Feeder installation 600 V, including conduit and XHHW wire, 100A	255	LNFT	44.66	11,388
Feeder installation 600 V, including conduit and XHHW wire, 225A	485	LNFT	72.45	35,140
Feeder installation 600 V, including conduit and XHHW wire, 300A	20	LNFT	86.82	1,736
Subtotal: Main Power Distribution				\$283,981
26300 Emergency Power Distribution				
Enclosed circuit breaker, 3P, 150A	1	EACH	1,668.16	1,668
Automatic transfer switch, enclosed, 3P, 150A	1	EACH	6,332.65	6,333
Underground 3" sched. 40 PVC conduit for emergency feed from existing generator/transformer, including trenching and backfilling	845	LNFT	43.06	36,384
Electric metallic tubing, 3" diameter, to 15' high, including fittings and supports	45	LNFT	47.80	2,151
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, 1/0, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	900	LNFT	8.91	8,023
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, 350 kcmil, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	3,580	LNFT	14.03	50,213
Subtotal: Emergency Power Distribution				\$104,773
26400 Grounding & Lightning Protection System				
Lightning protection system	50,982	SQFT	1.39	71,023
Building grounding system	49,612	SQFT	0.70	34,560
Subtotal: Grounding & Lightning Protection System				\$105,583
26500 Lighting				
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A14	4	EACH	407.86	1,631
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A14F	2	EACH	427.86	856
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A14FL	2	EACH	427.86	856
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22	113	EACH	387.86	43,829
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22F	32	EACH	397.86	12,732
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22L	18	EACH	387.86	6,982
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - E1	23	EACH	264.86	6,092
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - LSRW	124	LNFT	139.57	17,307
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3R	8	EACH	377.86	3,023
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3RW	10	EACH	423.03	4,230
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3RS	4	EACH	407.86	1,631
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14B	37	EACH	186.29	6,893
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14PH	37	EACH	186.29	6,893
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14P	45	EACH	177.29	7,978
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14S	36	EACH	177.29	6,382
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S4V	10	EACH	257.86	2,579
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - XL3, 124'-0"	2	EACH	24,428.97	48,858



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Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - XL6, 116'-0"	1	EACH	26,208.97	26,209
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - XL6, 124'-0"	1	EACH	27,955.55	27,956
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - XL6, 4'-0"	219	EACH	656.58	143,791
Light fixture, exterior, including pole, concrete base, mounting hardware and connections - X12	11	EACH	5,119.49	56,314
Light fixture, exterior, including pole, concrete base, mounting hardware and connections - X13	1	EACH	5,119.49	5,119
Light fixture, exterior, including pole, concrete base, mounting hardware and connections - X14	5	EACH	4,119.49	20,597
Light fixture, exterior, including mounting hardware and connections - Z1W	12	EACH	710.73	8,529
Occupancy sensors, dual technology, ceiling mounted	60	EACH	323.29	19,397
Toggle switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	3	EACH	105.89	318
3 way switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	2	EACH	116.29	233
4 way switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	3	EACH	123.29	370
LV control station, on/off	8	EACH	114.29	914
LV control station, on/off with dimming	15	EACH	130.29	1,954
LV control station, on/off with dimming, 2-zone	8	EACH	179.78	1,438
LV control station, on/off with dimming, 3-zone, scene controller	5	EACH	470.73	2,354
Lighting control panel including relays	1	EACH	11,895.30	11,895
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	900	LNFT	19.58	17,619
Exterior light pole feeder, underground, including 1" sched. 40 PVC conduit with (2) #6 and (1) #10 wires	1,540	LNFT	47.49	73,130
Networked lighting controls including relays, cabling and programming	50,438	SQFT	1.55	78,421
Subtotal: Lighting				\$675,310
26600 Branch Power Distribution & Devices				
Duplex receptacle, backbox, grounded, 120V, 20A	95	EACH	110.59	10,506
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A	16	EACH	136.29	2,181
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A with waterproof cover	7	EACH	141.49	990
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A with waterproof cover, mounted in firing range ceiling baffle	29	EACH	520.73	15,101
Double-gang, recessed floor box 'A' with (1) 125V, 20A duplex receptacle (data ports and cabling by Div. 27 contractor)	1	EACH	952.73	953
Double-gang, recessed floor box 'B' with (1) 125V, 20A duplex receptacle (data ports and cabling by Div. 27 contractor)	2	EACH	1,032.31	2,065
Duplex receptacle, isolated ground, 20A	2	EACH	123.29	247
Duplex receptacle, 20A, ceiling mounted for projector	4	EACH	147.86	591
Dead-front GFCI receptacle	4	EACH	127.29	509
Quadruplex receptacle, backbox, grounded, 120V, 20A	8	EACH	117.89	943
Dedicated receptacle mounted in cable tray above IT racks	2	EACH	181.51	363
Junction box and equipment hook up - FA control panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and equipment hook up - FA annunciator panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and equipment hook up - firing range control panel	5	EACH	261.58	1,308
Junction box and equipment hook up - security control panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and equipment hook up - intercom/paging panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and hardwired connection - electric water cooler	4	EACH	118.29	473



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Junction box and hardwired connection - motorized doors in Weapons Cleaning Room	50	EACH	118.29	5,915
Junction box and hardwired connection - motorized projector screen	4	EACH	192.44	770
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	4,000	LNFT	19.53	78,106
Subtotal: Branch Power Distribution & Devices				\$121,694
26700 Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders				
HVAC and plumbing equipment connections, including VFD installation/wiring, disconnects, starters, conduit and wiring	50,435	SQFT	1.68	84,877
Subtotal: Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders				\$84,877
TOTAL: ELECTRICAL				\$1,376,217
27000 COMMUNICATIONS				
27200 Tele/Data Systems				
Rack assembly with switching equipment by Owner	2	EACH	1,986.32	3,973
CAT6 patch panel, 110-type 48-port rackmount, 2U	3	EACH	510.73	1,532
Fiber patch panel, 48-port	2	EACH	570.73	1,141
Horizontal cable manager mounted to racks	1	EACH	121.72	122
Vertical cable manager mounted to racks	3	EACH	811.58	2,435
Fire-rated wall sleeves	4	EACH	579.87	2,319
Voice/Data wall outlet, back box and blank cover plate, 1 gang	6	EACH	62.73	376
Voice/Data wall outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 2-port	12	EACH	65.98	792
Voice/Data outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 1-port - ceiling mounted for CCTV camera	10	EACH	168.04	1,680
Voice/Data back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	12	EACH	94.92	1,139
Wireless Access Point bracket mounted in ceiling tile	15	EACH	337.44	5,062
Ceiling mounted junction box for Firing Range target system	30	EACH	157.86	4,736
Empty electric metallic tubing, 1" diameter, including fittings and supports at Firing Range for control wiring by others	1,260	LNFT	16.74	21,097
Electric metallic tubing, 1" diameter, to 15' high, including fittings and supports	150	LNFT	11.38	1,707
Electric metallic tubing, 4" diameter, to 15' high, including fittings and supports	40	LNFT	62.32	2,493
Cable tray, 2" deep, basket type, 8" wide, to 15' elevation, including fittings & supports	70	LNFT	37.36	2,615
Cable tray, 4" deep, basket type, 12" wide, to 15' elevation, including fittings & supports	80	LNFT	49.57	3,966
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6a for CCTV cameras	2,500	LNFT	1.45	3,620
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6	17,000	LNFT	1.44	24,443
48-strand singlemode OS2 fiber optic cabling installed in underground conduit between existing Training Building and new Firearms Range Building	1,450	LNFT	13.06	18,933
Terminations and testing	49,612	SQFT	0.30	14,715
Subtotal: Tele/Data Systems				\$118,895
27300 Intercom & Public Address Systems				
Firing range intercom system	1	EACH	25,337.84	25,338
Ceiling mounted firing range speaker	20	EACH	376.21	7,524
Subtotal: Intercom & Public Address Systems				\$32,862
27600 Audio/Visual & Television System				
Video scheduling wall	1	LSUM	250,000.00	250,000



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Classroom schedulers	3	EACH	3,500.00	10,500
Classroom audio visual equipment	2	EACH	45,500.00	91,000
Conference Room audio visual equipment	1	EACH	25,000.00	25,000
Subtotal: Audio/Visual & Television System				\$376,500
TOTAL: COMMUNICATIONS				\$528,257

28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY

28200 Fire Alarm Systems

Fire alarm control panel, addressable, connections & programming	1	EACH	51,123.91	51,124
Annunciator panel	1	EACH	13,109.00	13,109
Knox box	1	EACH	1,336.32	1,336
Smoke detector, addressable type	19	EACH	347.86	6,609
Smoke detector, duct type, addressable	2	EACH	778.59	1,557
Heat detector, addressable	6	EACH	307.86	1,847
Manual alarm station, addressable	13	EACH	327.86	4,262
Visual alarm	8	EACH	312.86	2,503
Audio visual alarm	49	EACH	392.44	19,229
Tamper switches (installation only)	1	EACH	113.29	113
Water flow switch (installation only)	1	EACH	113.29	113
Fire alarm wiring installation, including 3/4" EMT conduit and FA cable wire	5,000	LNFT	12.86	64,293
Testing and engineering	49,612	SQFT	0.30	14,715
Fire alarm cabling in underground raceway for building connectivity	1,450	LNFT	9.07	13,154

Subtotal: Fire Alarm Systems \$193,965

28300 Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems

Access control panel	1	EACH	17,431.62	17,432
Card reader	9	EACH	830.73	7,477
Door position switch	12	EACH	323.29	3,879
Electric strike connection	17	EACH	159.44	2,710
Access control device back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	38	EACH	94.92	3,607
Junction boxes, 6"x6", above door in ceiling	21	EACH	95.72	2,010
Conduit and security wiring	5,300	LNFT	18.48	97,925
Terminations and testing	1	LSUM	4,145.30	4,145

Subtotal: Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems \$139,186

28400 CCTV System

CCTV data management system including integration into existing building system	1	EACH	14,397.43	14,397
Interior camera and mount	3	EACH	1,378.16	4,134
Exterior camera and mount	7	EACH	2,999.74	20,998
Terminations, testing and engineering (per camera)	10	EACH	543.16	5,432

Subtotal: CCTV System \$44,962

TOTAL: ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY				\$378,113
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31000 EARTHWORK

31100 Site Preparation & Excavation

Grading	70,567	SQFT	1.28	90,495
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Subtotal: Site Preparation & Excavation \$90,495

31300 Foundation Excavation & Fill



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Excavate for foundations and slab on grade, 2'-0" below footings/slabs, 1'-0" beyond for every foot of excavation	6,948	CUYD	9.61	66,778
Haul off excavated material as CCDD	4,952	CUYD	27.21	134,762
Backfill footings and slab on grade with imported material, 2'-0" depth	4,155	CUYD	42.80	177,850
Backfill with excavated material	1,996	CUYD	11.03	22,025
Subtotal: Foundation Excavation & Fill				\$401,416

TOTAL: EARTHWORK **\$491,911**

32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

32100 Pavement

Pavement removal and repair at utility connections	2	EACH	3,607.69	7,215
Compacted base course, 6" thk at concrete paving, including fine aggregate drain trenches	1,634	CUYD	42.80	69,942
Striping	1,462	LNFT	1.12	1,636
Stripe parking space, ADA	8	EACH	167.66	1,341
Stripe ADA parking symbol	8	EACH	147.79	1,182
Post-mounted ADA parking signage	8	EACH	532.11	4,257
Precast parking bumpers	8	EACH	41.10	329
Concrete curb & gutter	278	LNFT	10.07	2,799
Concrete barrier curb	679	LNFT	9.17	6,226
Concrete sidewalks, 4" thk	4,654	SQFT	4.37	20,348
Concrete parking lot, 6" thk	65,913	SQFT	5.81	382,895
Concrete transformer pad	86	SQFT	10.85	933

Subtotal: Pavement **\$499,104**

32600 Landscaping

Landscape allowance for planting beds around building and in site triangles	24,390	SQFT	2.70	65,916
Trees	91	EACH	555.61	50,561

Subtotal: Landscaping **\$116,477**

32700 Site Furnishings

Monument sign	1	EACH	21,573.95	21,574
Flagpoles	3	EACH	3,693.23	11,080
Removable bollards	2	EACH	1,489.41	2,979

Subtotal: Site Furnishings **\$35,632**

TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS **\$651,214**

33000 UTILITIES

33200 Site Water Service

Domestic water service pipe and fittings, DIP, 6"	425	LNFT	40.32	17,136
Domestic water service pipe and fittings, type K copper, 2"	10	LNFT	30.21	302
Water main tap, valve box and valve, 6"	1	EACH	6,011.16	6,011
Thrust blocks	1	LSUM	768.84	769
Trench excavation, pipe bedding, and backfill	425	LNFT	20.65	8,777

Subtotal: Site Water Service **\$32,995**

33300 Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer

PVC storm sewer pipe, SDR 35, 10"	432	LNFT	20.57	8,888
Sanitary sewer pipe, PVC SDR 26, 4"	185	LNFT	24.26	4,487
Sanitary sewer manholes/catch basins	1	LSUM	6,607.95	6,608



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Connect new sanitary sewer to existing in ROW	1	EACH	962.12	962
Trench excavation, pipe bedding, and backfill	617	LNFT	20.65	12,742
Subtotal: Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer				\$33,687
33800 Site Electrical				
Signal hand hole; 36"x36", including cover, excavation and backfill	3	EACH	1,639.74	4,919
Underground conduit for incoming signal cabling (2) sched. 40 PVC 4" conduits with inner duct and (1) 4" sched. 40 PVC conduit for fire alarm connection, including excavation and backfill	1,225	LNFT	87.49	107,172
Underground conduit from utility pole to utility company transformer, (2) sched. 40 PVC 5" including spacers, excavation, backfill and pull string (no cast in place concrete)	120	LNFT	103.41	12,409
Underground conduit for incoming primary service, (5) sched. 40 PVC 4" including spacers, excavation and backfill (no cast in place concrete)	130	LNFT	115.51	15,017
Subtotal: Site Electrical				\$139,517
TOTAL: UTILITIES				\$206,199
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$20,255,123
TOTAL: FIREARMS RANGE FACILITY				\$20,255,123

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT FACILITY				
BASE SCOPE				
03000 CONCRETE				
03100 Concrete Formwork				
Formwork for strip footings	2,475	SQFT	6.08	15,052
Formwork for isolated column footings	420	SQFT	8.24	3,462
Formwork for piers	392	SQFT	10.28	4,028
Formwork for foundation walls	4,005	SQFT	6.57	26,313
Subtotal: Concrete Formwork				\$48,856
03200 Concrete Reinforcement				
Reinforcement in strip footings	3	TONS	2,395.62	6,708
Reinforcement in isolated column footings	1	TONS	3,627.31	2,539
Reinforcement in slab on grade	6	TONS	2,590.65	16,321
Reinforcement in piers	1	TONS	4,086.41	3,269
Reinforcement in foundation walls	3	TONS	2,767.68	7,196
Subtotal: Concrete Reinforcement				\$36,033
03300 Cast in Place Concrete				
Concrete in strip footings, 4,500 psi	205	CUYD	244.81	50,187
Concrete in isolated column footings, 4,500 psi	20	CUYD	248.78	4,976
Concrete in piers, 4,500 psi	8	CUYD	273.30	2,186
Concrete in foundation walls, 4,500 psi	97	CUYD	247.64	24,022
CA-6 base, 6" thk, at concrete slab on grade	259	CUYD	52.41	13,573
Vapor barrier at slab	14,015	SQFT	0.69	9,712
Concrete slab on grade, 5" thk, 4,000 psi	14,015	SQFT	5.70	79,871
Subtotal: Cast in Place Concrete				\$184,527
TOTAL: CONCRETE				\$269,416
04000 MASONRY				
04100 Exterior Masonry				
8" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	3,465	SQFT	15.26	52,886
10" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	5,738	SQFT	18.02	103,374
Grout CMU walls solid	147	CUYD	250.09	36,764
Subtotal: Exterior Masonry				\$193,024
04300 Interior Masonry				
CMU partition N2; 10" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	1,671	SQFT	17.68	29,546
CMU partition N1; 8" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	1,880	SQFT	15.26	28,694
CMU partition N2; 12" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	4,445	SQFT	19.45	86,440
Grout CMU walls solid	118	CUYD	250.09	29,511
Subtotal: Interior Masonry				\$174,192
TOTAL: MASONRY				\$367,216
05000 METALS				
05100 Structural Steel				
Structural steel beams, W-Shapes	9	TONS	4,509.10	41,033
Structural steel columns, HSS tubes including base plates and anchors	3	TONS	5,003.26	16,511



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Structural steel beams/support, HSS tubes, galvanized, at canopies	1,200	LBS	5.69	6,830
Structural steel bracing and miscellaneous framinh, HSS tubes	1,425	LBS	5.19	7,398
Thru-bolt connection with tmemec paint	1	EACH	1,626.63	1,627
Steel anchorage plate to CMU	6	EACH	953.31	5,720
Steel joists, series LH long span	18	TONS	4,012.92	73,035
Metal roof deck, galvanized, 1-1/2" 20 ga.	15,749	SQFT	5.99	94,275
Subtotal: Structural Steel				\$246,428
05200 Structural Metal Stud Framing				
Structural metal stud framing at soffits/canopy	155	SQFT	10.58	1,641
Subtotal: Structural Metal Stud Framing				\$1,641
05900 Miscellaneous Metals				
Miscellaneous angles, channels, lintels, etc.	14,105	SQFT	2.10	29,666
Subtotal: Miscellaneous Metals				\$29,666
TOTAL: METALS				\$277,734
06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES				
06200 Rough Carpentry				
Structural metal studs at ceiling	208	SQFT	14.39	2,993
Miscellaneous wood blocking & rough carpentry	14,105	SQFT	1.24	17,509
Plywood , 3/4" thk, at ceiling	208	SQFT	2.97	617
Subtotal: Rough Carpentry				\$21,118
06300 Millwork				
P-lam base cabinets and solid surface countertops with backsplash	36	LNFT	459.32	16,536
P-lam wall hung cabinets, 3'-0" H	12	LNFT	253.60	3,043
P-lam wall hung cabinets, 1'-6" H	3	LNFT	180.02	540
P-lam bench with cubbie storage and solid surface top	26	LNFT	363.60	9,454
Solid surface vanity with sink cut outs in Restrooms	24	LNFT	119.30	2,863
Solid surface counter, wall mounted in Multi-Purpose Room	44	LNFT	107.30	4,721
Wood trim board with helmet hooks, 1'-0" o.c.	50	LNFT	50.72	2,536
Solid surface window sills	16	LNFT	52.06	833
Subtotal: Millwork				\$40,526
TOTAL: WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES				\$61,645
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				
07100 Dampproofing & Waterproofing				
Spray-applied air/vapor barrier	9,483	SQFT	2.59	24,560
Subtotal: Dampproofing & Waterproofing				\$24,560
07200 Thermal Insulation				
Rigid insulation, 2" thk, at exterior face of foundation walls	2,003	SQFT	2.78	5,570
Rigid insulation, 5" thk, at exterior walls	9,483	SQFT	4.95	46,966
Subtotal: Thermal Insulation				\$52,536
07500 Roofing Specialties				
Aluminum gutters	310	LNFT	9.70	3,007
Aluminum downspout	105	LNFT	7.45	782
Subtotal: Roofing Specialties				\$3,789
07600 Metal Panel Systems				



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Metal panel rain screen over CMU/precast back up, including girts, trims and fascia at canopies	9,203	SQFT	20.30	186,851
ACM metal panel rain screen over CMU back up, including girts, trims and fascia at canopies	125	SQFT	30.66	3,833
Standing seam metal roof over Vehicle Maintenance / Classroom Building including coverboard, air/vapor barrier, flashings, etc.	15,750	SQFT	14.36	226,164
Metal panel soffit, including 5/8" exterior gypboard sheathing	155	SQFT	20.54	3,184
Prefinished metal fascia	585	LNFT	16.42	9,608
Subtotal: Metal Panel Systems				\$429,640
07800 Caulking & Sealants				
Miscellaneous caulking & sealants	14,105	SQFT	0.59	8,364
Subtotal: Caulking & Sealants				\$8,364
TOTAL: THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				\$518,889
08000 OPENINGS				
08100 Windows				
Storefront windows	127	SQFT	60.11	7,635
Subtotal: Windows				\$7,635
08300 Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	5	EACH	482.58	2,413
HM door type N; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	5	EACH	704.30	3,521
ALUM frame 6'-0" x 7'-0" with 2'-4" glazed transom	4	EACH	3,554.45	14,218
ALUM framed door with full height glazing type FG	8	EACH	3,649.13	29,193
Hardware set, single, access controlled	5	EACH	2,596.62	12,983
Hardware set, double	2	EACH	3,160.92	6,322
Hardware set, double, access controlled with automatic door opener	2	EACH	10,543.23	21,086
Subtotal: Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$89,737
08400 Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 2'-6" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	384.31	384
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	3	EACH	399.31	1,198
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-2"	5	EACH	422.06	2,110
ALUM frame 3'-0" x 7'-0" with 2'-6" glazed sidelite	2	EACH	2,428.26	4,857
ALUM frame 3'-0" x 7'-0" with 3'-4" glazed sidelite	1	EACH	2,869.81	2,870
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	2	EACH	534.30	1,069
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-2"	1	EACH	544.30	544
HM door type N; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	704.30	704
SC WD door type F; 2'-6" x 7'-0"	1	EACH	444.30	444
SC WD door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-2"	4	EACH	479.30	1,917
SC WD door type N; 3'-0" x 7'-2"	3	EACH	609.30	1,828
Hardware set, single	8	EACH	1,230.46	9,844
Subtotal: Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$27,769
08600 Special Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
Overhead motorized door, insulated aluminum panel with vision glazing; 16'-0" H x 12'-0" W	6	EACH	8,968.91	53,813
Subtotal: Special Doors, Frames, & Hardware				\$53,813
TOTAL: OPENINGS				\$178,954



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09000 FINISHES				
09100 Plaster & Gypsum Board				
Gypboard soffit	592	SQFT	13.98	8,275
Gypboard ceiling	247	SQFT	12.48	3,083
Partition S301A; 3-5/8" metal studs, 5/8" gypboard on one side to 6" above finished ceiling, insulation and acoustic sealant top and bottom	809	SQFT	8.62	6,973
Partition S611A; 6" metal studs, (1) layer of 5/8" gypboard on each side, insulation and acoustic sealant top and bottom	2,392	SQFT	13.13	31,408
Partition F2A; 7/8" metal hat channels with (1) layer of 5/8" gypboard	3,853	SQFT	8.19	31,549
Subtotal: Plaster & Gypsum Board				\$81,287
09200 Floor Finishes				
Moisture mitigation at epoxy resin floor finish areas	3,661	SQFT	4.47	16,356
Porcelain tile PT-1, 2	478	SQFT	12.57	6,007
Concrete sealer	8,928	SQFT	1.01	8,992
Rubber base RB-1	1,307	LNFT	2.13	2,786
Epoxy resin flooring, EP-01	3,661	SQFT	31.25	114,398
ADA symbol striping	1	EACH	111.92	112
Garage striping	362	LNFT	1.25	454
Carpet tile CPT-01	306	SQFT	4.17	1,276
Entrance mats MAT-01 at Vestibules	128	SQFT	25.21	3,227
Subtotal: Floor Finishes				\$153,607
09300 Wall Finishes				
Porcelain tile PT-3 & 4	1,704	SQFT	10.99	18,730
FRP wall finish in Janitor's Closet	53	SQFT	12.18	646
Wall protection WP-01 with trim	557	SQFT	41.63	23,190
Subtotal: Wall Finishes				\$42,565
09400 Ceiling Finishes				
ACP-01, 2'-0" x 2'-0"	3,942	SQFT	4.47	17,631
Subtotal: Ceiling Finishes				\$17,631
09600 Paints & Coatings				
Paint HM doors	6	EACH	41.99	252
Stain SC WD doors	7	EACH	63.48	444
Paint HM door frame	10	EACH	30.24	302
Prime & paint gypboard ceilings and soffits	839	SQFT	0.81	679
Prime & paint gypboard walls	7,807	SQFT	0.70	5,498
Prime and paint CMU walls	12,208	SQFT	1.12	13,634
Subtotal: Paints & Coatings				\$20,810
TOTAL: FINISHES				\$315,901
10000 SPECIALTIES				
10100 Visual Display Units				
Markerboard, 8'-0" W x 4'-0" H	3	EACH	529.80	1,589
Subtotal: Visual Display Units				\$1,589
10200 Signage				
Exterior building signage	1	LSUM	5,000.00	5,000



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Brushed steel lettering over wall finish WP-1 "Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center"	1	LSUM	3,643.23	3,643
Code required wayfinding and room identification signage	14,105	SQFT	0.35	4,980
Subtotal: Signage				\$13,624
10400 Toilet Accessories				
Toilet partition, accessible	2	EACH	1,407.21	2,814
Toilet partition, standard	2	EACH	1,150.76	2,302
Urinal screen	1	EACH	492.90	493
Toilet paper dispenser	5	EACH	69.18	346
Paper towel dispenser, surface mounted	3	EACH	133.99	402
Napkin disposal, stainless steel, surface mounted	1	EACH	119.49	119
Soap dispenser	5	EACH	64.65	323
Shower curtain rod	1	EACH	49.64	50
Folding shower seat	1	EACH	410.49	410
Toilet seat cover dispenser	5	EACH	59.40	297
Utility mop holder & shelf, stainless steel	1	EACH	229.20	229
Grab bar set, three piece	3	EACH	223.95	672
Grab bar set, shower	1	EACH	209.30	209
Lavatory mirrors	7	EACH	247.99	1,736
Subtotal: Toilet Accessories				\$10,403
10500 Fire Protection Specialties				
Fire extinguisher & cabinet, wall mounted (quantity allowance)	4	EACH	353.60	1,414
Subtotal: Fire Protection Specialties				\$1,414
10700 Wall & Door Protection				
Corner guards	8	EACH	173.60	1,389
Concrete-filled steel bollards, painted, at overhead doors (2 per door at each jamb)	39	EACH	772.83	30,140
Corner guards, double-wing	2	EACH	239.32	479
Subtotal: Wall & Door Protection				\$32,008
10900 Miscellaneous Specialties				
Coat hook	26	EACH	23.79	619
Subtotal: Miscellaneous Specialties				\$619
TOTAL: SPECIALTIES				\$59,657
12000 FURNISHINGS				
12100 Window Treatment				
Window treatments	62	SQFT	8.58	532
Subtotal: Window Treatment				\$532
TOTAL: FURNISHINGS				\$532
21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION				
21200 Fire Sprinkler Equipment & Specialties				
Test header	1	EACH	1,940.23	1,940
Fire department connection, siamese, exterior wall mounted, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 6"	1	EACH	2,144.53	2,145
Fire notification device, exterior wall mounted	1	EACH	423.12	423
Double check detector valve, 10"	1	EACH	20,977.46	20,977
Check valve, non slam, 4"	1	EACH	1,278.29	1,278



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Supervisory valve, butterfly with tamper switch	1	EACH	1,344.37	1,344
Flow switches	1	EACH	299.06	299
Pressure gauges	1	EACH	244.06	244
Subtotal: Fire Sprinkler Equipment & Specialties				\$28,651
21300 Sprinkler Heads & Piping				
Wet sprinkler system	14,105	SQFT	2.98	42,050
Subtotal: Sprinkler Heads & Piping				\$42,050
21400 Testing & Commissioning				
System pressure testing and certification	1	LSUM	1,584.98	1,585
Subtotal: Testing & Commissioning				\$1,585
TOTAL: FIRE SUPPRESSION				\$72,286
22000 PLUMBING				
22200 Plumbing Fixtures				
Water closet WC-1/2, wall hung, hardwired sensor-operated flush valve	5	EACH	2,148.42	10,742
Lavatory L-2, self rimming countertop, hardwired sensor-operated faucet	7	EACH	1,865.70	13,060
Urinal UR-1/2, wall hung, hardwired automatic flush valve	2	EACH	2,181.56	4,363
Sink S-1, stainless steel, single basin self-rimming, manual faucet	1	EACH	1,802.99	1,803
Hose reel, HR-1	4	EACH	1,331.71	5,327
Electric water cooler EWC-1, bi-level with bottle filler	1	EACH	4,071.13	4,071
Shower SH-1 head/valve, ADA	1	EACH	1,357.56	1,358
Mop basin MS-1, floor fixture	1	EACH	1,522.56	1,523
Wall box for water connection ISB-1	1	EACH	244.28	244
Hose bibb HB-1	9	EACH	368.14	3,313
Wall hydrant WH-1, nonfreeze	8	EACH	518.14	4,145
Wall hydrants, nonfreeze	3	EACH	518.14	1,554
Subtotal: Plumbing Fixtures				\$51,503
22300 Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				
Domestic water heater, electric, 5 kW, 50 gallon storage	1	EACH	9,663.42	9,663
Domestic water heater, gas-fired, 60 mbh, including flue/venting	1	EACH	4,395.12	4,395
DHW recirculating pump	1	EACH	2,066.71	2,067
Expansion tank	1	EACH	1,071.28	1,071
Thermostatic mixing valve, digital	1	EACH	4,747.56	4,748
RPZ backflow preventer, 2"	1	EACH	1,440.85	1,441
Water meter, 2"	1	EACH	788.57	789
Floor drain FD-1, 4"	2	EACH	466.54	933
Floor drain FD-1, 2"	3	EACH	533.14	1,599
Trench drain TD-1	98	LNFT	213.63	20,936
Floor cleanouts	7	EACH	367.20	2,570
Yard cleanout	1	EACH	654.51	655
Oil interceptor, including excavation and backfill	2	EACH	21,317.08	42,634
Vent thru roof	2	EACH	328.14	656
Water meter, 2"	1	EACH	2,841.71	2,842
Air compressor, 50 gallon tank	1	EACH	6,242.03	6,242
Water softening system	1	EACH	7,490.25	7,490
Subtotal: Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				\$110,731

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
22400 Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 2" type L copper	70	LNFT	48.42	3,389
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/2" type L copper	10	LNFT	34.02	340
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/4" type L copper	65	LNFT	32.61	2,120
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1" type L copper	300	LNFT	24.00	7,199
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4" type L copper	485	LNFT	19.99	9,697
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1/2" type L copper	205	LNFT	17.59	3,606
Pipe insulation, 2" domestic water piping	70	LNFT	8.95	627
Pipe insulation, 1-1/2" domestic water piping	10	LNFT	8.47	85
Pipe insulation, 1-1/4" domestic water piping	65	LNFT	8.38	545
Pipe insulation, 1" domestic water piping	300	LNFT	8.09	2,426
Pipe insulation, 3/4" domestic water piping	485	LNFT	7.65	3,710
Pipe insulation, 1/2" domestic water piping	205	LNFT	7.28	1,493
Sanitary/waste pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 3"	35	LNFT	49.04	1,717
Sanitary/waste pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	45	LNFT	37.15	1,672
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 4"	115	LNFT	60.18	6,921
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	210	LNFT	37.15	7,801
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 1-1/2"	120	LNFT	31.56	3,787
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and supports, threaded, 1"	40	LNFT	30.34	1,214
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and roof top supports, threaded, 3/4"	170	LNFT	41.64	7,079
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and supports, threaded, 1/2"	265	LNFT	21.43	5,680
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 4"	365	LNFT	46.87	17,108
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 2"	35	LNFT	27.25	954
Vent pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 4"	75	LNFT	46.87	3,515
Excavation, bedding and backfill for UG piping	475	LNFT	25.09	11,916
Compressed air piping pressure gauge with (2) 3/8" quick-connect fittings	3	EACH	556.71	1,670
Compressed air piping shut off valve; 1/2"	2	EACH	92.71	185
Compressed air pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4" type L copper	245	LNFT	30.99	7,594
Compressed air pipe, fittings, and supports, 1/2" type L copper	140	LNFT	25.84	3,617
Pipe and valve tagging	1,995	LNFT	1.12	2,237
System pressure testing, water pipe chlorination, and pipe flushing - domestic plumbing	1	LSUM	2,451.16	2,451
Coordinate gas service provision with local utility, including fees	1	LSUM	3,405.30	3,405
Subtotal: Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				\$125,759
TOTAL: PLUMBING				\$287,993
23000 HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				
23200 Ventilation & Exhaust				
Concrete housekeeping pads	105	SQFT	10.85	1,140
Energy recovery ventilator including SA & EA fans, enthalpy wheel, electric heating coil, DX cooling coil, filters, etc.; 1,000 CFM	1	EACH	34,424.88	34,425
Furnace/split system, including remote condensing unit; 5 ton	1	EACH	16,416.20	16,416
Furnace/split system, including remote condensing unit; 3 ton	1	EACH	11,071.83	11,072
Furnace/split system, including remote condensing unit; 1.5 ton	2	EACH	8,627.46	17,255
Air source heat pump with remote condensing unit and, line set and space temperature sensor; 3 ton cooling, 100 mbh electric heating	1	EACH	9,669.95	9,670
Refrigeration/suction, copper tubing	520	LNFT	22.21	11,551



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Pipe insulation, refrigeration piping	520	LNFT	8.63	4,487
Air source heat pump with remote condensing unit, line set and space temperature sensor; 3 ton cooling, 80 mbh electric heating	1	EACH	8,923.71	8,924
Destratification fans, 14'-0" dia., including controller	1	EACH	2,252.49	2,252
Destratification fans, 16'-0" dia., including controller	2	EACH	2,466.55	4,933
Exhaust fan EF-1, inline, with supports, vibration isolation; 400 CFM, 133 kW	1	EACH	896.24	896
Exhaust fan EF-2, inline, with supports, vibration isolation; 2,400 CFM, 1 HP	1	EACH	3,264.98	3,265
Exhaust fan EF-3, inline, with supports, vibration isolation; 4,000 CFM, 2 HP	1	EACH	5,067.46	5,067
Galvanized steel duct, rectangular	3,325	LBS	11.06	36,762
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 14" dia.	15	LNFT	52.67	790
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 12" dia.	40	LNFT	42.05	1,682
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 10" dia.	120	LNFT	33.05	3,966
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 8" dia.	120	LNFT	26.06	3,127
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 6" dia.	40	LNFT	20.55	822
Duct insulation, SA	1,145	SQFT	2.47	2,832
Registers, grilles and diffusers - D1	20	EACH	169.53	3,391
Registers, grilles and diffusers - E1	5	EACH	164.53	823
Registers, grilles and diffusers - E2	1	EACH	109.67	110
Registers, grilles and diffusers - R1	6	EACH	169.53	1,017
Carbon monoxide and NO2 sensor control panel including interlock wiring with exhaust fan and motorized dampers	1	EACH	5,645.30	5,645
CO/NO2 sensors, interlocked with exhaust fan and electric actuators at louver dampers, including branch conduit and wiring	8	EACH	1,043.16	8,345
Subtotal: Ventilation & Exhaust				\$200,665
23400 Heating & Ventilating Terminals				
Cabinet unit heaters, electric	4	EACH	1,496.24	5,985
Unit heater, gas-fired, including flue/venting; 60,000 btuh	4	EACH	2,196.24	8,785
Unit heater, gas-fired, including flue/venting; 100,000 btuh	4	EACH	3,094.37	12,377
Subtotal: Heating & Ventilating Terminals				\$27,147
23500 HVAC Piping				
Condensate drain piping, 1" copper	170	LNFT	44.49	7,563
Pipe insulation, condensate drain piping, up to 1" dia.	170	LNFT	13.83	2,352
Subtotal: HVAC Piping				\$9,915
23600 Temperature Controls				
DDC controls - energy recovery ventilator	1	EACH	12,500.00	12,500
DDC controls - Furnace split system	4	EACH	4,500.00	18,000
DDC controls - exhaust fans	3	EACH	3,000.00	9,000
DDC controls - air source heat pump	1	EACH	5,000.00	5,000
Thermostats/temperature sensors	3	EACH	473.29	1,420
Motorized damper with electric actuator; 48"x48"	1	EACH	3,008.43	3,008
Motorized damper with electric actuator; 60"x64"	1	EACH	3,941.55	3,942
Motorized damper with electric actuator; 78"x48"	1	EACH	4,873.73	4,874
Miscellaneous points & devices	1	LSUM	5,000.00	5,000
Interface with existing building BAS-DDC system	1	LSUM	8,500.00	8,500
Programming, testing, and training	1	LSUM	10,000.00	10,000
Subtotal: Temperature Controls				\$81,244
23700 Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				



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Air testing and balancing	1	LSUM	8,500.00	8,500
HVAC system commissioning	1	LSUM	10,000.00	10,000
Subtotal: Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				\$18,500
TOTAL: HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				\$337,471
26000 ELECTRICAL				
26200 Main Power Distribution				
Main distribution panel, 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 125A	1	EACH	3,736.07	3,736
Transformer, dry-type, ventilated, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 30 kVA including supports	1	EACH	4,289.49	4,289
Panelboard 'NL1', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 100A	1	EACH	2,636.32	2,636
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, #6, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	285	LNFT	4.60	1,311
Wire, copper, stranded, 600 volt, 2/0, type THWN-THHN, in raceway	1,140	LNFT	11.30	12,879
Subtotal: Main Power Distribution				\$24,852
26300 Emergency Power Distribution				
Inverter, 120V, 3 kVA including feeder	1	EACH	9,515.81	9,516
Subtotal: Emergency Power Distribution				\$9,516
26400 Grounding & Lightning Protection System				
Lightning protection system	14,105	SQFT	1.39	19,650
Building grounding system	14,105	SQFT	0.40	5,594
Subtotal: Grounding & Lightning Protection System				\$25,244
26500 Lighting				
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A14	2	EACH	407.86	816
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A14F	1	EACH	427.86	428
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22	28	EACH	387.86	10,860
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22F	2	EACH	397.86	796
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - A22L	22	EACH	387.86	8,533
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - E1	5	EACH	264.86	1,324
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - EG1	2	EACH	307.86	616
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - G1	13	EACH	806.15	10,480
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - G1H	11	EACH	846.15	9,308
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - LSRW	50	LNFT	139.57	6,979
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3R	8	EACH	377.86	3,023
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3RS	2	EACH	407.86	816
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - N3RW	15	EACH	423.03	6,346
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14PH	2	EACH	186.29	373
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S14P	4	EACH	177.29	709
Light fixture, exterior, including mounting hardware and connections - Z1W	16	EACH	710.73	11,372
Occupancy sensors, dual technology, ceiling mounted	18	EACH	323.29	5,819
Toggle switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	1	EACH	105.89	106
LV control station, on/off	1	EACH	114.29	114
LV control station, on/off with dimming	3	EACH	130.29	391
LV control station, on/off with dimming, 2-zone	2	EACH	179.78	360
LV control station, on/off with dimming, 3-zone, scene controller	1	EACH	470.73	471
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	1,600	LNFT	19.58	31,322
Networked lighting controls including relays, cabling and programming	14,015	SQFT	1.55	21,791



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			Subtotal: Lighting	\$133,150
26600 Branch Power Distribution & Devices				
Duplex receptacle, backbox, grounded, 120V, 20A	41	EACH	110.59	4,534
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A	9	EACH	136.29	1,227
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A with waterproof cover	9	EACH	141.49	1,273
Duplex receptacle, 20A, ceiling mounted for projector	2	EACH	147.86	296
Dead-front GFCI receptacle	1	EACH	127.29	127
Quadruplex receptacle, backbox, grounded, 120V, 20A	4	EACH	117.89	472
Junction box and equipment hook up - FA control panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and equipment hook up - FA annunciator panel	1	EACH	168.36	168
Junction box and equipment hook up - security control panel	2	EACH	168.36	337
Junction box and hardwired connection - electric water cooler	2	EACH	118.29	237
Junction box and hardwired connection - motorized door opener and (2) actuator paddles	4	EACH	241.58	966
Junction box and hardwired connection - motorized overhead door and controller	6	EACH	175.44	1,053
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	1,000	LNFT	19.53	19,527
			Subtotal: Branch Power Distribution & Devices	\$30,384
26700 Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders				
HVAC and plumbing equipment connections, including VFD installation/wiring, disconnects, starters, conduit and wiring	14,105	SQFT	1.68	23,737
			Subtotal: Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders	\$23,737
TOTAL: ELECTRICAL				\$246,882
27000 COMMUNICATIONS				
27200 Tele/Data Systems				
Wall mounted rack	1	EACH	1,414.74	1,415
CAT6 patch panel, 110-type 48-port rackmount, 2U	2	EACH	510.73	1,021
Fiber patch panel, 24-port	1	EACH	402.01	402
Horizontal cable manager mounted to racks	1	EACH	121.72	122
Fire-rated wall sleeves	3	EACH	579.87	1,740
Voice/Data wall outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 2-port	6	EACH	65.98	396
Voice/Data outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 1-port - ceiling mounted for CCTV camera	6	EACH	168.04	1,008
Voice/Data back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	6	EACH	94.92	570
Wireless Access Point bracket mounted in ceiling tile	7	EACH	337.44	2,362
Cable tray, 2" deep, basket type, 8" wide, to 15' elevation, including fittings & supports	90	LNFT	37.36	3,362
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6a for CCTV cameras	1,000	LNFT	1.45	1,448
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6	3,000	LNFT	1.44	4,313
48-strand singlemode OS2 fiber optic cabling installed in underground conduit between existing Training Building and new Firearms Range Building	860	LNFT	13.06	11,229
Terminations and testing	14,015	SQFT	0.30	4,157
			Subtotal: Tele/Data Systems	\$33,545
27600 Audio/Visual & Television System				
Classroom audio visual equipment	1	EACH	45,000.00	45,000
			Subtotal: Audio/Visual & Television System	\$45,000



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TOTAL: COMMUNICATIONS				\$78,545
28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY				
28200 Fire Alarm Systems				
Fire alarm control panel, addressable, connections & programming	1	EACH	30,044.86	30,045
Annunciator panel	1	EACH	7,172.65	7,173
Knox box	1	EACH	1,336.32	1,336
Smoke detector, addressable type	1	EACH	347.86	348
Manual alarm station, addressable	8	EACH	327.86	2,623
Visual alarm	4	EACH	312.86	1,251
Audio visual alarm	13	EACH	392.44	5,102
Tamper switches (installation only)	1	EACH	113.29	113
Water flow switch (installation only)	1	EACH	113.29	113
Fire alarm wiring installation, including 3/4" EMT conduit and FA cable wire	1,200	LNFT	12.86	15,430
Testing and engineering	14,015	SQFT	0.30	4,157
Fire alarm cabling in underground raceway for building connectivity	860	LNFT	9.07	7,802
Subtotal: Fire Alarm Systems				\$75,493
28300 Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems				
Access control panel	1	EACH	11,895.30	11,895
Card reader	7	EACH	830.73	5,815
Electric strike connection	9	EACH	159.44	1,435
Access control device back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	16	EACH	94.92	1,519
Junction boxes, 6"x6", above door in ceiling	7	EACH	95.72	670
Conduit and security wiring	1,100	LNFT	18.48	20,324
Terminations and testing	1	LSUM	2,983.97	2,984
Subtotal: Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems				\$44,642
28400 CCTV System				
CCTV data management system including integration into existing building system	1	EACH	11,031.62	11,032
Exterior camera and mount	6	EACH	2,999.74	17,998
Terminations, testing and engineering (per camera)	6	EACH	543.16	3,259
Subtotal: CCTV System				\$32,289
TOTAL: ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY				\$152,424
31000 EARTHWORK				
31100 Site Preparation & Excavation				
Grading	1,409	SQFT	1.28	1,807
Subtotal: Site Preparation & Excavation				\$1,807
31300 Foundation Excavation & Fill				
Excavate for foundations and slab on grade, 2'-0" below footings/slabs, 1'-0" beyond for every foot of excavation (includes raising existing grade and other additional fill needed)	3,291	CUYD	9.61	31,630
Backfill footings and slab on grade with imported material, 2'-0" depth	2,441	CUYD	42.80	104,484
Backfill with excavated material	850	CUYD	11.03	9,379
Haul off excavated material as CCDD	3,291	CUYD	27.21	89,560
Subtotal: Foundation Excavation & Fill				\$235,054
TOTAL: EARTHWORK				\$236,861



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32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				
32100 Pavement				
Pavement removal and repair at utility connections	1	EACH	3,607.69	3,608
Compacted base course, 6" thk at concrete paving	26	CUYD	42.80	1,113
Concrete pavement, 4" thk	1,409	SQFT	4.37	6,160
Subtotal: Pavement				\$10,881
TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				\$10,881
33000 UTILITIES				
33200 Site Water Service				
Domestic water service pipe and fittings, DIP, 6"	295	LNFT	40.32	11,894
Domestic water service pipe and fittings, type K copper, 2"	15	LNFT	30.21	453
Water main tap, valve box and valve, 6"	1	EACH	6,011.16	6,011
Thrust blocks	1	LSUM	768.84	769
Trench excavation, pipe bedding, and backfill	295	LNFT	20.65	6,092
Subtotal: Site Water Service				\$25,220
33300 Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer				
Sanitary sewer pipe, PVC SDR 26, 4"	100	LNFT	22.21	2,221
Connect new sanitary sewer manhole on site	1	EACH	962.12	962
Trench excavation, pipe bedding, and backfill	100	LNFT	20.65	2,065
Subtotal: Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer				\$5,249
33800 Site Electrical				
Signal hand hole; 36"x36", including cover, excavation and backfill	1	EACH	1,639.74	1,640
Underground conduit for incoming signal cabling (2) sched. 40 PVC 4" conduits with inner duct and (1) 4" sched. 40 PVC conduit for fire alarm connection, including excavation and backfill	790	LNFT	87.49	69,115
Underground conduit for incoming primary service, (1) sched. 40 PVC 2-1/2" including excavation and backfill (no cast in place concrete)	280	LNFT	26.66	7,465
Subtotal: Site Electrical				\$78,220
TOTAL: UTILITIES				\$108,688
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$3,581,974
TOTAL: EVOC / TRAINING SUPPORT FACILITY				\$3,581,974



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EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD

BASE SCOPE

31000 EARTHWORK

31100 Site Preparation & Excavation

Pavement excavation, including removal of 9"-12" of topsoil	13,890	CUYD	9.61	133,498
Haul off excavated material as CCDD	13,890	CUYD	27.21	377,998
Imported structural fill at Skills Pad extension, average 1'-0" across entire pad	13,890	CUYD	42.80	594,546
Subtotal: Site Preparation & Excavation				\$1,106,043

31200 Site Grading

Topsoil stripping and grading	135,680	SQFT	1.51	205,257
Subtotal: Site Grading				\$205,257

31600 Erosion & Sedimentation Control

Erosion control	1	LSUM	30,000.00	30,000
Detention basin excavation, grading and backfill with drainage material profile including filter fabric	307,876	SQFT	3.00	922,797
Subtotal: Erosion & Sedimentation Control				\$952,797

31800 Site Demolition

Remove trees	2	EACH	497.24	994
Remove tree stumps	2	EACH	248.62	497
Remove asphalt paving and base	64,278	SQFT	0.55	35,411
Remove chainlink fence	348	LNFT	6.61	2,300
Remove wood fence and salvage	790	LNFT	5.51	4,352
Saw cut asphalt	19	LNFT	8.49	161
Subtotal: Site Demolition				\$43,716

TOTAL: EARTHWORK				\$2,307,812
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32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

32100 Pavement

Compacted base course, 6" thk at concrete skills pad, including fine aggregate drain trenches	8,680	CUYD	42.80	371,538
Compacted base course, 6" thk at asphalt paving	739	CUYD	76.41	56,464
Gravel surfacing at track entry	4,487	SQFT	1.92	8,615
Asphalt pavement, 3" surface course over 3" binder	39,928	SQFT	3.86	154,058
Track striping	6,025	LNFT	1.25	7,550
Concrete skills pad, 6" thk	375,000	SQFT	5.81	2,178,413
Subtotal: Pavement				\$2,776,637

32300 Fencing & Walls

Chainlink fence, 6'-0" high	6,800	LNFT	27.42	186,432
Subtotal: Fencing & Walls				\$186,432

32600 Landscaping

Trees	248	EACH	555.61	137,792
Lawn restoration beyond pavement areas and bioswales including topsoil, seeding, fertilizer and fine grading	401,440	SQFT	0.37	149,095
Grass run-off area beyond skills pad	129,383	SQFT	0.63	81,848
Subtotal: Landscaping				\$368,734



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TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				\$3,331,803
33000 UTILITIES				
33100 Selective Site Demolition				
Excavate and remove existing underground culvert piping; backfill and compact after removal	40	LNFT	20.73	829
Subtotal: Selective Site Demolition				\$829
33300 Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer				
Storm sewer pipe, RCP, 15"	40	LNFT	38.30	1,532
Storm sewer pipe, RCP, 12"	798	LNFT	31.54	25,169
PVC storm sewer pipe, SDR 35, 8"	20	LNFT	17.27	345
Trench excavation, pipe bedding, and backfill	858	LNFT	20.65	17,719
Subtotal: Site Sanitary & Storm Sewer				\$44,765
TOTAL: UTILITIES				\$45,594
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$5,685,209
TOTAL: EVOC TRACK & SKILLS PAD				\$5,685,209



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
TACTICAL HOUSE				
BASE SCOPE				
03000 CONCRETE				
03100 Concrete Formwork				
Formwork for strip footings	2,063	SQFT	6.08	12,547
Formwork for mat foundations	183	SQFT	14.42	2,640
Formwork for foundation walls	1,418	SQFT	6.57	9,316
Subtotal: Concrete Formwork				\$24,503
03200 Concrete Reinforcement				
Reinforcement in strip footings	2	TONS	2,520.62	5,545
Reinforcement in slab on grade	3	TONS	2,590.65	6,477
Reinforcement in mat foundations	1	TONS	4,013.67	2,408
Reinforcement in foundation walls	1	TONS	2,767.68	3,875
Subtotal: Concrete Reinforcement				\$18,305
03300 Cast in Place Concrete				
Concrete in strip footings, 4,500 psi	198	CUYD	244.81	48,473
Concrete in mat foundations, 4,500 psi	25	CUYD	231.79	5,725
Concrete in foundation walls, 4,500 psi	53	CUYD	247.64	13,125
Vapor barrier at slab	7,241	SQFT	0.69	5,018
Concrete slab on grade, 5" thk, 4,000 psi	7,241	SQFT	5.70	41,266
Subtotal: Cast in Place Concrete				\$113,607
03400 Cementitious Decks				
Concrete topping on precast slab, 2" thk	16,373	SQFT	2.71	44,372
Subtotal: Cementitious Decks				\$44,372
03500 Precast Structural Concrete				
Create opening in precast plank	547	SQFT	6.33	3,460
Subtotal: Precast Structural Concrete				\$3,460
03600 Precast Architectural Concrete				
Precast hollow core plank, 10" thk	16,373	SQFT	18.11	296,587
Subtotal: Precast Architectural Concrete				\$296,587
TOTAL: CONCRETE				\$500,835
04000 MASONRY				
04100 Exterior Masonry				
10" CMU back up with vertical and horizontal reinforcement, bond beams	8,085	SQFT	18.02	145,656
Subtotal: Exterior Masonry				\$145,656
04300 Interior Masonry				
CMU partition N1; 8" block with vertical and horizontal reinforcement	7,074	SQFT	15.26	107,970
Grout CMU walls solid	80	CUYD	250.09	20,008
Subtotal: Interior Masonry				\$127,978
TOTAL: MASONRY				\$273,634
05000 METALS				
05100 Structural Steel				
Structural steel beams, W-shapes	630	LBS	3.85	2,423



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Metal roof deck, galvanized, 3" thk, 20 ga	277	SQFT	6.49	1,797
Subtotal: Structural Steel				\$4,220
05200 Structural Metal Stud Framing				
Structural metal stud framing at soffits	160	SQFT	10.58	1,693
Subtotal: Structural Metal Stud Framing				\$1,693
05300 Stairs				
Metal pan stairs	537	LNFT	66.72	35,829
Metal pan stair landing	740	SQFT	61.54	45,540
Subtotal: Stairs				\$81,369
05400 Metal Fabrications				
Structural steel beams, HSS tubes, galvanized, for horizontal support of roof top screen wall	3	TONS	4,739.94	12,324
Structural steel columns, HSS tubes, galvanized, for roof top screen wall, including base plates and anchors	1	TONS	5,234.10	6,281
Galvanized steel plate on top of HSS tube support member at screen wall, 1'4" x 6", continuous	560	LBS	5.98	3,346
Steel ladder with cage	27	LNFT	228.85	6,065
Elevator pit ladder; 8'-0"	1	EACH	1,945.81	1,946
Steel stair guard rails, steel pickets, painted, including steel handrail at stairs	92	LNFT	326.49	30,037
Galvanized steel railing and handrail at exterior stairs, MSR-01	38	LNFT	387.67	14,731
Stainless steel handrail, 1-1/2" dia, wall mounted	70	LNFT	78.44	5,491
Galvanized steel handrail, 1-1/2" dia, wall mounted at exterior stairs	20	LNFT	59.95	1,199
Galvanized steel grating at sump pit; 2'-0" x 2'-0", including support angle	1	EACH	799.07	799
Subtotal: Metal Fabrications				\$82,218
05900 Miscellaneous Metals				
Miscellaneous angles, channels, lintels, etc.	15,925	SQFT	2.10	33,493
Subtotal: Miscellaneous Metals				\$33,493
TOTAL: METALS				\$202,994
06000 WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES				
06200 Rough Carpentry				
Miscellaneous wood blocking & rough carpentry	15,925	SQFT	1.24	19,768
Subtotal: Rough Carpentry				\$19,768
TOTAL: WOODS, PLASTICS & COMPOSITES				\$19,768
07000 THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				
07100 Dampproofing & Waterproofing				
Spray-applied air/vapor barrier	6,913	SQFT	2.59	17,904
Subtotal: Dampproofing & Waterproofing				\$17,904
07200 Thermal Insulation				
Rigid insulation, 2" thk, at exterior face of foundation walls	709	SQFT	2.78	1,972
Rigid insulation, 5" thk, at exterior walls	6,913	SQFT	4.95	34,237
Subtotal: Thermal Insulation				\$36,209
07400 Roofing				
TPO roofing including tapered rigid insulation, vapor barrier, coverboard and flashings	7,792	SQFT	11.56	90,111

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
			Subtotal: Roofing	\$90,111
07600 Metal Panel Systems				
Metal panel rain screen over CMU/precast back up, including girts, trims and fascia at canopies	6,913	SQFT	20.30	140,357
Roof screen wall	1,207	SQFT	16.95	20,458
Metal panel soffit, including 5/8" exterior gypboard sheathing	160	SQFT	20.54	3,286
Prefinished metal parapet coping	300	LNFT	20.90	6,270
			Subtotal: Metal Panel Systems	\$170,371
07800 Caulking & Sealants				
Miscellaneous caulking & sealants	15,925	SQFT	0.59	9,444
			Subtotal: Caulking & Sealants	\$9,444
TOTAL: THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION				\$324,039
08000 OPENINGS				
08300 Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	7	EACH	482.58	3,378
HM frame type F1; 6'-0" x 7'-0"	6	EACH	553.10	3,319
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	19	EACH	534.30	10,152
Hardware set, single	7	EACH	920.81	6,446
Hardware set, double	5	EACH	1,478.71	7,394
Hardware set, double, access controlled	1	EACH	2,831.61	2,832
			Subtotal: Exterior Doors, Frames, & Hardware	\$33,519
08400 Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware				
HM frame type F1; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	53	EACH	482.58	25,577
HM frame type F1; 5'-0" x 6'-8"	1	EACH	568.10	568
HM frame type F1; 6'-0" x 7'-0"	2	EACH	553.10	1,106
HM door type F; 2'-6" x 6'-8"	2	EACH	484.30	969
HM door type F; 3'-0" x 7'-0"	57	EACH	534.30	30,455
			Subtotal: Interior Doors, Frames, & Hardware	\$58,675
TOTAL: OPENINGS				\$92,194
09000 FINISHES				
09200 Floor Finishes				
Rubber base RB-1	2,296	LNFT	2.13	4,893
Concrete sealer	8,873	SQFT	1.01	8,937
			Subtotal: Floor Finishes	\$13,830
09600 Paints & Coatings				
Paint HM doors	78	EACH	41.99	3,275
Paint HM door frame	69	EACH	30.24	2,087
Prime and paint CMU walls	31,697	SQFT	1.12	35,399
			Subtotal: Paints & Coatings	\$40,761
09900 Miscellaneous Finishes				
Partition D2 with sliding door (allowance, not defined in drawings)	18	LNFT	153.60	2,765
			Subtotal: Miscellaneous Finishes	\$2,765
TOTAL: FINISHES				\$57,356



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21000 FIRE SUPPRESSION				
21300 Sprinkler Heads & Piping				
Wet sprinkler system	15,925	SQFT	3.48	55,438
Subtotal: Sprinkler Heads & Piping				\$55,438
TOTAL: FIRE SUPPRESSION \$55,438				
22000 PLUMBING				
22200 Plumbing Fixtures				
Wall hydrant WH-1, nonfreeze	3	EACH	518.14	1,554
Subtotal: Plumbing Fixtures				\$1,554
22300 Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				
Downspout nozzle DSN-1, 8"	2	EACH	298.14	596
Floor drain FD-1, 2"	9	EACH	368.14	3,313
Floor drain FD-1, 4"	12	EACH	466.54	5,598
Floor cleanouts	2	EACH	367.20	734
Roof drain RD-1, 6"	4	EACH	699.71	2,799
Vent thru roof	1	EACH	328.14	328
Subtotal: Plumbing Equipment & Specialties				\$13,369
22400 Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				
Shutoff/isolation valve for natural gas, 3/4"	1	EACH	81.95	82
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 1" type L copper	85	LNFT	24.00	2,040
Domestic water pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4" type L copper	240	LNFT	19.99	4,799
Pipe insulation, 1" domestic water piping	85	LNFT	8.09	687
Pipe insulation, 3/4" domestic water piping	240	LNFT	7.65	1,836
Sanitary/waste pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	370	LNFT	37.15	13,744
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 4"	50	LNFT	60.18	3,009
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 3"	30	LNFT	49.04	1,471
Vent pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 2"	255	LNFT	37.15	9,472
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 8"	185	LNFT	141.40	26,159
Storm drainage pipe, fittings, and supports, CI no-hub, AG, 6"	135	LNFT	89.26	12,050
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 8"	125	LNFT	19.72	2,465
Pipe insulation, AG horizontal storm drainage, 6"	115	LNFT	15.41	1,772
Natural gas piping, std. weight blk. steel, w/fittings and roof top supports, threaded, 3/4"	60	LNFT	41.64	2,498
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 4"	265	LNFT	46.87	12,421
Sanitary/waste pipe and fittings, CI no hub, UG, 2"	105	LNFT	27.25	2,861
Excavation, bedding and backfill for UG piping	270	LNFT	25.09	6,773
Pipe and valve tagging	385	LNFT	1.12	432
Subtotal: Domestic Water, Waste & Vent, & Storm Drainage Piping				\$104,572
TOTAL: PLUMBING \$119,496				
23000 HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				
23200 Ventilation & Exhaust				
Roof top unit RTU-2, including 10 HP SA fan, 7.5 HP RA fan, economizer, integral DX cooling, dampers, filters, etc.; 6,000 CFM	1	EACH	50,906.10	50,906
AC split system, 2 ton cooling, including line set and remote thermostat	3	EACH	3,038.73	9,116
Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 10"-14" inlet	4	EACH	1,469.84	5,879



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Variable air volume terminals with HW reheat coil; 7"-9" inlet	2	EACH	1,290.77	2,582
Reheat coil connections, VAV - valves, fittings, and insulation	6	EACH	1,025.66	6,154
Galvanized steel duct, rectangular	5,130	LBS	11.06	56,718
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 16" dia.	5	LNFT	61.75	309
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 14" dia.	30	LNFT	52.67	1,580
Galvanized steel spiral duct, 10" dia.	2	LNFT	33.05	66
Duct insulation, SA	3,275	SQFT	2.47	8,101
Registers, grilles and diffusers - WR1	15	EACH	144.53	2,168
Registers, grilles and diffusers - WS1	40	EACH	144.53	5,781
Transfer duct with (2) WR1 grilles	12	EACH	368.83	4,426
Subtotal: Ventilation & Exhaust				\$153,786
23400 Heating & Ventilating Terminals				
Cabinet unit heaters, electric	8	EACH	1,496.24	11,970
Subtotal: Heating & Ventilating Terminals				\$11,970
23500 HVAC Piping				
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 2"	95	LNFT	65.10	6,184
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/2"	85	LNFT	52.30	4,446
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1-1/4"	210	LNFT	45.71	9,599
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 1"	145	LNFT	40.97	5,940
HHWS/R pipe, type L copper pipe, fittings, and supports, 3/4"	40	LNFT	29.81	1,192
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 2"	95	LNFT	16.33	1,552
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1-1/2"	85	LNFT	14.86	1,263
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1-1/4"	210	LNFT	13.29	2,791
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 1"	145	LNFT	11.67	1,692
Pipe insulation, HHWS/R, 3/4"	40	LNFT	10.56	422
Pipe and valve tagging	575	LNFT	1.12	645
Subtotal: HVAC Piping				\$35,728
23600 Temperature Controls				
DDC controls - packaged rooftop unit	1	EACH	22,250.00	22,250
DDC controls - AC split system	3	EACH	3,750.00	11,250
DDC controls - VAV terminals with reheat coil	6	EACH	3,250.00	19,500
Thermostats/temperature sensors	6	EACH	473.29	2,840
Subtotal: Temperature Controls				\$55,840
23700 Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				
Air testing and balancing	1	LSUM	8,500.00	8,500
Pipe system testing and balancing	1	LSUM	3,500.00	3,500
Subtotal: Testing, Balancing, & Commissioning				\$12,000
TOTAL: HEATING VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING				\$269,324

26000 ELECTRICAL

26200 Main Power Distribution

Panelboard 'NH3' 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 200A	1	EACH	3,757.91	3,758
Panelboard 'NL4' & 'EL3', 3PH, 4W, 208/120V, 100A	2	EACH	2,636.32	5,273
Panelboard 'EH3', 3PH, 4W, 480/277V, 100A	1	EACH	2,876.32	2,876
Transformer, dry-type, ventilated, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 30 kVA including supports	1	EACH	4,289.49	4,289



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Transformer, dry-type, ventilated, 3PH, 480/277V primary 120/208V secondary, 45 kVA including supports	1	EACH	4,984.36	4,984
Feeder installation 600 V, including conduit and XHHW wire, 100A	110	LNFT	44.66	4,912
Feeder installation 600 V, including conduit and XHHW wire, 200A	75	LNFT	61.03	4,577
Subtotal: Main Power Distribution				\$30,670
26500 Lighting				
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - E1	15	EACH	264.86	3,973
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - EG1	1	EACH	307.86	308
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - S4V	12	EACH	257.86	3,094
Light fixture, interior, including mounting hardware and connections - V14	212	EACH	472.44	100,156
Light fixture, exterior, including mounting hardware and connections - Z1W	8	EACH	710.73	5,686
Toggle switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	33	EACH	105.89	3,494
3 way switch, quiet type, single pole, 20A	8	EACH	116.29	930
LV control station, total area control	1	EACH	568.16	568
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	3,000	LNFT	19.58	58,730
Networked lighting controls including relays, cabling and programming	15,925	SQFT	1.55	24,760
Subtotal: Lighting				\$201,700
26600 Branch Power Distribution & Devices				
Duplex receptacle, backbox, grounded, 120V, 20A	21	EACH	110.59	2,322
Duplex receptacle, GFCI, 20A with waterproof cover	29	EACH	141.49	4,103
Branch installation 600 V, including 3/4" EMT conduit and THWN wire, 20A	650	LNFT	19.53	12,692
Subtotal: Branch Power Distribution & Devices				\$19,118
26700 Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders				
HVAC and plumbing equipment connections, including VFD installation/wiring, disconnects, starters, conduit and wiring	15,925	SQFT	1.68	26,800
Subtotal: Mechanical Equipment Connections & Feeders				\$26,800
TOTAL: ELECTRICAL				\$278,288
27000 COMMUNICATIONS				
27200 Tele/Data Systems				
Voice/Data wall outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 2-port	1	EACH	65.98	66
Voice/Data outlet, back box and plate, 1 gang, 1-port - ceiling mounted for CCTV camera	2	EACH	168.04	336
Voice/Data back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	1	EACH	94.92	95
Wireless Access Point bracket and device, ceiling mounted	4	EACH	337.44	1,350
Electric metallic tubing, 1" diameter, to 15' high, including fittings and supports	200	LNFT	12.03	2,407
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6a for CCTV cameras	500	LNFT	1.45	724
Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, solid, PVC jacket, #24, 4 pair, category 6	1,400	LNFT	1.44	2,013
Terminations and testing	15,925	SQFT	0.20	3,158
Subtotal: Tele/Data Systems				\$10,148
TOTAL: COMMUNICATIONS				\$10,148
28000 ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY				
28200 Fire Alarm Systems				
Elevator recall devices and wiring	1	EACH	3,572.65	3,573
Smoke detector, addressable type	4	EACH	347.86	1,391



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Heat detector, addressable	55	EACH	307.86	16,932
Manual alarm station, addressable	14	EACH	327.86	4,590
Audio visual alarm	35	EACH	392.44	13,735
Fire alarm wiring installation, including 3/4" EMT conduit and FA cable wire	6,500	LNFT	12.86	83,580
Testing and engineering	15,925	SQFT	0.30	4,723
Subtotal: Fire Alarm Systems				\$128,526
28300 Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems				
Card reader	1	EACH	830.73	831
Electric strike connection	2	EACH	159.44	319
Access control device back box and conduit stub to ceiling space	3	EACH	94.92	285
Junction boxes, 6"x6", above door in ceiling	1	EACH	95.72	96
Conduit and security wiring	300	LNFT	18.48	5,543
Subtotal: Intrusion Detection & Access Control Systems				\$7,073
28400 CCTV System				
Exterior camera and mount	2	EACH	2,999.74	5,999
Subtotal: CCTV System				\$5,999
TOTAL: ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY				\$141,598
31000 EARTHWORK				
31300 Foundation Excavation & Fill				
Excavate for foundations and slab on grade, 2'-0" below footings/slabs, 1'-0" beyond for every foot of excavation (includes raising existing grade and other additional fill needed)	1,450	CUYD	9.61	13,936
Backfill footings and slab on grade with imported material, 2'-0" depth	725	CUYD	42.80	31,033
Backfill with excavated material	449	CUYD	11.03	4,955
Haul off excavated material as CCDD	1,001	CUYD	27.21	27,241
Subtotal: Foundation Excavation & Fill				\$77,164
TOTAL: EARTHWORK				\$77,164
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$2,422,276
ADD ALTERNATE #1: TACTICAL HOUSE ELEVATOR				
14000 CONVEYING EQUIPMENT				
14300 Hydraulic Elevators				
Hydraulic elevator, 3-stop, single opening	1	EACH	171,099.36	171,099
Subtotal: Hydraulic Elevators				\$171,099
TOTAL: CONVEYING EQUIPMENT				\$171,099
TOTAL: ADD ALTERNATE #1: TACTICAL HOUSE ELEVATOR				\$171,099
TOTAL: TACTICAL HOUSE				\$2,593,375



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
FURNITURE ALLOWANCE				
BASE SCOPE				
12000 FURNISHINGS				
12900 Miscellaneous Furnishings				
Furniture allowance	1	LSUM	400,000.00	400,000
			Subtotal: Miscellaneous Furnishings	\$400,000
TOTAL: FURNISHINGS				\$400,000
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$400,000
TOTAL: FURNITURE ALLOWANCE				\$400,000



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT				
BASE SCOPE				
31000 EARTHWORK				
31100 Site Preparation & Excavation				
Grading	109,600	SQFT	1.28	140,551
Excavate beneath new pavement area to depth of 2'-0", including fine aggregate drain trenches	8,596	CUYD	9.61	82,617
Backfill with imported material	8,596	CUYD	50.07	430,398
Haul off excavated material as CCDD	8,596	CUYD	27.21	233,929
Subtotal: Site Preparation & Excavation				\$887,495
31800 Site Demolition				
Remove trees	6	EACH	497.24	2,983
Remove tree stumps	1	EACH	248.62	249
Remove asphalt paving and base	109,600	SQFT	0.55	60,379
Remove concrete pavement	3,917	SQFT	2.57	10,066
Remove concrete island in parking lot	2,526	SQFT	3.85	9,737
Saw cut concrete	16	LNFT	10.75	172
Saw cut asphalt	266	LNFT	8.49	2,258
Subtotal: Site Demolition				\$85,844
TOTAL: EARTHWORK				\$973,339
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				
32100 Pavement				
Asphalt pavement, 3" surface course over 3" binder	109,600	SQFT	3.86	422,881
Subtotal: Pavement				\$422,881
TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				\$422,881
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$1,396,220
TOTAL: EAST & SOUTH PARKING REPAVEMENT				\$1,396,220



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING				
BASE SCOPE				
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				
32100 Pavement				
Grind, mill and overlay existing track to 10" depth with new 3" surface course	30,842	SQFT	0.75	23,252
		Subtotal: Pavement		\$23,252
TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				\$23,252
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$23,252
TOTAL: EXISTING EVOC TRACK RESURFACING				\$23,252



DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
NW CORNER EVOC TRACK				
BASE SCOPE				
31000 EARTHWORK				
31100 Site Preparation & Excavation				
Grading	3,611	SQFT	1.28	4,631
Subtotal: Site Preparation & Excavation				\$4,631
31800 Site Demolition				
Remove asphalt paving and base	3,611	SQFT	0.55	1,989
Subtotal: Site Demolition				\$1,989
TOTAL: EARTHWORK				\$6,620
32000 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				
32100 Pavement				
Compacted base course, 6" thk at asphalt paving, including fine aggregate drain trenches	640	CUYD	76.41	48,899
Asphalt pavement, 3" surface course over 3" binder	3,611	SQFT	3.86	13,933
Subtotal: Pavement				\$62,832
TOTAL: EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS				\$62,832
TOTAL: BASE SCOPE				\$69,452
TOTAL: NW CORNER EVOC TRACK				\$69,452

Attachment 2

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Quarter																									
						May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	Schematic Design Phase	6.25 mons	Mon 6/12/23	Fri 12/1/23		[Gantt bar for Schematic Design Phase]																									
2	Virtual Kick-off Meeting	1 day	Mon 6/12/23	Mon 6/12/23		[Gantt bar for Virtual Kick-off Meeting]																									
3	Develop Initial Site Concept Design Options	10 days	Tue 6/13/23	Mon 6/26/23	2	[Gantt bar for Develop Initial Site Concept Design Options]																									
4	Workshop Meeting 01	1 day	Wed 6/28/23	Wed 6/28/23	3	[Gantt bar for Workshop Meeting 01]																									
5	Review Meeting (Virtual) 1	1 day	Fri 7/21/23	Fri 7/21/23	4	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 1]																									
6	Workshop Meeting 02	1 day	Wed 8/9/23	Wed 8/9/23	5	[Gantt bar for Workshop Meeting 02]																									
7	Review Meeting (Virtual) 2	2 days	Mon 8/14/23	Tue 8/15/23	6	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 2]																									
8	Review Meeting (Virtual) 3	1 day	Thu 8/31/23	Thu 8/31/23	7	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 3]																									
9	Review Meeting (Virtual) 4	1 day	Tue 9/12/23	Tue 9/12/23	8	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 4]																									
10	SD QAQC	13 days	Wed 9/13/23	Fri 9/29/23	9	[Gantt bar for SD QAQC]																									
11	Schematic Design Narratives & Drawings	10 days	Mon 10/2/23	Fri 10/13/23	10	[Gantt bar for Schematic Design Narratives & Drawings]																									
12	Schematic Design Cost Estimate	11 days	Fri 10/13/23	Fri 10/27/23		[Gantt bar for Schematic Design Cost Estimate]																									
13	Client Review	25 days	Mon 10/16/23	Fri 11/17/23	11	[Gantt bar for Client Review]																									
14	Review Meeting (Virtual) 5 and NTP	1 day	Fri 11/17/23	Fri 11/17/23		[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 5 and NTP]																									
15	Revise Site and Design	10 days	Mon 11/20/23	Fri 12/1/23	14	[Gantt bar for Revise Site and Design]																									
16	Design Development Phase	5.5 mons?	Mon 12/4/23	Fri 5/3/24	1	[Gantt bar for Design Development Phase]																									
17	Review Meeting (Virtual) 6	1 day	Wed 1/31/24	Wed 1/31/24		[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 6]																									
18	Review Meeting (Virtual) 7	1 day	Mon 2/12/24	Mon 2/12/24	17	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 7]																									
19	Review Meeting (Virtual) 8	1 day	Tue 2/27/24	Tue 2/27/24	18	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 8]																									
20	Design Development Narratives & Drawings	23 days	Wed 2/28/24	Fri 3/29/24		[Gantt bar for Design Development Narratives & Drawings]																									
21	Submit Additional Services Request to Client	1 day	Fri 3/15/24	Fri 3/15/24		[Gantt bar for Submit Additional Services Request to Client]																									
22	Design Development Cost Estimate	15 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 4/19/24	20	[Gantt bar for Design Development Cost Estimate]																									
23	DD QAQC	10 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 4/12/24	20	[Gantt bar for DD QAQC]																									
24	Client Meeting to review Additional Services	1 day	Thu 4/18/24	Thu 4/18/24		[Gantt bar for Client Meeting to review Additional Services]																									
25	Client Meeting to review Estimate	1 day	Tue 4/30/24	Tue 4/30/24		[Gantt bar for Client Meeting to review Estimate]																									
26	Client Review and NTP	25 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 5/3/24	20	[Gantt bar for Client Review and NTP]																									
27	Construction Document Phase	4 mons	Mon 5/6/24	Fri 8/23/24	16	[Gantt bar for Construction Document Phase]																									
28	Workshop Meeting 03	1 day	Wed 5/8/24	Wed 5/8/24		[Gantt bar for Workshop Meeting 03]																									
29	Review Meeting (Virtual) 9	1 day	Wed 5/15/24	Wed 5/15/24	28	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 9]																									
30	Workshop Meeting 04	1 day	Wed 5/29/24	Wed 5/29/24	29	[Gantt bar for Workshop Meeting 04]																									
31	Review Meeting (Virtual) 10	1 day	Wed 6/5/24	Wed 6/5/24	30	[Gantt bar for Review Meeting (Virtual) 10]																									
32	CD wrap-up	20 days	Thu 6/6/24	Wed 7/3/24	31	[Gantt bar for CD wrap-up]																									
33	CD QAQC	10 days	Thu 7/4/24	Wed 7/17/24	32	[Gantt bar for CD QAQC]																									
34	Construction Document Deliverables	10 days	Thu 7/18/24	Wed 7/31/24	33	[Gantt bar for Construction Document Deliverables]																									
35	Client Review and Approval	10 days	Thu 8/1/24	Wed 8/14/24	34	[Gantt bar for Client Review and Approval]																									
36	Permit	1 mon	Thu 8/1/24	Wed 8/28/24	34	[Gantt bar for Permit]																									
37	Bidding and Contract Award	1.5 mons	Thu 8/29/24	Wed 10/9/24	36	[Gantt bar for Bidding and Contract Award]																									
38	Contractor Mobilization	0.75 mons	Thu 10/10/24	Wed 10/30/24	37	[Gantt bar for Contractor Mobilization]																									
39	Construction Administration	14 mons	Thu 10/31/24	Wed 11/26/25	38	[Gantt bar for Construction Administration]																									

Project: 50163918 - NLETC Schedule Date: Wed 5/15/24	Task	[Blue bar]	Project Summary	[Grey bar]	Manual Task	[Teal bar]	Start-only	[C-shape]	Deadline	[Green arrow]
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	Summary	[Thick grey bar]	Inactive Summary	[Light grey bar]	Manual Summary	[Thick teal bar]	External Milestone	[Diamond]		

Nebraska Department of Administrative
Services
Recovery Plan

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary:

The State Legislature directed management of this project to Department of Administrative Services – State Building Division to develop and construct sediment control and stormwater management projects for Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. A study completed December 2021, detailed how seasonal storms deliver a tremendous amount of gravel, sand, yard waste and trash into the cemetery from the upstream urban watershed. This project will protect the park and cemetery ponds from this sediment by providing a bypass route the will move runoff flow around the park.

Use of Funds:

This appropriated funding will be used to design and construct a bypass pipe with flow control structure to route stormwater containing high loads of heavy sediment around the pond. This will ensure water quality and quantity. This project will greatly benefit the public by creating a better drainage flow from the 255 acres south of Wyuka Cemetery and help reestablish the beauty of Lincoln's first park.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes:

- a. Goals: This project is intended to protect and enhance the water quality of the cemetery pond and reestablish the beauty of Lincoln's first park which is open to all populations
- b. Awareness: The Department of Administrative Services intends to use its communications channels to provide press releases and signage to provide public awareness of the project status and how SLFRF funding are being used.
- c. Access and Distribution: There are no differences in levels of access to the cemetery
- d. Outcomes: The project will greatly benefit the public by creating a better drainage flow from the 255 acres south of Wyuka Cemetery, protect and enhance the water quality of the pond, and help reestablish the beauty of Lincoln's first park.

Community Engagement:

When applicable, outreach efforts will be used to share information, plans, and intent for the project with the general public.

Labor Practices:

The State Building Division will follow State approved processes for selection of a qualified architect and engineering firm to ensure project design will comply with all federal and state regulations. Additionally, the Building Division will follow State of Nebraska procurement processes for selection of a qualified contractor for construction.

Use of Evidence:

This project is designed to comply with all federal and state regulations.

Performance Report:

The stormwater runoff bypass is necessary to handle the heavy sediment from seasonal upstream urban watershed. The project will build an appropriately sized bypass pipe with flow control that will either divert stormwater and heavy sediment away from the pond or into a forebay and then into the pond to maintain water levels. As part of the initial study, stream analysis was conducted with recommendations for corrective action and stabilization that will be incorporated into the final design.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project #: Wyuka Cemetery Stormwater Project

Funding Amount: \$2,175,000

Project Expenditure Category:

Project Overview: To design and construct a bypass pipe with flow control structure and forebay to route stormwater containing high loads of heavy sediment around the pond. This will ensure water quality and quantity.

Use of Evidence: This project is designed to comply with all federal and state regulations.

Performance Report: The project is currently 85% complete, within budget, and ahead of schedule. The runoff bypass piping is complete and in use during periods of heavy rain. The remaining work stabilizes the pond shoreline and water level. All goals will be met when the project is complete by October 25, 2024.

State of Nebraska

**Nebraska Department of Deaf and
Hard of Hearing**

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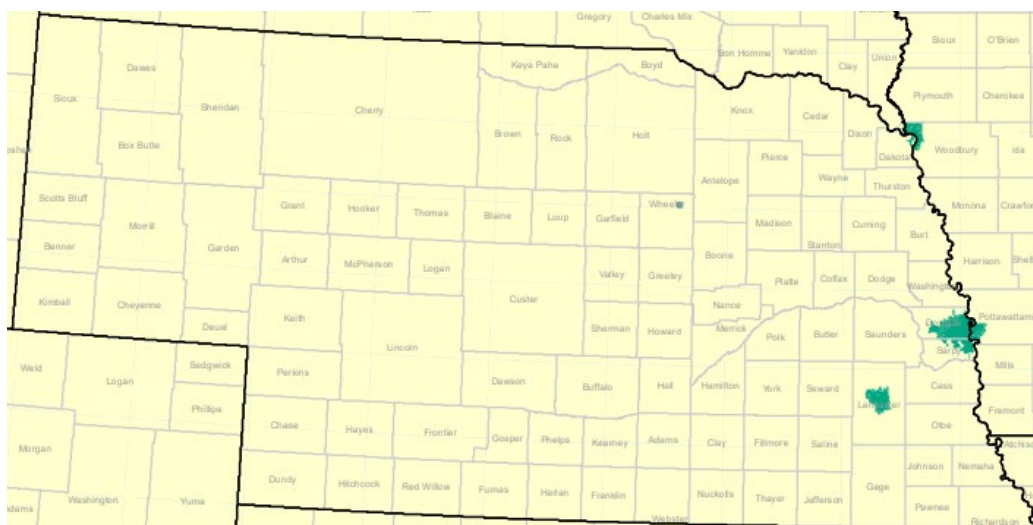
State of Nebraska – Nebraska Commission for
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 2024

General Overview

Navigating the pandemic has been incredibly difficult on everyone, placing an immense strain on our physical and emotional health, and completely disrupting what we know to be a “normal life.” The pandemic and its restrictions also changed the way people who are deaf and hard of hearing receive access to effective communication.

To address this need, the Nebraska Legislature, under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 and LB1014, set aside \$500,000 in federal funds for Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 to reimburse expenses incurred in the provision of qualified, licensed sign language interpreters (whether on-site or remote) in *rural communities for individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing. As of June 30, 2023, Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing obligated \$19,559.12 in SLFRF funds. One year later, as of June 30, 2024, obligated \$40,297.52.

Funding is being appropriated to provide effective communication access in both rural and legal settings.



**Rural is defined as outside of Lincoln or Omaha metro areas and their suburbs (see map above).*

LB 1014 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) Appropriations

As part of LB 1014e, the legislation stipulates the following requirements to ensure federal compliance, accountability, and reporting obligations are met:

1. *“All grants utilizing Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund shall meet the eligible uses under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by*

the United States Department of the Treasury.” (Page 2, section 10, 1st paragraph)

2. *“Each agency, board, or commission shall complete guidance documents related to the distribution of the Federal Funds appropriated pursuant to this act within sixty days after the effective date of this act.” (Page 2, section 10, 2nd paragraph)*

LB 1014 reads in Section 13:

There is included in the appropriation to this program for \$500,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.

The Nebraska Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall spend the funds appropriated in this section exclusively for programs and interpreters that provide communication access to Nebraskan’s who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind in the following manner: for the use of onsite, in-person, licensed sign language interpreters, Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) using licensed VRI providers, CART, or other auxiliary aid or service to provide effective communication access.

- Per 84-901, Section (5), a guidance document [“provides information or direction of general application to the public to interpret or implement statutes or such agency’s rules or regulations.”](#)

To ensure the continued progress is made on reaching the goals set forth in the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing State Plan: Statewide Educational Programs and Support Services for Nebraskans who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafblind and that the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) Appropriations are used to enhance the progress towards these goals, the NCDHH, has developed the following outline for planning for use of funds.

Uses of Funds

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will use the funds for supporting Nebraskan’s, helping by providing better ease of communication and equal access by covering the expenses incurred for interpreter services to anyone that need interpreter services provided to them. Some examples of where interpreter services include, but are not limited to:

- Medical appointments (hospital, medical, dentist, mental health services)
- Work settings (job interviews, staff meetings, employee training)
- Community settings (events, meetings, classes that are open to the public)
- Local government
- Church services and funerals

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

- a. Goal: *Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that recipients intend to serve within their jurisdiction?*

- i) As always, NCDHH is focused, and will continue to prioritize, efforts that address the needs of Nebraskan's that are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind, and their involvement in the community. With this program, NCDHH intends to create pathways for long-term economic vibrancy, especially in underserved and disadvantaged communities.
- b. *Awareness: How equitable and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?*
- i) The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing recognizes the need for available interpreting services in Nebraska communities. Over the last few years, NCDHH has pursued resources to reach Nebraska residents and businesses alike. Outreach efforts have included:
- Flyer Campaigns, to reach those with limited to no broadband and internet access and at business establishments.
 - Booth Campaigns, to reach individuals and businesses in Nebraska towns and surrounding areas.
- c. *Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups?*
- i) The funds available were set into place to help benefit the needs of Nebraskan's that are the following: Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind. The level of access is solely based off the ratio of available interpreters in Nebraska and/or their agreements of interpreting, such as VRI/in person to the requestor.
- d. *Outcomes: How are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps and/or reaching universal levels of service? How is the jurisdiction disaggregating outcomes by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?*
- i) The NCDHH understands that its outcome should be closely connected to the intentions of the program it creates. Along those lines, NCDHH has pursued outcomes that align to the purpose of the program.

In the proposed program, the NCDHH intends on tracking all the counties the program participants location is/was at the time of which the interpreter service was utilized. Thus, including the interpreter needs for both individual and business settings combined.

The SLFRF program already in progress, the goal of this program is to provide ease of communication for both Nebraska residents and businesses. The cost of

utilizing an interpreter is traditionally a rather high cost that most Nebraskans cannot afford on their own for such events or situations.

Community Engagement

NCDHH encourages input from its constituents and community-based organizations. NCDHH provides a tool for all community members to gather and be able to express their needs and/or concerns, considerations, and incorporate public opinion at our scheduled open forum sections of our board meetings.

In addition to holding meetings to discuss and document current priorities, NCDHH also has a process in place to collect written discussions from its community members when they have questions, concerns, or comments.

Labor Practices

No infrastructure projects have been approved as of the beginning of usage of funds began. NCDHH intends on using the labor standards on any future infrastructure projects and will document any labor practices provided in the reporting guideline.

Use of Evidence

As previously mentioned, NCDHH documented the counties that submitted documentation to receive SLFRF funds for interpreting services utilized in Nebraska. This may also add to the community engagement a little as well. To sum up the data, is to sum up the involvement. Involvement is in other words, the involvement for the community members in our communities throughout Nebraska that these funds have provided ease of communication for. A total of 97 reimbursements were received and processed since the beginning of the fund usage. It has obligated a total of \$61,416.90 over the course of the funds and as of June 30, 2024, which is also the fiscal year end for the State of Nebraska.

Listed in the chart below are the counties, the number of submissions received per county, and the total amount of SLFRF funds to which the counties received:

Counties	# of Submissions	Funds Obligated
Buffalo	15	\$2,728.69
Cass	1	\$1,006.81
Cedar	2	\$225.00
Colfax	3	\$997.50
Douglas	17	\$22,963.97
Hall	9	\$11,972.82
Lancaster	8	\$4,454.43
Madison	21	\$10,707.16
Nance	1	\$112.50
Nemaha	3	\$738.13
Otoe	9	\$1,988.38
Pender	1	\$250.00
Platte	3	\$2,485.00
Scottsbluff	4	\$579.61
York	1	\$206.90

State of Nebraska

Department of Economic Development

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
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Executive Summary

Intended uses of funding include Building Mental Health Treatment Facilities, Internships and Crime Prevention, County Agricultural Society Grants, Shovel Ready Capital Projects, Financial Literacy Grants, International Competition Sponsorship, Nuclear Reactor Study, Qualifying Census Tract Affordable Housing, Qualifying Census Tract Recovery Grant, Pandemic Relief Housing, Airport Business Park Planning, Meat Processing Infrastructure, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act (NIFA) LIHTC Pandemic Gap, and Refugee Job Training.

Department of Economic Development ARPA Programs: Funding, Obligations, and Expenditures through 06/30/2024				
Program	Expenditure Category	Funding Amount	Amount Obligated as of 06/30/2024	Amount Expended as of 06/30/2024
Building Mental Health Treatment Facilities	1.15	\$40,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00
	Total	\$40,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00
International Competition Sponsorship Program	2.35	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
	Total	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Internships and Crime Prevention	2.34	\$4,750,000.00	\$4,750,000.00	\$3,552,631.59
	Total	\$4,750,000.00	\$4,750,000.00	\$3,552,631.59
County Agricultural Society Grants	2.34	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
	Total	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Shovel Ready Capital Recovery	2.34	\$100,000,000.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$76,804,118.94
	Total	\$100,000,000.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$76,804,118.94
Financial Literacy Grant	2.7	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
	Total	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Nuclear Plant Siting Feasibility Study Program	5.18	\$835,000.00	\$835,000.00	\$74,250.00
	Total	\$835,000.00	\$835,000.00	\$74,250.00
Qualifying Census Tract	2.15	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$10,313,208.50

Affordable Housing – Metropolitan	Total	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$ 10,313,208.50
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Qualifying Census Tract Affordable Housing – Primary	2.15	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$7,304,138.07
	Total	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$7,304,138.07
Qualifying Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska	2.10	\$ 1,868,500.00		
	2.22	\$ 2,550,000.00		
	2.30	\$ 750,000.00		
	2.32	\$ 750,000.00		
	2.33	\$ 750,000.00		
	2.35	\$ 81,500.00		
	5.2	\$ 1,500,000.00		
	Total	\$8,250,000.00	\$9,250,000.00	\$3,983,365.86
Qualifying Census Tract Recovery Grant - Lincoln	2.10	\$ 3,625,000.00		
	2.18	\$ 1,000,000.00		
	2.22	\$4,125,000.00		
	2.35	\$1,250,000.00		
	Total	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$5,862,869.43
Pandemic Relief Housing	2.18	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
	Total	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Airport Business Park Planning Grant	2.34	\$800,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$381,600.00
	Total	\$800,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$381,600.00
Meat Processing Wastewater Pretreatment and Runoff Control Program	5.1	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$105,980.00
	Total	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$105,980.00
Refugee Job Training	2.10	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$12,244.06
	Total	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$12,244.06
Nebraska Investment Finance	2.15	\$20,500,000.00	\$20,500,000.00	\$0.00

Authority Act (NIFA) – Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Pandemic Relief Gap Funding	Total	\$20,500,000.00	\$20,500,000.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	Total	\$268,985,000		\$155,394,406.45

Uses of Funds

Programs from LB1014

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Industrial Recruitment. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$10,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown to this program for FY2022-23 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$10,000,000 Federal Funds for capital construction grants to build mental health care and education capacity, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds for capital construction grants to build mental health care and education capacity, which shall only be used for such purpose. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Industrial Recruitment. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$500,000 Federal Funds for the purpose of awarding major sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska that are recognized by an international governing body. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Industrial Recruitment. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 \$1,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$1,000,000 Federal Funds for distribution to a political subdivision that owns or operates a nuclear power plant in Nebraska. Such political subdivision shall use the funds appropriated in this section to conduct a feasibility study to assess (1) siting options for new advanced nuclear reactors throughout Nebraska and (2) existing electric generation facilities based on key compatibility assets for such advanced nuclear reactors. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Industrial Recruitment. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22 3 \$50,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 \$50,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$50,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to capital projects eligible under the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount show as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$50,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to capital projects

eligible under the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act, which shall only be used for such purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature that, in addition to the requirements of the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act, the Department of Economic Development shall divide total appropriations, including any General Fund appropriations, for grants to capital projects eligible under the act equally by each congressional district and give priority to grant requests less than or equal to \$5,000,000. After eligible grantees with priority status have been awarded grant funds, remaining funds may be awarded on a statewide basis with the department considering each project based on the overall economic impact of the project to the respective community and the overall benefit to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature that the department make reasonable adjustments to dates and deadlines and request additional documentation pursuant to any requirements for use of Federal Funds received pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Industrial Recruitment. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 22 \$20,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$20,000,000 Federal Funds for wastewater pretreatment and runoff control for meat processing plant site development, which shall only be used for such purpose. Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Community and Rural Development. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22 \$21,500,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 \$18,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. (2)(a) There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$6,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to prepare land parcels pursuant to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$4,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to prepare land parcels pursuant to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act. (b) For purposes of this subsection, preparing land parcels shall include: (i) Laying of drinking water transmission lines; (ii) Rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities; (iii) Costs associated with acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities and other costs to position the property for current or future use for the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act; (iv) Removal and remediation of environmental contaminants or hazards from vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities, when conducted in compliance with applicable environmental laws or regulations; (v) Demolition or deconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings in disproportionately impacted communities; and (vi) Costs associated with inspection fees and other administrative costs incurred to ensure compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations for demolition or other remediation activities in disproportionately impacted communities. The Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act did not have any signed contracts for

FY2023-24, so the funds have been reappropriated to create Rural Community Recovery Program. (3) There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$10,500,000 Federal Funds to contract with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, as described in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act, for development of affordable housing units eligible for federal four and nine percent low-income housing tax credit programs. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$10,000,000 Federal Funds to contract with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, as described in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act, for development of affordable housing units eligible for federal four and nine percent low-income housing tax credit programs. (4)(a) There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$4,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to nonprofit organizations that develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other such immigrants. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2022-23 \$4,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to nonprofit organizations that develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other such immigrants. (b) The Department of Economic Development shall create a program in accordance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, for the purpose of awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other such immigrants. Housing developed under this program shall be for households with an income at or below 185% of the most recent poverty guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and shall include housing located in disproportionately impacted geographies or directed towards disproportionately impacted populations or households, including, but not limited to, those in a qualified census tract, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on January 1, 2022. (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that at least one-half of the funds distributed pursuant to this subsection (4) be awarded as grants to organizations located in counties with a population of fewer than 100,000 residents as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. (5) There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$1,000,000 Federal Funds for job training and placement grants to nonprofit organizations for employment and employability services for refugees. (6) Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military Department.

Program from LB1024

Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Economic Recovery Act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that: (1) The COVID-19 public health emergency has caused widespread economic, social, and public health-related turmoil that deepened existing disparities; (2) The social and economic challenges caused and exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency include high unemployment, wage decreases, increased homelessness, and food insecurity; (3) The impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and related challenges were disproportionately felt in low-income and minority communities such as North Omaha and South Omaha; (4) The social and economic challenges in North Omaha and South Omaha have persisted for multiple generations, partially fueled by past racial segregation and the historical practice known as redlining; (5) Funding under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to respond to the challenges facing North Omaha and South Omaha that have been worsened by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and (6) Federal guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury has identified qualified census tracts as areas in which certain activities and investments will be deemed presumptively eligible for the use of funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Economic Recovery Act, qualified census tract means a qualified census tract as defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on January 1, 2022.

Sec. 4. (1) A primary responsibility of the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development shall be to utilize federal or state funding to award grants as provided in this section. The division shall develop a coordinated plan and a grant application and scoring process to award grants under subsection (3) of this section. (2) The coordinated plan developed pursuant to this section shall direct and prioritize the use of grants toward the economic recovery of those communities and neighborhoods within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and related challenges, with an emphasis on housing needs, assistance for small businesses, job training, and business development within such communities and neighborhoods. In prioritizing the use of grants, the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division may rely on any studies produced pursuant to section 5 of this act. Not later than August 1, 2022, the division shall submit a copy of an initial coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature. Not later than December 1, 2022, the division shall submit a final copy of such coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature. (3)(a) The Economic Recovery and Incentives Division shall create a Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program to provide funding to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts throughout the state to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. (b) Not to exceed ten million dollars in grants shall be distributed under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified census tracts that are located in a city of the primary class. (c) Not to exceed ten million dollars in grants shall be distributed under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified census tracts that are located outside of a city of the metropolitan class or a city of the primary class. (d) All remaining funds shall be allocated for grants distributed under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified census tracts that are located in a city of the metropolitan class, with no less than thirty-five million dollars in such grants allocated to eligible grantees which are located south of Dodge Street and east of 72nd Street in such city and no less than fifty-five million dollars in such grants allocated to eligible grantees which are located north of Dodge Street and east of 72nd Street in such city. Any funds not applied for within such areas may be allocated for grants to eligible grantees in any qualified census tract in such city. (4) In addition to grants under the Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program, the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division shall provide grant funding for the following purposes: (a) Not to exceed sixty million dollars in grants to a nonprofit economic development organization for the development of a business park located within or adjacent to one or more qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class and within two miles of a major airport as defined in section 13-3303; (b) Not to exceed thirty million dollars in grants to one or more innovation hubs located in one or more qualified census tracts and within two miles of a major airport as defined in section 13-3303 providing services and resources within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class; (c) Not to exceed three million dollars in grants in fiscal year 2022-23 and not to exceed three million dollars in fiscal year 2023-24 to a nonprofit organization partnering with a city of the

metropolitan class for the purpose of providing internships and crime prevention within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of such city; (d) Not to exceed five million dollars in grants pursuant to the purposes of the Nebraska Film Office Fund on or before June 30, 2023, for the purpose of producing a film on Chief Standing Bear, a portion of which is to be filmed in one or more qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class; (e) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants to public or private entities to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conduct other eligible affordable housing interventions under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts which are located in a city of the metropolitan class; (f) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants to public or private entities to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conduct other eligible affordable housing interventions under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts which are located in a city of the primary class; (g) Not to exceed five million dollars in grants to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class to recoup lost revenue; and (h) Not to exceed one million dollars in grants to a postsecondary institution located in a qualified census tract in a city of the metropolitan class to provide funding for a financial literacy program to improve economic and health outcomes for individuals residing in qualified census tracts. (5) For purposes of subdivisions (4)(e) and (f) of this section, preparing land parcels shall include: (a) Laying drinking water mains, lines, pipes, or channels; (b) Rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or other costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities; (c) Acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities; (d) Removal and remediation of environmental contaminants or hazards from vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities when conducted in compliance with applicable environmental laws or regulations; (e) Demolition or deconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings in disproportionately impacted communities; and (f) Costs associated with inspection fees and other administrative costs incurred to ensure compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations for demolition or other remediation activities in disproportionately impacted communities. (6) All grants made by the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division utilizing federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall meet the eligible uses under such act and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by the United States Department of the Treasury.

Sec. 5. (1) The Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature is established as a special committee of the Legislature to perform the duties provided in the Economic Recovery Act. The special legislative committee shall consist of the chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature, who shall serve as chairperson of the special legislative committee, the Speaker of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, and four other members of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The appointed members of the special legislative committee shall include members who represent legislative districts containing one or more qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class. (2) The Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall provide staff as required by the special legislative committee from existing legislative staff. In addition, the special legislative committee may hire additional staff, make expenditures for travel, and enter into contracts for consulting,

engineering, and development studies. The contracts shall be based on competitive bids and subject to approval of the executive board upon the recommendation of a majority of the members of the special legislative committee. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million dollars for fiscal year 2022-23 to carry out this section. (3) The special legislative committee may hold hearings and request and receive reports from the federal government, state agencies, counties, municipalities, and other public and private entities regarding the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on low-income and minority communities in Nebraska. The special legislative committee may hold one or more closed sessions for the receipt of confidential information if at least one-half of the members of the special legislative committee vote in open session to hold a closed session. (4) No later than June 30, 2022, the special legislative committee shall issue a request for proposals for studies on potential eligible uses of funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 or state funds within or adjacent to qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class. Such studies shall include, but not be limited to, potential eligible uses of such funds in the areas of entrepreneurship, housing, employment, job creation, and small business assistance. Copies of all such studies received by the special legislative committee shall be forwarded to the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development.

Sec. 6. (1) The Economic Recovery Contingency Fund is created. The fund shall consist of transfers by the Legislature to carry out the Economic Recovery Act. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. (2) No funds shall be expended from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund until the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development has submitted a final copy of its coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature pursuant to section 4 of this act and to the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 7. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two hundred fifty million dollars from federal funds for fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development to carry out the Economic Recovery Act. The federal funds described in this subsection are the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended. The department may use not more than ten million dollars of such federal funds for the administration of the Economic Recovery Act. (2) Of the intended appropriation described in subsection (1) of this section, eighty million dollars of such federal funds shall not be expended by the Department of Economic Development until the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the department has submitted a final copy of its coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature pursuant to section 4 of this act. (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer any interest earned after the effective date of this act on federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services. (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that any unobligated amount as of July 1, 2024, of the federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, be appropriated to the Department of Economic Development to carry out the Economic Recovery Act no later than

August 1, 2024. (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Department of Economic Development for fiscal year 2022-23 to provide grants under the Economic Recovery Act. (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 to provide grants under the Economic Recovery Act. (7) The Department of Economic Development shall not use money from the General Fund to implement or administer the grants provided under the Economic Recovery Act.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The COVID-19 public health emergency has caused widespread economic, social, and public health-related turmoil that deepened existing disparities. The social and economic challenges caused and exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency include high unemployment, wage decreases, increased homelessness, and food insecurity. The impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and related challenges were disproportionately felt in low-income and minority communities such as North Omaha and South Omaha. The social and economic challenges in North Omaha and South Omaha have persisted for multiple generations, partially fueled by past racial segregation and the historical practice known as redlining. Funding under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to respond to the challenges facing North Omaha and South Omaha that have been worsened by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and Federal guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury has identified qualified census tracts as areas in which certain activities and investments will be deemed presumptively eligible for the use of funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Community Engagement

The Department of Economic Development (DED) has incorporated extensive community engagement strategies to guide program development and implementation of SLFRF funds. The Department conducted focus groups in August 2022 for several newly created SLFRF programs, including the Internships and Crime Prevention program and the QCT Affordable Housing Program – Metropolitan and Primary. Input from stakeholders at these focus groups informed program design. In November 2022, the Department conducted in-person town halls, traveling to every Qualified Census Tract in the state that was eligible for QCT Recovery Grant Program funds. The decision to conduct the town halls in-person, rather than via web conferencing software, was deliberately made to be inclusive of Nebraskans with limited access to high-speed broadband internet. Additionally, by seeking live feedback rather than solely relying on written surveys, DED was able to ensure that Nebraskans with limited written English proficiency could participate. A schedule of town halls can be found here:

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/nebraska-department-of-economic-development-to-host-economic-recovery-town-halls-across-nebraska/>

At these town halls, the Department presented information about the QCT Recovery Grant Program and solicited feedback from local community members on the most pressing needs of their QCTs. The needs reported by community members were further validated by a study the

Department commissioned on recommendations for Nebraska's QCTs based on a socioeconomic analysis of key economic indicators in each jurisdiction.

For each SLFRF-funded program, DED incorporated feedback that was received into program design, including eligible uses of funds, key performance indicators, and application criteria, within the limits of allowable uses of ARPA funds. DED then opened an application period to accept subaward proposals from eligible applicants, posting public notice before each application period. After awards were made, DED additionally communicated awards in a public press release to continue its efforts to engage with the public and promote transparency. By relying on local community proposals for subaward programs, DED ensures that the implementation of SLFRF programs takes place as close as possible to the communities and populations benefiting from the funds.

Labor Practices

While the Davis-Bacon Act requirements (prevailing wage rates) do not apply to projects funded solely with award funds from the SLFRF program, except for certain SLFRF-funded construction projects undertaken by the District of Columbia, when undertaking capital expenditures, Treasury encourages awardees to adhere to strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions. Treasury also encourages awardees to prioritize in their procurements, employers with high labor standards and to prioritize employers without recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws. Additional standards may be applicable based on state statutes (i.e., Neb. Rev. St. Chapter 73 "Public Lettings and Contracts") and award agreement terms and conditions.

Performance Report

Respective program managers for each grant program require subrecipients to submit quarterly reports to track progress of the project. Additionally, the Department also communicates through continuous press releases for transparency and public awareness.

Link to DED press releases: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/news/>

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 72652021.1.12: Building Mental Health Treatment Facilities Program

Funding amount: \$40,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12, Mental Health Service

Project Overview

- In Section 45 of LB1014 amounts of \$10,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and \$30,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2022-23 were appropriated to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) for DED to provide for capital construction grants to build mental health care and education capacity to nonprofit organizations that provide mental health service and education in Nebraska.
- Improving mental health care and education capacity is a foundation for a full societal recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The benefits of expanding mental health treatment and education capacity include improved access to mental health and education services. This improved access to services will reduce utilization of hospital emergency rooms and crisis care; decrease police involvement and incarceration; foster a higher quality of life through better education, workforce, and life skills; and increase job retention.
- Link to the website: [Building Mental Health Treatment Facilities Program](#)

Use of Evidence

- The goal is to improve mental health care and education capacity. The benefits of expanding mental health treatment and education capacity include improved access to mental health and education services. Improved access to services will reduce utilization of hospital emergency rooms and crisis care; decrease police involvement and incarceration; foster a higher quality of life through better education, workforce, and life skills; and increase job retention.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- The table below contains a list of projects, locations, completion percentage and grant amount.
- The project primarily serves the pandemic impacted general population.

Subrecipient Award Name	Location	Percent Completed	Grant Amount
Community Alliance Mental Health Facility	Omaha	Completed 50% or more	\$10,000,000
Behavioral Health & Urgent Care Center	Omaha & Kearney	Completed 50% or more	\$10,000,000
Boys Town Education Center	Boys Town	Completed 50% or more	\$10,000,000

Mental Health Innovation Foundation	Omaha	Completed 50% or more	\$10,000,000
Total Award			\$40,000,000

Project 72652018.2.35: International Competition Sponsorship Program

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35, Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project Overview

- The Nebraska International Competition Sponsorship Program is an authorized use of funding from SLFRF which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during recovery.
- In Section 43 of LB 1014, an amount \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was appropriated to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) in grants pursuant to the purpose of awarding major sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska that are recognized by an international governing body.
- Link to the website: [International Competition Sponsorship Program](#)

Use of Evidence

- The objective is to launch an event that will bring hundreds of thousands of people into the community and create a huge economic impact for tourism-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants, retail, and other associated services.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- The table below contains the FEI World Cup event summary and Key results in accordance with the OCVB Report FEI-EIC 2023.

Event Summary Key Parameters	
Event Name:	FEI World Cup
Organization:	Federation Equestrian International
Event Type: Sport	Sport
Event Date:	April 4, 2023 – April 8, 2023

Key Results	
Total Economic Impact:	\$,7,775,713.73
Total Jobs Supported:	1,635
Total Local Taxes:	\$199,957.63
Estimated Room Nights Demand:	7,385

Project 72652035.2.34: Internships and Crime Prevention

Funding amount: \$4,750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Project Overview

- The Internships and Crime Prevention Program is an authorized use of funding from the Coronavirus SLFRF which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery.
- The Internships and Crime Prevention Program is authorized and further described within Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-12,241-4(c). This program is for a nonprofit organization partnering with a city of the metropolitan class for the purpose of providing internships and crime prevention within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of such a city. The awarded nonprofit organization will receive up to \$6,000,000.
- Link to the website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/internships-and-crime-prevention/>

Use of Evidence

- This goal is to reduce the prevalence and incidence of youth exposed to violence through prevention and early intervention. Program efforts will target youth and families at elevated risk of violent victimization or perpetration due to their exposure to violence in their homes and the community. More specifically, the program will expand services to youth in historically marginalized and underserved Northeast and Southeast Omaha communities and residents living in public housing. awardee and partnering agencies will continue and expand programming through a community-grass root approach to assist youth and their families exposed to violence, build resilience, and prevent future juvenile violence and delinquency. This will engage participants in workforce training and development through full-time and summer internships and entrepreneurship programs to generate economic stability.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of non-profits served
Internships and Crime Prevention	1

Project 72652031.2.34: County Agricultural Society Grant Program
Funding amount: \$5,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Aid to Nonprofits

Project Overview

- The County Agricultural Society Program is an authorized use of funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) (Assistance Listing 21.027). Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-12,241(4)(g), DED will provide \$5 Million in grants to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class to recoup lost revenue attributable to the Coronavirus public health emergency.
- The County Agriculture Society Program aims to assist eligible county agriculture societies by replacing lost revenue due to the negative economic impacts of the Coronavirus public health emergency, thereby helping them recover financially, continue operations, and mitigate other financial hardships resulting from the crisis, ensuring support for these societies to overcome challenges they are facing.
- Link to the website: [County Agricultural Society Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Organization Name	Impacted (I) vs. Disproportionately Impacted (DI)	Program Name	Funding Area	Grant Amount
Lancaster County Agricultural Society Inc.	DI	County Agriculture Society Program Manual	A city of the primary class.	\$ 5,000,000.00

Project 72652022.2.34: 2021 Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery

Funding amount: \$100,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Project Overview

- Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-12, 221 *et seq* created the 2021 Shovel Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act to respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic. In 2023, various provisions of the Act were amended (Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-12, 220 *et seq*). The purpose of the 2021 Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act is a partnership between the State of Nebraska and qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations with capital projects that have been delayed due to COVID-19 and that will provide a positive economic impact in the State of Nebraska.
- Nonprofits have faced significant challenges due to the pandemic's increased demand for services and changing operational needs, as well as declines in revenue sources such as donations and program fees. Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status eligible for assistance are those that experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts of the pandemic and are organizations related to arts, culture, or the humanities, including any organization formed for the purpose of developing and promoting the work of artists and the humanities in various visual and performing forms, such as film, sculpture, dance, painting, horticulture, multimedia, poetry, photography, performing arts, zoology, or botany; or organizations that operate a sports complex.
- Eligible organizations were awarded funds not to exceed the amount of private match funding they had secured as of December 31, 2021. Award amounts were also subject to limitations based on total project size. Organizations were required to begin or resume work on their capital project that had been delayed by the pandemic by June 30, 2022. Funding must be used for the program expenses outlined in the project application and in alignment with all local, state, and federal funding guidelines.
- Link to the website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/business/shovel-ready-grants/>

Use of Evidence

- The goal of the 2021 Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery program is to replace lost revenue to qualified nonprofit organizations throughout the State of Nebraska that were impacted by the pandemic.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- Each funded project requires the beneficiary organization to enter into a formal agreement with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED).
- Agreements contain an enumerated scope of work, eligible expenses, terms, and conditions, and reporting requirements. The State of Nebraska requires organizations

receiving funds through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA) to provide quarterly reporting to the state so that the data may be included in quarterly updates to the Treasury. This reporting will allow NDED to evaluate whether the nonprofits are able to continue to serve their communities across the state and evaluate progress on the organization's capital project.

- As of June 2024, 68 awards had received at least half of the awarded funding for their capital projects; and 18 of those projects are complete with the award being fully paid. The remaining 50 active awards are progressing toward project completion and final payout.

Project 72652032.2.7: Financial Literacy Grant Program

Funding amount: \$1,000,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 2.7 Household Assistance: Services for Unbanked

Project Overview

- The Financial Literacy Grant Program is intended to provide operational funding to financial literacy education programs. Such programs will assist people in becoming better-informed and less likely to become victims of fraud, predatory lending, or other financial situations. Improving financial readiness is a foundation for a full societal recovery.
- Link to the Website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/financial-literacy-grant/>

Use of Evidence

- The objective of the program is to educate communities or populations on financial literacy, on how to manage their finances and avoid debts.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- The Department of Economic Development will evaluate whether the nonprofits are able to continue to serve their communities across the state and whether their capital campaigns and projects started prior to covid will be able to be completed with the grants.

Project 72652023.5.18: Nuclear Plant Siting Feasibility Study Program

Funding amount: \$835,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.18, Water and Sewer: Other

Project Overview

- The purpose of the grant program is to fund a feasibility study conducted by a qualifying political subdivision, which owns or operates a nuclear power plant in Nebraska, to assess (1) siting options for new advanced nuclear reactors throughout Nebraska and (2) existing electric generation facilities based on key compatibility assets for such advanced nuclear reactors. It must be demonstrated that the grant funds will be used to finance the generation and delivery of clean power to a wastewater system or a water treatment plant, on a pro-rata basis of capital costs.
- Link to the website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/nuclear-plant-siting-feasibility-study-program/>

Use of Evidence

- Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 802(c)(1) awards made by the Nuclear Plant Siting Feasibility Study Program are in response to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Performance Report

- The Department of Economic Development will evaluate whether the nonprofits are able to continue to serve their communities across the state and whether their capital campaigns and projects started prior to covid will be able to be completed with the grants.
- Nuclear Plant Siting Phase 1 study is completed.
- [NPPD 2Q24 SMR Phase 1 Siting Study Update](#)

Project 72652029.2.15: QCT Affordable Housing Program – Primary Class

Funding amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 – Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Overview

- The purpose of the QCT Affordable Housing Program funds is to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conducting other eligible affordable housing interventions, including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts located in a city of the metropolitan class and a city of the primary class as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §14-101 and Neb. Rev. Stat. §15-101, respectively.
- Link to the website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/qct-affordable-housing-program/>

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are used to meet immediate pandemic response needs and begin building a strong and equitable recovery through affordable housing.
- This program is monitored by quarterly performance reports.

Performance Report

- Key performance indicators include:
 - Project completion percentage, overall, 30%
 - Project description: See project Overview.
 - Total number of contractors: average 20-30
 - Percentage of QCT contractors: 15
 - Number of affordable housing units expecting to preserve or develop: 661.
 - Number of completed affordable housing units: In progress none (0)-to date.
- Mandatory performance indicators include:
 - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed:
 - 493 In Progress

Project 72652030.2.15: Qualified Census Tract Affordable Housing Program - Metropolitan Class

Funding amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 – Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Overview

- The purpose of the QCT Affordable Housing Program funds is to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conducting other eligible affordable housing interventions, including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts located in a city of the metropolitan class and a city of the primary class as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §14-101 and Neb. Rev. Stat. §15-101, respectively.
- Link to the website: [Qualified Census Tract Affordable Housing Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are being used to meet pandemic response needs by creating and building affordable housing to create a strong and equitable economy.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions. We monitor on quarterly and annual reports for all recipients.

Performance Report

Number of households receiving eviction prevention services

6/30/24	0
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Number of Affordable Housing units developed

6/30/24	0
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Project 72652033.2.10: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska
Funding amount: \$1,868,500

Project Expenditure Category: Category Number: 2.10, Category Name: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of household served
Banisters	15
UWSCNE	41
UNK Regional Engagement Center	0

Project 72652033.2.22: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – GR Nebraska

Funding amount: \$2,550,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.22, Category Name: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Does this project include capital expenditure?	Total Expected Capital Expenditure (fiscal year)	Type of Capital Expenditure
City of Beatrice HWY Beautification	YES	\$0	Parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces
Winnebago Tribe Sgac Hakikiz'u Neighborhood Parks	YES	\$0	The Subrecipient will use grant funds to create three neighborhood parks in the Winnebago community. Each of the parks will have their own feel with standard amenities of playground equipment and a gathering shelter. The Thunderway neighborhood currently has a natural pond. The pond will be highlighted with a walking trail. The parks will be integrated into the current master trails plan. The project "Sgac Hakikiz'u" will enhance the quality of life of community members. By adding parks to already existing neighborhoods and future neighborhoods it will contribute to the health and wellness of the community and its residents

			and visitors. It will also create an economic benefit by increasing property value of each neighborhood.
The Salvation Army of Norfolk	YES	\$0	The Subrecipient will use grant funds, to support the renovation of its new community center, located in Norfolk, Nebraska. The new facility will allow Subrecipient to expand and grow its existing emergency social services. The facility will allow the organization to provide increased food assistance through an emergency food pantry and a free community meal program. Further, Subrecipient will offer increased material assistance to prevent homelessness through case management services offered in its Pathway to Hope program and provide space for a thrift shop.
UNK University Village Trail Systems	YES	\$200,000.00	The Subrecipient will use grant funds towards the design and construction of a new hike and bike trail system that includes a new path, wayfinding components, added and improved landscaping, furnishings, and lighting to provide a sense of safety for users. This will also encourage healthy living and lifestyles throughout the area.

Project] 72652033.2.30: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska
Funding amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.30, Category Name: Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of Nonprofits served
Nebraska Enterprise Fund	87

Project 72652033.2.32: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska
Funding amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.32, Category Name: Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of small businesses served
City of Fairbury	0

Project 72652033.2.33: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska
Funding amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.33, Category Name: Enhanced Support to Microbusinesses]

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of Non profits served
CFRA	1

Project 72652033.2.35: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska
Funding amount: \$81,500

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.35, Category Name: Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality]

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Sector of employer	Purpose of Funds
City of Norfolk	Other	Parks master plan

Project 72652033.5.2: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Greater Nebraska

Funding amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 5.2, Category Name: Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Projected/Actual Construction Date	Projected/Actual Initiation of operation date	Location	NPDES Permit	PWS Permit	Median Household Income	Lowest Quintile Income
City of Norfolk	Nov-25	Jun-24	610 E. Monroe Ave Norfolk, NE 68701	N/A - project not started yet	N/A - project not started yet	\$52,021	\$24,100

Project 72652042.2.10: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Lincoln

Funding amount: \$3,625,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.10, Category Name: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)]

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Number of households served
Pacific Engineering	0
Rabble Mill Gap Year	82
Gener8tor Skills Accelerator	48
Center for People Talent Marketplace	28

Project 72652042.2.18: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Lincoln

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.18, Category Name: Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Does this project include capital expenditure?	Total Expected Capital Expenditure (fiscal year)	Type of Capital Expenditure
Land Trust Acquisition	YES	\$219,354.36	Affordable housing, supportive housing, or recovery housing development

Project 72652042.2.22: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Lincoln

Funding amount: \$4,125,000

Project Expenditure Category: Category Number: 2.22, Category Name: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Does this project include capital expenditure?	Total Expected Capital Expenditure (fiscal year)	Type of Capital Expenditure
Clinic With a Heart	YES	\$ 1,162,163.18	Medical equipment and facilities designed to address disparities in public health outcomes (includes primary care clinics, hospitals, or integrations of health services into other settings)
City of Lincoln	YES	\$ 1,263,513.54	The Subrecipient will use grant funds to create a South Haymarket Park on the south end of Canopy Street which will include the building of a trail between N and J Streets, and that will link Haymarket to nearby neighborhoods. The park will be designed to accommodate stormwater for the surrounding area, thereby opening up redevelopment opportunities for the established industrial parcels.

Project 72652042.2.35: Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant – Lincoln

Funding amount: \$1,250,000

Project Expenditure Category: [Category Number: 2.35, Category Name: Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality]

Project Overview

- The QCT Recovery Grant program is an authorized use of funding from COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. Grants not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts in a city of the primary class to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Link to the website: [QCT Recovery Grant Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Entity	Sector of employer	Purpose of Funds
DLA	Other	Music District Renovations

Project 72652014.2.18: Pandemic Relief Housing Program

Funding amount: \$8,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18: Long-Term Housing Security: Other Housing Assistance

Project Overview

- The purpose of the Pandemic Relief Housing (PRH) project is to develop, repair, or operate affordable housing, including housing for refugees or other such immigrants, which will increase long-term housing security.
- Funds may be used for the following types of projects:
 - i. Rental Housing – construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of single- or multi-family units for rent.
 - ii. Homeowner Rehabilitation – rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units.
 - iii. Homebuyer Projects – homebuyer assistance, construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of housing units for homebuyers.
- Housing units developed under this program will be for households that meet one or more of the following classifications:
 - i. Project will serve **refugees or other such immigrants** exclusively but may be located anywhere in the State of Nebraska. Refugee and immigrant households were determined by the Department of Economic Development to be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and are therefore a “presumed eligible” population within SLFRF guidelines.
 - ii. Project will serve **residents in any of 42 counties** determined by the Department of Economic Development (DED) to be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects. Residents of a “disproportionately impacted county” are a “presumed eligible” population within SLFRF guidelines.
 - iii. Project will serve **residents of a qualified census tract (QCT)** in the State of Nebraska, defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a census tract in which 50 percent or more of residents have an income less than 60 percent of Area Median Income and in which the poverty rate is greater than 25 percent of the population. Residents of a QCT are “presumed eligible” within SLFRF guidelines.
- Housing units developed under this program will accommodate households with income at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Projects that develop rental housing are required to establish rent rates equal to 30 percent of the household income level equal to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, based on the presumed household size for the number of bedrooms in the unit. The rent will be updated annually when new Federal Poverty Guidelines are published by DHHS and will be implemented in accordance with the rental lease agreement and with at least 30 days’ notice to the occupants.
- Projects funded through this program will maintain an affordability period for a twenty-year (20-year) period that begins from the date of transfer from the subawardee to the homeowner for homebuyer projects or date of project completion for homeowner projects.

- At least 50 percent of the funds distributed will be distributed for housing developments in counties with fewer than 100,000 residents according to the most recent federal decennial census.
- Of the \$8 million budget for this program, DED has obligated all funds to nine (9) nonprofit organizations for projects that will serve at least one of the populations listed above.
- Of the nine (9) awarded nonprofit organizations that have been notified of subaward funding through the PRH program, three (3) organizations will conduct project activities that conform to this Expenditure Category. The sum of the budget for these projects is \$2,210,000.
- Link to the website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/pandemic-relief-housing-program/>

Use of Evidence

- The Department of Economic Development (DED) determined that refugees and other such immigrants were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. From 2015 to 2020, an average of 800 refugees have immigrated to Nebraska per year. Nebraska's refugees experienced a more significant, negative economic impact during the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the native-born population. Based on available data, the labor force participation and employment rates from 2019 to 2020 shows more negative impact for the refugee population, considering gender, age, educational attainment, and the presence of children in the household.
- DED defined a county to have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 if it meets at least three of the four following criteria:
 - Labor force decreased from 2010 to 2019;
 - Labor force growth from 2019 to 2020 was depressed due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - More housing cost-burdened¹ households per capita than the Nebraska measure; or
 - Household median income in 2020 was less than Nebraska's median income.
 Forty-two of Nebraska's 91 counties were determined to be "disproportionately impacted" according to this measure.
- The project's economic impact will be the development of new affordable housing units or the preservation of current housing that will promote access to safe, affordable for income-qualifying households, including refugees and other such immigrants.
- These funds will not be used for evidence-based interventions.

Demographic Distribution

- The table below contains a list of the nonprofit organizations that have been subawarded program funds and the demographic distributions that will be served.

Nonprofit Organization (Subrecipient)	Project Location	Award Amount	Project Type	Project Demographic Distribution
Center for Rural Affairs Community Capital	Grand Island	\$ 1,000,000	Rental	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19
Family Service Association of Lincoln	Lincoln	\$ 1,000,000	Rental	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19 (2) DI: Low income households and populations
Good Neighbor Community Center	Lincoln	\$ 790,000	Rental	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19 (2) DI: Low income households and populations
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Inc.	Omaha	\$ 1,000,000	Homebuyer assistance (purchase, rehab, and resale)	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19 (2) DI: Low income households and populations
Kearney Community Sustainable Housing	Kearney	\$ 1,000,000	Rental	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19 (2) DI: Low income households and populations
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.	Lexington	\$ 1,000,000	Rental	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19
Neighborhoods Inc. DBA NeighborWorks Lincoln	Lincoln	\$ 660,000	Homebuyer assistance (down payment/closing costs)	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19 (2) DI: Low income households and populations
Project Houseworks	Omaha	\$ 550,000	Homeowner assistance (home repairs)	(1) DI: Other households or populations that experienced a disproportionate impact due to COVID-19
Southeast Nebraska Affordable Housing Council (SENAHC)	Beatrice	\$ 1,000,000	Rental	(1) DI: Low income households and populations
TOTAL AWARD:		\$ 8,000,000		

Performance Report

- All \$8 million of the program budget has been committed to nine (9) nonprofit organizations through three competitive application cycles.
- DED has executed subaward agreements with all nine (9) nonprofit organizations.
- This program includes a capital expenditure, as the project activities include the development of affordable housing, supportive housing, or recovery housing.
- The total capital expenditure for the program is \$7,311,000. The remaining \$689,000, approximately 8.6 percent of the allocated funds, will be used for grant administration and management costs and has been subtracted from total expected capital expenditures.
- The subrecipients will conduct project activities within this Expenditure Category, including development of rental housing, homeowner assistance, and homebuyer assistance. For these projects, \$7,311,000 will be spent on capital expenditure costs. The remaining \$689,000, approximately 9.4 percent of the program budget, will be used for grant administration and management costs and has been subtracted from the total expected capital expenditures.
- Below is a table that summarizes the number of new housing units that will be created and the number of housing units that will be preserved by the projects

within this Expenditure Category, as well as the expected subsidy amount per housing unit.

Nonprofit Organization (Subrecipient)	Award Amount	Housing Units New Constr.	Housing Units Preserved	Per-Unit Subsidy
Center for Rural Affairs Community Capital	\$ 1,000,000	10	0	\$ 100,000.00
Family Service Association of Lincoln	\$ 1,000,000	6	0	\$ 166,666.67
Good Neighbor Community Center	\$ 790,000	6	0	\$ 131,666.67
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000	0	5	\$ 200,000.00
Kearney Community Sustainable Housing	\$ 1,000,000	6	0	\$ 166,666.67
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000	4	0	\$ 250,000.00
Neighborhoods Inc. DBA NeighborWorks Lincoln	\$ 660,000	0	12	\$ 55,000.00
Project Houseworks	\$ 550,000	0	12	\$ 45,833.33
Southeast Nebraska Affordable Housing Council (SENAHC)	\$ 1,000,000	4	0	\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,000,000	36	29	
AVERAGE:				\$ 151,759

- Output measures:
 - Number and amount of grants made to date: 9 grants with a combined total of \$8,000,000 allocated.
- Outcome measures:
 - Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 5 so far.

Project 72652036.2.34: Airport Business Park Phase 1: Planning Grant

Funding amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Negative Economic Impacts

Project Overview

- The Airport Business Park Program is an authorized use of funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) (Assistance Listing 21.027) which was designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery. SLFRF was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021.
- The Airport Business Park Program is authorized and further described within Neb. Rev. Stat. §81- 12,241(4)(a). The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will provide grants to nonprofit economic development organizations not to exceed \$89,600,000.00 for the development of a business park in or adjacent to Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class and within two miles of a major airport as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-3303.
- The Airport Business Park Program will consist of two phases, Phase 1: Planning Grant and Phase 2: Program Grant.
- Phase 1: Planning Grant: The planning grant process will allow Applicants the opportunity to create/develop a Master Plan for the development and creation of a business park. The successful Applicant(s) will receive grants, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. Any Awardee of the Planning Grant funds **must** apply for Phase 2 of the Program Grant.
- Only Phase 1: Planning Grant will be funded with ARPA funds.
- Link to the website: [Airport Business Park Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- The Applicant has completed a thorough Master Plan that details the process for an Airport Business Park to be built. Details were pinpoint and addressed needs identified in the Program Manual within the North Omaha area.
- Phase II is not SLFRF funded.

Project 72652019.5.1: Nebraska Meat Processing Wastewater Pretreatment and Runoff Control Program

Funding amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- In Section 44 of LB1014 an amount \$20,000,000.00 was appropriated to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) in grants pursuant to the purposes of creating a program and providing funds for wastewater pretreatment and runoff control for meat processing plant site development. The Nebraska Meat Processing Wastewater Pretreatment and Runoff Control Program will provide awards to a Nebraska municipality or intermunicipal agency that has identified a site for locating and constructing a publicly owned pretreatment works necessary for the development of a site supporting a new meat processing facility.
- The project aims to handle the high-strength wastewater from the Sustainable Beef Facility by implementing a pretreatment process before it is discharged into the City of North Platte Wastewater plant. The proposed infrastructure includes the installation of sewer mains, lift stations, and sewer force mains to convey the wastewater to the designated City-owned property for pretreatment. Additionally, depending on final designs, a new water main may be required for wastewater processing. The preliminary treatment facility is planned to be situated north or east of the existing wastewater plant and will incorporate anaerobic and aerobic processes for treating the wastewater. The completion of site development work is anticipated by June 2023, while the pretreatment facility is scheduled to be operational by 2025.
- Link to the website: [Nebraska Meat Processing Wastewater Pretreatment and Runoff Control Program](#)

Use of Evidence

- Responds to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. This response is an enumerated eligible use for water and sewer investments within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects under 31 C.F.R. § 35.6(e)(1)(i).
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- \$19,894,020 currently remains out of the \$20 million program budget.
- The project is located in North Platte, Nebraska.

Project 72652017.2.10: Refugee Job Training and Placement Grant

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10, Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview

- The purpose of the Refugee Job Training and Placement Grant program is to provide job training and placements grants to nonprofit organizations for employment and employability services for refugees as defined in 8 USC § 1101(a)(42) and Neb. Admin. Code § 470-1-004.09.
- Job training can include English Language training, driver education, classroom and work-based learning opportunities, certificate programs, apprenticeship programs, technical or professional programs. The job training provided may be provided by the nonprofit or they may partner with a college or job training provider.
- Job placement services are provided after the job training is complete. The awardee may provide inhouse services or partner with an outside job placement service to ensure the trainee has the necessary tools and resources needed to find a job in their community.
- Link to the website: [Nebraska Refugee Job Training and Placement Program - Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)

Use of Evidence

- The Department will measure success by how many refugees receive job placement at the end of the job training. These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- All \$1 Million of the program budget has been committed to four (4) nonprofit organizations through one (1) application cycle.
- DED has executed three (3) or the four (4) agreements with the nonprofit organizations.
- Below is a chart that summarizes the expended funds for each award including the total number of refugees (trainees) associated with each project.

Nonprofit organization (Subrecipient)	Award Amount	Funds Expended	Number of Trainees
Bryan College of Health Science	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 12,244.06	4
Center for People in Need	\$ 265,000.00	\$ -	0
Latino Center of the Midlands	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	0
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.	\$ 265,000.00	\$ -	0

Project Inventory

Bryan College of Health Sciences 23-11-301

- Expenditure Category: 2.10
- Award Amount: \$320,000.00
- BCHS and LL (Lincoln Literacy) will partner to identify eligible individuals. Following successful progression through English language learning and health professions preparatory classes at LL, BCHS will assist refugees in navigating the higher education admission process at Southeast Community College for acceptance into a healthcare training program. The Subrecipient will use grant funds to assist in navigating the negative impacts caused by Covid-19 pandemic.

Center for People in Need 23-11-304

- Expenditure Category: 2.10
- Award amount: \$265,000.00
- Responds to the negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by addressing job training and employment.
- The Subrecipient will use grant funds to assist refugees in education and employment needs that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc. 23-11-303

- Expenditure Category: 2.10
- Award amount: \$265,000.00
- By providing comprehensive training and support, LFS will help improve the financial sustainability of refugees who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will take job assessments to understand where their interests and abilities lie, and then LFS will provide personalized training based on the client's needs and goals. The Subrecipient will use grant funds improve the financial sustainability of refugees who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subrecipient will provide personalized training based on the client's needs and goals.

Latino Center of the Midlands 23-11-302

- Expenditure Category: 2.10
- Award amount: \$150,000.00
- Responds to the negative economic impacts caused by the Covid-19 pandemic by addressing unemployment and job training. The Subrecipient will use grant funds to assist in navigating the negative impacts caused by Covid-19 pandemic.

Project 72652015.2.15: Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act (NIFA) – Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Pandemic Gap Funding Program

Funding amount: \$20,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15, Long Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Overview

- This Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Pandemic Gap Funding Program is an enumerated use of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that falls under the Long-term Housing security, Affordable Housing Expenditure Category. The program aims to respond and provide relief to affordable housing developers who have experienced adverse economic challenges completing their projects due to rising construction costs brought on by the pandemic. As a pass-through entity receiving federal funds, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development will contract with the NIFA to establish a loan funding program for developers who received LIHTC in 2020 and 2021. Funding assistance will enable developers to resume the construction of affordable housing for low-income households earning at or below 65% of the area median income.
- Link to the website: [Nebraska Investment Finance Authority \(NIFA\) - Low Income Housing Tax Credit \(LIHTC\) Pandemic Gap Funding Program](#)

Use of Evidence

- The goal of program funds is to provide financial assistance “gap loans” to eligible affordable housing developers whose projects in 2020 and 2021 experienced a negative economic impact due to high construction costs brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. Funds provided will enable developers to resume and complete construction of affordable housing.
- The project seeks to enhance the availability of affordable housing, thereby contributing to the community's recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will increase the availability of affordable housing, helping the community recover from the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- The table below contains a list of project developers, number of units being developed, number of affordable units, SLFRF obligated amount and Demographics.

Note: DI – Disproportionately Impacted

Developer’s Name	# of Units	# of Affordable Units	SLFRF Obligation	Demographic Distribution
Union at Middle Creek LP	192	192	\$1,561,531	DI: Low-income household and populations

1120 Lofts, LLC	30	24	\$815,735	DI: Low-income households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts
Omega West Point, Limited	22	17	\$262,712	DI: Low-income household and populations
Ashland Senior, LLC	20	16	\$589,566	DI: Low-income household and populations
Fremont Omega, LP	49	39	\$713,605	DI: Low-income household and populations
RMLX, LP	50	50	\$925,000	DI: Low-income household and populations
Deer Creek Apartments, LP	48	38	\$944,567	DI: Low-income household and populations
131 Fort, LLC	80	64	\$1,489,066	DI: Low-income household and populations
1528 N 16 th LLC	50	48	\$416,219	DI: Low-income households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts
Hamilton Village Senior Living, LLC	59	47	\$3,028,500	DI: Low-income households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts
Founders Ridge Senior Living, LP	68	54	\$5,504,570	DI: Low-income household and populations
Avenue 25 Villas, LLC	16	14	\$191,678	DI: Low-income household and populations
State Street Villas, LLC	20	17	\$587,370	DI: Low-income household and populations
Emerald View	100	100	\$262,179	DI: Low-income household and populations
Foxtail Central, LP	35	28	\$1,095,400	DI: Low-income household and populations
Total	839	748	\$18,387,698	

State of Nebraska

**Recovery Plan – Division of
Developmental Disabilities (DDD)**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The funding will be utilized for COVID related expenditures and to address workforce shortages. The money will go toward incentivizing employees for retention purposes.

Uses of Funds

The funds will be disbursed to DD Agency providers only and will be utilized for specific services as follows: prevocational; residential habilitation (excluding shared living services); supported employment – individual; enclave; behavioral in-home habilitation; community inclusion; community integration; consultative assessment; crisis intervention support; habilitative workshop; independent living; in-home residential habilitation; medical in-home habilitation; supported family living; supported employment – follow along; and child day habilitation, which shall only be used for such purpose.

Such payments shall be used for the purpose of enhancing employee retention and recruitment.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Labor Practices

The funding is to enhance employee recruitment and retention.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Not Applicable

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25850100: Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Funding amount: \$47,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance

Nebraska DHHS distributed the funds appropriated pursuant to LB1014 to DD Providers to support employee recruitment and retention activities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. As of June 30, 2023, the department has obligated \$20,000,000 and expended \$20,000,000 of the total funding amount. As of June 30, 2024, the department obligated \$15,000,000 and expended \$15,000,000. The department will obligate the remaining \$12,500,000 in SFY25.

EMS Ambulance Replacement Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The goal of this project is to assist Emergency Medical Services (EMS) across the state to replace aging ambulance fleets.

Uses of Funds

Open application process by which all licensed EMS services within Nebraska were eligible to apply for one-time funding to support the purchase of an ambulance.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Applications were scored based on community need and included measures focused on achieving equitable outcomes. Scoring criteria included the age of existing ambulance stock, the community resilience estimate (CRE) for the applicant's community, and the social vulnerability index (SVI), among others.

Community Engagement

Prior to the release of the funding opportunity two virtual townhall sessions were held to engage with potential applicants and to promote the funding opportunity.

Labor Practices

Not applicable

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580002: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

The goal of this project is to assist Emergency Medical Services (EMS) across the state to replace aging ambulance fleets. This funding was awarded to eligible EMS services following an open application window in late 2022.

Emergency Medical Services Equipment Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The goal of this project is to assist Emergency Medical Services (EMS) across the state purchase lifesaving equipment.

Uses of Funds

Open application process by which all licensed EMS services within Nebraska were eligible to apply for one-time funding to support the purchase of lifesaving equipment.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Applications were scored based on community need and included measures focused on achieving equitable outcomes. Scoring criteria included the age of existing ambulance stock, the community resilience estimate (CRE) for the applicant's community, and the social vulnerability index (SVI), among others.

Statutory priority was granted on the following basis:

Priority in awarding grants should be given to emergency medical services programs which are volunteer-based, located in a community with a population of fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census, and have high needs, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with a statewide organization dedicated to supporting providers of prehospital emergency medical care in Nebraska. (LB 1014, 2022)

Community Engagement

Prior to the release of the funding opportunity two virtual townhall sessions were held to engage with potential applicants and to promote the funding opportunity.

Labor Practice

Not applicable

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580003: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

The goal of this project is to assist Emergency Medical Services (EMS) across the state with the purchase of lifesaving equipment. This funding was awarded to eligible EMS services following an open application window in late 2022.

Local Health Department Support Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

To provide additional funds and support to 18 local health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Uses of Funds

Funds for the local public health departments that receive aid pursuant to section Neb. Rev. Stat. 71- 1628.08, which shall be distributed evenly to the local public health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures, to combat the COVID-19 virus and any of its mutations.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not applicable

Community Engagement

Applicant departments were engaged with to develop workplans and budgets for all available funding. Parameters were only those included in ARPA SLFRF requirements and those of Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022).

Labor Practices

Applicants must follow all applicable state and federal labor law when using funds in this project.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580005: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

To provide additional funds and support to 18 local health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures to combat the COVID-19 virus. Funding first became available to local health departments following the completion and approval of a workplan and budget in 2022.

Loan Repayment for Healthcare Workers Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Funds for repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5662.

Uses of Funds

Recruitment and retention of health professionals for rural and underserved areas through the repayment of qualified educational debts for individuals serving in designated health shortage areas.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5662 makes funding available for health professionals serving in designated shortage areas. By increasing the availability of health care providers in these shortage areas, this project serves to increase health access to underserved communities.

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Labor Practices

Not applicable

Use of Evidence

This project is built on the existing Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) infrastructure. Literature suggests that such programs increase the availability of health resources and have positive economic effects on benefitting communities. See <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Loan-Repayment-FAQ.aspx>

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580007: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other^*

Funds for repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5662. This funding supplemented the existing state-funded Nebraska Student Loan Repayment program.

COVID Model System of Care Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

This project will support a rehabilitation hospital in advancing COVID-19 model system of care in the state. The selected rehabilitation hospital will coordinate with the DHHS Division of Public Health and other healthcare facilities with established long COVID clinics to set up a statewide “long COVID surveillance and support network.” The network will assist in identifying patients with persistent symptoms who will benefit from rehabilitation services. These include both medical and mental health (cognitive and psychiatric) services. The project will enhance access for long COVID treatment and rehabilitation services across the state (which may require additional post-COVID clinics, telehealth, or other virtual programs in partnership with established long COVID clinics). In addition, the surveillance network will continue to collect and evaluate data to understand the long COVID burden and impact on the communities. That data should inform the services provided through long COVID (or post-COVID rehabilitation) clinics. The long COVID surveillance and support network will also focus on educating healthcare providers and the public on long COVID and help them connect with healthcare resources in the state for treatment and rehabilitation.

Uses of Funds

Funds have been awarded to a rehabilitation hospital for the purpose of the following:

- *Gain better understanding of the current burden and impact of long COVID in Nebraska to inform the services provided through long COVID clinics.*
- *Improve access of Nebraskans to long COVID clinics for meeting the medical and mental health needs including rehabilitation services*
- *Increase awareness of long COVID symptoms and treatment resources available in the state for both public and healthcare providers*

Promoting equitable outcomes

Enumerated eligible uses of ARPA funds allow its use toward medical services for COVID-19, support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services, public health surveillance, and public communication efforts. This project consists of urgently needed interventions including of all the above-mentioned eligible components of COVID-19 public health response. Beyond the enumerated uses, the development of a system of care is a reasonable response to address the class of individuals affected by persistent symptoms after COVID-19 infection.

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Labor Practices

Applicant must follow all applicable state and federal labor law when using funds in this project.

Use of Evidence

With the awardee, Nebraska DHHS will coordinate on database development, maintenance, and analyses; and to coordinate with the rehabilitation hospital to inform long COVID support needs on an ongoing basis. This is expected to build a base of evidence for further public health activity.

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580001: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

This project will support a rehabilitation hospital in advancing COVID-19 model system of care in the state. The selected rehabilitation hospital will coordinate with the DHHS Division of Public Health and other healthcare facilities with established long COVID clinics to set up a statewide “long COVID surveillance and support network.” The network will assist in identifying patients with persistent symptoms who will benefit from rehabilitation services. These include both medical and mental health (cognitive and psychiatric) services. The project will enhance access for long COVID treatment and rehabilitation services across the state (which may require additional post-COVID clinics, telehealth, or other virtual programs in partnership with established long COVID clinics). In addition, the surveillance network will continue to collect and evaluate data to understand the long COVID burden and impact on the communities. That data should inform the services provided through long COVID (or post-COVID rehabilitation) clinics. The long COVID surveillance and support network will also focus on educating healthcare providers and the public on long COVID and help them connect with healthcare resources in the state for treatment and rehabilitation.

HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Surveillance and Prevention Programs for education on the benefits of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication and for the costs of medication.

Uses of Funds

Project goals include the following:

- *Expand education about PrEP as well as access to PrEP medication and required lab draws to receive medication.*
- *Get PrEP into the hands of any and all individuals who are at risk of HIV/AIDS. Providing PrEP is a prevention strategy to help stop the spread of HIV.*
- *Provide PrEP education for providers, medical case managers, and consumers including benefits of PrEP, prescribing information, maintenance (importance of remaining on the medication while transmissible), and resources for continuing medication assistance when these funds are depleted (since this is a time-limited program).*

Promoting equitable outcomes

This project focuses on individuals at highest risk for HIV, which includes disproportionately affected communities.

Community Engagement

Care navigation services and wider education services will engage directly with the community.

Labor Practices

Applicant must follow all applicable state and federal labor law when using funds in this project.

Use of Evidence

During COVID-19, several testing sites for HIV were shut down and providers' offices were only offering telehealth. This limited Nebraskans' access to HIV testing and office visits. The program has seen an increase in positive HIV cases during FY21. Nebraskans as a whole constitute a population class impacted by reduction in these services, with particular subpopulations already disproportionately affected by HIV risk (<https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/about-hiv-and-aids/who-is-at-risk-for-hiv>). A program to provide education and PrEP drugs would respond to this

impact through the prevention of HIV infection/transmission. This response is reasonably proportional, as current research indicates a prevention intervention is cost-saving if the cost effectiveness ratio is less than \$379,668 (in 2010 dollars). <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/guidance/costeffectiveness/index.html>

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580006: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Surveillance and Prevention Programs for education on the benefits of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication and for the costs of medication.

Nursing Scholarship Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Provide incentives for current and prospective nursing students to finish nursing school and subsequently practice nursing for two years in Nebraska.

Uses of Funds

Funds for scholarships to students (1) residing in Nebraska, (2) intending to enroll or enrolled in a nursing program that (a) is approved pursuant to sections 38-2232 to 38-2236, (b) is offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in Nebraska, and (c) consists of courses of instruction in regularly scheduled classes leading only to an associate degree, diploma, or bachelor of science in nursing degree, (3) intending to practice as a licensed practical nurse or licensed registered nurse upon completion of the approved nursing program, and (4) agreeing in writing to work for two years in this state as a licensed practical nurse or licensed registered nurse upon completion of the approved nursing program. Each qualifying student shall receive a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per semester or \$3,500 per quarter.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not applicable

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Labor Practices

Not applicable

Use of Evidence

Healthcare industry staff were uniquely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased burnout, turnover, and departures from the industry. This has created a dual negative economic and public health impact by creating a nursing shortage, resulting in difficulties recruiting and retaining nursing staff across the state. This shortage decreases the availability of healthcare services, to the detriment of the public health.

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580008: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other^*

Provide incentives for current and prospective nursing students to finish nursing school and subsequently practice nursing for two years in Nebraska. Application windows began in 2022 and will open prior to each new semester until funds are expended.

Hospital HVAC Project

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

This project will support a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to provide interdisciplinary research with the repair or restoration of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Uses of Funds

Funds have not yet been awarded. The eligible hospital will submit a workplan and budget for eligible uses of ARPA funds.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Enumerated eligible uses of ARPA funds allow its use toward medical services for COVID-19, support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services, public health surveillance, disease mitigation efforts, and public communication efforts. This project consists of interventions to improve disease mitigation efforts. Aged HVAC systems may not be adequate to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Labor Practices

Applicant must follow all applicable state and federal labor law when using funds in this project.

Use of Evidence

With the awardee, Nebraska DHHS will coordinate on expert review of HVAC plans to ensure they are compliant with acceptable mitigation practices.

Performance Report

Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1412 (2024). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580021: Division of Public Health (DPH)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

This project will support a rehabilitation hospital in repair or restoration of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

~~Rural Behavioral Health Acute Care Project~~

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

~~Expand acute care behavioral health capacity in rural Nebraska.~~

Uses of Funds

~~Funding is intended to provide grants of up to \$250,000 for capital costs of expanding access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural areas where beds are not currently available, or a shortage exists.~~

Promoting equitable outcomes

~~The focus on these funds is to provide increased access to acute behavioral health services in shortage areas.~~

Community Engagement

~~A consultant has been engaged to gather data and feedback from the rural healthcare community to tailor the project to the needs of rural Nebraska.~~

Labor Practices

~~Applicants must follow all applicable state and federal labor law when using funds in this project.~~

Use of Evidence

~~Healthcare industry staff were uniquely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased burnout, turnover, and departures from the industry. This has created a dual negative economic and public health impact by creating a nursing shortage, resulting in difficulties recruiting and retaining nursing staff across the state. This shortage decreases the availability of healthcare services, to the detriment of the public health.~~

Performance Report

~~Performance will be evaluated based on compliance with provisions included in Nebraska Legislative Bill 1014 (2022). Expenditures will be monitored in accordance with legislative requirements and program guidance.~~

PROJECT INVENTORY

~~Project ID 25580014: Division of Public Health (DPH)~~

~~Funding amount: \$2,500,000~~

~~Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services~~

~~Expand acute care behavioral health capacity in rural Nebraska.~~

State of Nebraska
Premium Pay

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Pursuant to LB 1014 Section 7, federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriated to the DHHS will be used for premium pay increases which were implemented for essential workers..

Uses of Funds

These increases were made to retain staff and fill staff vacancies during the Covid-19 pandemic. The increases ensure that DHHS is competitive in pay in the future for positions that support public health and safety.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Labor Practices

The funding is to enhance employee recruitment and retention.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Not Applicable

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID: 25110401

Funding amount: \$12,204,895

Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees

Nebraska DHHS distributed the funds appropriated pursuant to LB1014 to support employee recruitment and retention activities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The child care industry and programs were negatively impacted by the pandemic. Funds were awarded to an agency to increase capacity across Nebraska.

Uses of Funds

The child care industry had many businesses close due to loss of revenue. Individuals could not bring their children to a center due to Covid-19 diagnoses either in the workforce or at home. These funds were awarded to another entity that will be used to either expand local childcare businesses or start new businesses. This will allow more families to have access to childcare across the state. The funds have been sub-awarded to an agency that has worked to collect applications for use of the funds. The entity has worked with the state to review and approve applications of these new or existing businesses to award the funds. The scoring has selected a few businesses with some funds being paid out prior to June 30, 2023.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The program is promoting access to child care across the state. Part of these businesses are located in areas where socio-economic data suggest that high-quality child care is a need for the community. This will improve the equality of learning prior to school age for families who cannot access quality child care.

Community Engagement

During the application process, it was encouraged that local communities interact with businesses to help make a sustainable model for child care in the future. Part of these funds will be used to improve business acumen so that the businesses can remain open and grow once the SLFRF funds are fully utilized.

Labor Practices

These funds are used to either expand businesses or start new ones. The funds will be used for remodeling existing locations, purchasing program supplies, and paying for new workers.

Use of Evidence

The use of SLFRF is appropriate for child care industry. Many businesses closed or were impacted by the pandemic. The state will review the impact of the funds to determine if the program would be used in the future to entice and expand child care businesses in the future.

Performance Report

The awardees and state are review costs of running a program to determine the impact of the dollars. This includes business stability after funds have been utilized as well as impact of access to child car as a ratio of the community. The state will take the data to analyze the true cost of child care and overall impact of the industry to Nebraska.

PROJECT INVENTORY

The state does not track specific inventory to each business. However, the state does have a report (provided by the licensing board) of child care spots across Nebraska. The state will look at the number of cases prior to SLFRF awards and after the programs have been designed.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Due to the pandemic, the State of Nebraska had higher case counts for child welfare. The state will use the temporary funds from SLFRF to reimburse state costs as case counts are expected to drop as the system stabilizes.

Uses of Funds

The SLFRF funds are not replacing lost revenue but compensating the state of Nebraska for increase child welfare case counts.

Promoting equitable outcomes

These funds were used to reimburse the state of Nebraska for higher case counts of child welfare. Part of these funds also were used to temporarily increase rates for child welfare providers.

Community Engagement

The funds went to the providers serving the youth in the community.

Labor Practices

N/A

Use of Evidence

The state has not spent all funds obligated to this project as of June 30, 2023. The state will evaluate if the funds were used appropriately for the youth and families.

Performance Report

The state reviews closure rates of child welfare cases based on acquity of the case. If the cases did not meet standard practice, the state will review if more funding is needed in the future.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The Food Assistance program will assist local food banks in addressing food insecurity. The pandemic caused many individuals to lose their jobs or reduce hours. This loss in funds has created a need that the food banks across Nebraska have been addressing through SLFRF funding.

Uses of Funds

The funds allocated for Food Assistance were split into two categories, Food Bank Capacity and Food Security Innovation grants. Funds were provided through sub-awards to 11 organizations. The community benefits from these funds to address the lack of affordable food for low-income and at-risk individuals. The pandemic created greater food insecurity that is being addressed by these funds. These funds meet part b (Negative Economic Impacts) of the SLFRF federal funding.

Promoting equitable outcomes

This project directly addresses the economic impact of food insecurity on low-income and at-risk households. The pandemic reduced income and access to basic household food. The organizations are located in areas of disproportioned income where food insecurity is chronically high. These organizations can directly assist those with purchasing food as well as increase education of food nutrition. The program is currently collecting data on outcomes and those individuals served with these funds.

Community Engagement

These funds are allocated to organizations that serve populations of disadvantaged households. The community food banks are allocated funds to bridge the gap of food insecurity of households.

Labor Practices

The food banks that are allocated the funds will hire local labor and use a portion on local fresh produce and other food.

Use of Evidence

The funds that are allocated to food banks will collect data on the impact to local individuals and businesses. Some will include the household use of existing benefits.

Performance Report

The final report regarding the impact of the funds will indicate if this program should continue in the future and in what capacity. There will also indicate if there are current gaps in food programs that assist low-income or at-risk households.

PROJECT INVENTORY

This project does not have any inventory that is tracked.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

This project will be used to assist young adults who have transitioned out of foster care. Many of these young people were impacted by the pandemic due to a lack of housing and coaching support.

Uses of Funds

The pandemic negatively impacted former foster care youth (FFCY). These individuals have fewer support than other young adults who come from a stable household. The SLFRF funds will be used to improve housing and coaching for FFCY. The funds were awarded to two entities who will coordinate the housing and coaching support of these youth.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Without access to housing and support, FFCY have a disadvantage compared to others with financial and family support. The pandemic further exasperated these gaps. These funds will be used to assist these young adults in maintaining housing. Without stable housing, FFCY face challenges in adjusting to adulthood.

Community Engagement

The two agencies that were awarded funds will engage the community to build existing support and programs that will last beyond the pandemic. Each agency will try to encourage local communities to support young adults as they transition to their own household.

Labor Practices

The local agencies will hire local workers to conduct case management and other support for FFCY.

Use of Evidence

The program will be evaluated once it is completed to determine if this should be done in the future. The two agencies will be evaluated as each have a slightly different practice in reaching out and impacting FFCY.

Performance Report

The report will indicate how the funds were used and the impact of these youth. Did they achieve independence as well as the long term impact of the services for these youth.

PROJECT INVENTORY

The final report will have multiple metrics. These include but not limited to the number of youth served, impact to continuous employment, education achieved, and emotional impact to the FFCY. The entities will work with the state to coordinate other benefits so the FFCY are not disadvantaged due to their lack of housing and support.

State of Nebraska

**Recovery Plan – Health Aid for
Assisted Living Facilities**

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The goals of this program are to provide additional funding to assisted living facilities (ALFs) for employee recruitment and retention activities and for costs for supplies and equipment for facilities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Uses of Funds

Pursuant to LB1014(2022) the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services distributed funds appropriated to assisted-living facilities. The distribution equaled four hundred dollars per licensed bed in licensed ALFs. A licensed assisted-living facility shall use the funds distributed pursuant to this section for:

(a) Incentives for staff members employed by the licensed assisted-living facility in order to enhance employee recruitment and retention; or

(b) Assistance with costs for supplies and equipment purchased by the licensed assisted-living facility.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Labor Practices

This funding is intended to promote local hiring and retaining of employees to ensure adequate care and support staff in ALFs.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Not Applicable

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580009: Health Aid for Assisted Living Facilities

Funding amount: \$5,462,800

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Nebraska DHHS distributed the funds appropriated pursuant to LB1014 to ALFs to support employee recruitment and retention activities and for costs for supplies and equipment for facilities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. As of June 30, 2024, the department has obligated \$5,400,400 and expended \$5,068,000 of the total funding amount.

State of Nebraska

**Recovery Plan – Health Aid for
Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities**

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The goals of this program are to provide supplemental incentive payments for direct care staff members employed at licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (NFs), for employee recruitment and retention activities due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Uses of Funds

Pursuant to LB1014(2022) the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services distributed funds appropriated to NFs. The distribution was determined by the formula established in LB1014 which allocated a portion of the available funds to be paid based on a facility's share of the Medicaid certified beds in the state and then further allocated a portion of the funds to facilities in the top quartile of facilities with the highest percentage of Medicaid utilization, as a percentage of overall utilization. The bill earmarked funds for SFY23, 24, and 25.

The legislative bill directed that the funds should be used by facilities to provide supplemental incentive payments for direct care staff members employed at licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities. Such payments are intended to enhance employee recruitment and retention.

The bill further defined that direct care staff means nursing facility employees who regularly perform in-person work with residents, interact with residents, or physically handle items handled by residents. The term includes nurses, medication aides, therapists, therapy aides, dietary staff, social service and activity staff, housekeeping and maintenance staff, and other medical staff.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Labor Practices

This funding is intended to promote local hiring and retaining of employees to ensure adequate care and support staff in NFs.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Not Applicable

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580010: Health Aid for Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

Funding amount: \$47,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Nebraska DHHS distributed the funds appropriated pursuant to LB1014 to NFs to support employee recruitment and retention activities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. As of June 30, 2024, the department has obligated \$35,000,000 and expended \$35,000,000 of the total funding amount. The department will obligate and expend the final \$12,500,000 in SFY25.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Over the past seven decades, Children’s Hospital & Medical Center (Children’s) has maintained its strong community focus and commitment to serving all children without regard to family income. Our mission is to improve the life of every child through exceptional care, advocacy, research, and education.

Children’s is the only full-service pediatric specialty health care center in Nebraska. Patients are referred to the 225-bed Hospital from throughout the region for the treatment of complex or unusual diseases in addition to pediatric primary care.

Children’s vision is to dedicate funding to the mental health needs of children in a new, innovative way that strategically leverages a limited pediatric-trained workforce across the state of Nebraska.

For over a decade, Children’s has integrated mental health in our primary care offices, bridging any gaps our families would have to accessing mental health services. Our outcomes prove this model is beneficial and highly effective for our patients. With the \$1.8 million investment from the Legislature, Children’s is working on supporting primary care offices and providers across the state with the knowledge, resources, and technology to be connected virtually to a pediatric trained mental health professional, generating efficient and equitable access to mental health care in Nebraska.

Prior to COVID -19, one in five children experienced a mental health condition. Today, data suggests that number to be one in four. According to the Children’s Hospital Association, from April 2019 to October 2020, children’s hospitals have seen a 24% increase in the number of mental health emergency room visits for kids 5 to 11 years old: for teens 12 to 17 years old, a 31% increase. In the first half of 2021 alone, children’s hospitals reported cases of self-injury and suicide in children ages 5-17 at a 45% higher rate than during the same period in 2019. Children’s in Omaha has noted a similar trend in mental health emergency room visits as well.

These statistics reflect a fragmented pediatric mental health infrastructure that lacks the necessary attention or support to be effective. Understanding the nationwide shortage of pediatric mental health providers in the state, Children’s is positioned to partner with these providers and be the trusted advisor to coordinate the complex mental health needs of children in Nebraska.

The key goals of this project include:

1. Provide mental health education and training for providers through Children’s Outreach & Provider Education (COPE), formerly Project TEACH, to help treat children with these needs in their own community.

2. Increase the number of providers treating the mental health conditions of children and youth in Nebraska.
3. Provide timely access to expert mental health practitioners via telemedicine for primary care providers as needed to serve children with mental health needs.
4. Serve as a resource to pediatric primary care providers in Nebraska for best practices in treating mental health in children.
5. Create a data repository on the types of consults requested to define trends, patterns, and areas of future support.

Through this project, Children's will create a dedicated infrastructure to support training and telemedicine supports to providers; thereby, strengthening and streamlining access to mental health services.

Uses of Funds

Telehealth and telemedicine are effective and are essential tools for immediate intervention. Children's has experienced tremendous growth in telemedicine and telehealth visits within mental health. In 2017, Children's completed 567 visits. At the peak of COVID-19 in 2020, nearly 21,000 patient visits occurred, which flattened to a remarkable 19,036 visits in 2021.

The need for mental health services increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, further stressing the workforce and resources available to meet the needs of children and youth. Currently, not all primary care practitioners across the State have integrated mental health into the primary clinics. In fact, there is a critical shortage of mental health providers in throughout Nebraska.

According to the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska, 81 of Nebraska's 93 counties meet the federal criteria for a "Mental Health Professional Shortage Area" designation. Most counties in Nebraska do not have any psychiatry providers who specialize in the pediatric population. Almost all those specialists practice in Omaha. Census data estimates that approximately 40% of the youth in Nebraska live in rural counties. These youth were previously unable to access care without traveling to Douglas, Lancaster, or Sarpy counties in Eastern Nebraska.

The global public health crisis has worsened disparities in health for Nebraskans children with higher rates of underlying health conditions and those with poor access to quality health care. In addition, the last two years have overwhelmingly affected children in Nebraska. The disruption to their lives, including the lack of socializing and school closures – along with uncertainty and stress have contributed to staggering levels of loneliness, anxiety, and depression.

The trends in children's mental health were sobering prior to the pandemic, with 1 and 5 children experiencing a mental health illness and rates of major depression rising dramatically. Now, there is growing concerns that the pandemic has led to increased mental health

challenges and suicide risk among children. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for youth, up 67% for youth 10-14 years of age.

The first and perhaps most important way telehealth can help expand pediatric mental healthcare access is by bolstering the mental health workforce. Children's will use the allocated funds for a one-time capital and program expenditure to streamline and provide access to mental health services training through primary care providers across the state. Virtual and integrated care for mental health are innovative ways to deliver care that strategically leverages a limited pediatric-trained workforce. This training will be supported by access to telehealth consultants between primary care providers and trained mental health professionals who will serve as a resource and advisor.

The collaboration between mental healthcare professionals, pediatricians, and adolescent medicine practitioners is vital for early detection and diagnosis of mental health conditions in children that parents may be unable to catch.

The capital and program expenditures are appropriate for this project as it is a strategic investment of \$1.8 million that will allow Children's to bridge the gap to mental health care for children throughout the state. Due to the shortage of pediatric mental health providers in Nebraska, there are limited alternative capital expenditures to help resolve this crisis in communities that do not have access to pediatric mental health care. This project will increase Nebraska's capacity to meet the mental health needs of our children and youth by leveraging primary care providers (PCP's) throughout the state.

3. Project Description

Overview of the Main Activities of the Project:

For over a decade, Children's has integrated mental health services into our 13 primary care offices across the state, bridging any gaps our families would have to accessing mental health services and offering immediate intervention. Prior to COVID-19, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended routine screening of all patients 12 years and older for depression to reduce suicide risk, a practice we begin as young as 10 years old at Children's. Following a routine screen, an immediate follow-up with a mental health provider is available should the child indicate mental or mental health concerns.

Primary care physicians such as pediatricians and family practice doctors are often the first-place families go to seek help or information about mental health concerns with their children. Primary Care providers can provide mental health support and prescribe medications, but they may not have access to consultation, or the training needed to make decisions for children with mental health needs.

Children's will leverage Nebraska's primary care workforce of approximately 4,000 providers to address mild to moderate health conditions with youth and children. This model of care offers primary care offices and providers across the state with the knowledge and resources to treat

60% of basic mental health conditions. In addition, it provides the technical tools to be connected virtually to a pediatric trained mental health professional, generating efficient and equitable access to mental health care in Nebraska.

The primary focus of this project is to partner with providers throughout Nebraska to provide mental health training and support them through telemedicine. Children's pediatric psychiatry access program COPE (Children's Outreach & Provider Education – formerly known as Project TEACH) offers training for primary care providers that includes basic mental health skills to keep kids closer to home and out of overwhelmed emergency departments.

Developed specifically for Nebraska, COPE will include rapid consultation, education and training, referrals, and linkage services to pediatric primary care providers (PCP's) statewide who provide care for children and adolescents with mental health disorders.

Providers who are trained through COPE Nebraska will have access to the following services:

- E-Consults and Telehealth Visits: Access to rapid consultation from child and adolescent psychiatrists. All participating pediatric PCP's are eligible to receive consultation about their patients' mental health needs through a telemedicine visit.
- Access to Education and Training: Trainings are held regularly on a variety of topics related to children's social and emotional development. CME credits are available to providers for attending the training. Intensive training includes 12 hours of education in screening, treatment, and management of mental health conditions with children and adolescents.
- Learning Collaborative: 6 hours of collaborative learning opportunities with cohort participants to problem-solve and support their continued learning through case discussions.
- Access to Referral and Linkage Services: Referral and linkage services assist families and pediatric PCP's to access community mental health and support services such as clinic treatment, case management, or family support. PCP's will be provided Mental Health Coordinators to help navigate the mental health services within the state.

Primary Delivery Mechanisms and Partners, if applicable

The primary mechanism for communication and data collection will be through COPE's web-based platform that connects Children's with PCP's located throughout Nebraska. COPE puts mental health specialists directly in touch with PCP's and will be used to connect training opportunities providers across the state.

The benefits of telemedicine and utilizing COPE include:

- Better access: Telemedicine supports rural areas that suffer from lack of access to high quality healthcare. This technology, along with provider training, has made healthcare accessible to a wider spectrum of children. Additionally, it has been an excellent way for physicians and specialists to expand the reach of their services and offer the benefit of

their expertise to a greater number of people. Considering the critical shortage of qualified and experienced healthcare professionals in rural Nebraska, telemedicine is extremely beneficial in bridging the gap between demand and supply in healthcare.

- **Affordability:** Telehealth and telemedicine provide high-quality medical care that is easily accessible and affordable. By reducing the cost of healthcare and increasing efficiency, physicians can manage mental health conditions in youth and adolescents more effectively.
- **Better quality of care:** Telemedicine helps in delivering better quality service, especially in mental health. Children’s patients and families have shown superior satisfaction levels for services provided through virtual care.

Additionally, Children’s will dedicate technical tools for use by willing providers to streamline immediate access to mental health services. This equipment includes e-consult and telehealth hardware such as laptops, servers, cameras, and AV equipment. Children’s will also build a COPE classroom in Kearney, Nebraska as part of a new mental health care hub that will be a specific site to provide intensive and core trainings as well as in-person and virtual learning.

As a safety-net provider for children in Nebraska, Children’s is dedicated to improving access to mental health care for children through better integration and coordination with community partners. Children’s has a long history of partnering across the state. Partners for our pediatric psychiatric services utilizing telemedicine in rural clinics include Great Plains in North Platte, Community Hospital in McCook, and Regional West in Scottsbluff.

Children’s current Virtual Care program was developed based on research by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the American Telemedicine Association (ATA). These two organizations are leaders in the development and delivery of effective and safe interactive videoconferencing-based mental health services. COPE will build on that success.

In addition, Children’s consulted the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) for resources, specifically their “Child and Adolescent Telepsychiatry Toolkit.” Children’s psychiatrist Dr. Jennifer McWilliams served on this board and helped develop the toolkit. Lastly, Children’s is partnering with the Nebraska Medical Association (NMA) on a grant with DHHS to achieve integrated primary care across the state.

Intended Measurable Outcomes

Measurable outcomes for this project will include:

- Increased access to care through linkages and referrals. This will be measured by the number of mental health coordinators assisting PCP’s in Nebraska, and number of referrals.
- Increased provider knowledge about pediatric mental health through intensive trainings and learning collaborative opportunities. This will be measured by the number of providers that participate in COPE trainings, number of hours of training provided and

changes in provider knowledge and comfort as reported by providers upon completion of intensive trainings and e-consults.

- Increased e-consults with mental health specialists for patients managed by PCP's.

Children's long-term outcomes for this project are:

- Earlier identification and reduced time to initiate care.
- Reduced barriers to initial and sustained care.
- Increased collaboration among clinic professionals, psychiatrists, and parents.
- Reduce patient risk taking, depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation in Nebraska.
- Increase pediatric providers screening, treating, and monitoring mild to moderate mental health conditions in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska.

By 2025, Children's intends to have 200 primary care providers in Nebraska who will have completed intensive trainings for mild to moderate mental health conditions and 475 providers that have completed core training for pediatric-specific support and on-going education.

Approximately 60% of mild to moderate health conditions can be screened, treated, and managed by a PCP's. Through this project, Children's aims to increase the number of youth and adolescents gaining access to needed mental health services in Nebraska.

4. Performance Measures (KPI's)

- (1) The geographic location of patients and number of referrals completed through this project.
- (2) The number of providers recruited in Nebraska who participate in COPE trainings, including intensive training and core training.
- (3) The number of mental health coordinators.
- (4) The number of e-consults and telemedicine visits.
- (5) Satisfaction data from medical providers, coordinators, patients, and clinic team.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Health equity in telehealth provides the opportunity for everyone to receive the health care they need and deserve, regardless of social or economic status. Providing health equity in telehealth means making changes in digital literacy, technology, analytics, and equipping providers with skills for meeting the needs of diverse populations. This will help Children's reach the underserved communities that need it the most.

The COVID-19 pandemic has spurred increasing use of telehealth, leading to greater access to care for people who may experience barriers getting to a provider's office. Telehealth and telemedicine are essential tools and can cover a geographically large area. Nebraska covers 76,872 square miles, with a 2021 estimated population of 1,963,692 people – 660,029 living in rural areas (USDA-ERS). Telehealth and telemedicine give patients living in rural and

underserved areas increased access to more providers and allows them to receive care in their own communities.

In 2021, Children's adopted the NIH's definition of underrepresented child populations when addressing issues of health equity, which include children of color, children with disability and children with disadvantaged backgrounds including homeless, foster care, poverty, low socio-economic status, and rural/isolated communities. Through census tract data, Children's will prioritize recruiting PCP's providers serving communities of color, poverty, and rural/isolated areas.

Goals to promote equity will include:

- Analyzing telehealth utilization data to identify any potential access gaps.
- Implementing a health equity quality improvement project that will be monitored throughout the duration of the funding period to adopt innovative strategies to mitigate barriers to care.
- Increasing the number of pediatric providers caring for mental health conditions in Nebraska focusing on underrepresented populations served.
- Educating providers to assist with the level of comfort with technology and basic mental health services to patients.

Children's is partnering with the Nebraska Academy of Pediatrics, the Nebraska Mental Health Association, and the Nebraska Academy of Family Practice to make practitioners aware of this service. Additionally, we will use provider Grand Rounds and state-wide educational sessions to promote the availability of this service.

The intended outcomes are focused on closing the gap and reaching universal levels of service by providing access to care in underserved communities, educating primary care providers in mental health skills to keep kids closer to home, assisting providers with coordination of care, and creating a model for mental health access in primary care offices in Nebraska.

Children's believes telehealth and telemedicine are a vital tool for expanding much-needed access to pediatric mental healthcare in Nebraska. This investment in telehealth will impact our state's children for years to come.

Community Engagement

Planned use of the funds will incorporate input that will capture diverse feedback from patients, providers, and stakeholders from community-based organizations. The funds will help to build the capacity of community organizations to serve children with significant barriers to services.

To develop the concepts for this project, we used a group of community-based mental health providers as advisors. This included representatives from Project Harmony, the Nebraska Medical Association, Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations, Nebraska Rural

Health Association, CHI Health, Region 6, Charles Drew, and One World Health Centers. Children's will continue to seek input regarding the program's content, delivery, and interface for PCP's as the project moves forward.

In addition, we have identified three physician champions who completed the intensive training in fall 2022 and have agreed to serve ambassadors to the State's PCP community. Once formally launched, we aim to recruit 20 physicians to serve as champions and co-facilitators in future training opportunities.

Labor Practices

Children's will be effective in our labor practices in that we will use a centralized resource to provide services to providers in primary practices who could not otherwise have access to pediatric-specific psychiatry support.

Use of Evidence

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- Screening and Rating Tools: Only evidence-based, open sources screening tools are available for any provider accessing the platform. The platform offers approximately 75 tools and rating scales for use by PCP's.
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Performance Report

2023 Update:

Children's made the decision in the second quarter of this project to re-brand Project TEACH due to feedback provided from providers through the State. The new name is *Children's Outreach for Provider Education (COPE)*. Future communication and updates will reflect COPE as a program name (versus Project TEACH). We noted the name change in the narrative in the first half of this annual report as well. Project TEACH New York will continue to be the program COPE is modeled after, and Drs. Kaye and Fornari will serve as consultants throughout the program's development and implementation.

In 2023, Children's identified key partners for this project that includes:

- Nebraska Medical Association - NMA
- Nebraska Hospital Association - NHA
- Behavioral Health & Education Center of Nebraska - BHECN

- Nebraska – American Academy of Pediatrics – NE-AAP
- Nebraska Rural Health Association - NRHA
- Nebraska Behavioral Health Regions

In addition, a program called TRAYT was identified as the data platform for tracking participation and outcome data within the program. A kick-off meeting took place on May 16, 2023, and platform testing, and initial training was convened on July 7, 2023, with subsequent trainings on July 12 and August 30. The launch of the platform will take place July 21, 2023. The Trayt's platform will provide the following operational supports for COPE:

- Enroll and track providers in the COPE program
- Collect and support Psychiatric consultation requests for the state's PCPs
- Support enrollment in provider education opportunities
- Collect data regarding program outcomes and house COPE dashboard

Children's staff and key stakeholders met with Dr. David Kaye and Dr. Victor Fornari, founders of Project TEACH, in May to provide consulting services. During their visit, they served as keynote for the Nebraska AAP & ROCAP Spring Conference and provided a CME Lunch & Learn opportunity for the 45 participants of COPE's first intensive training earlier in the month.

Other activities in the first half of 2023 included:

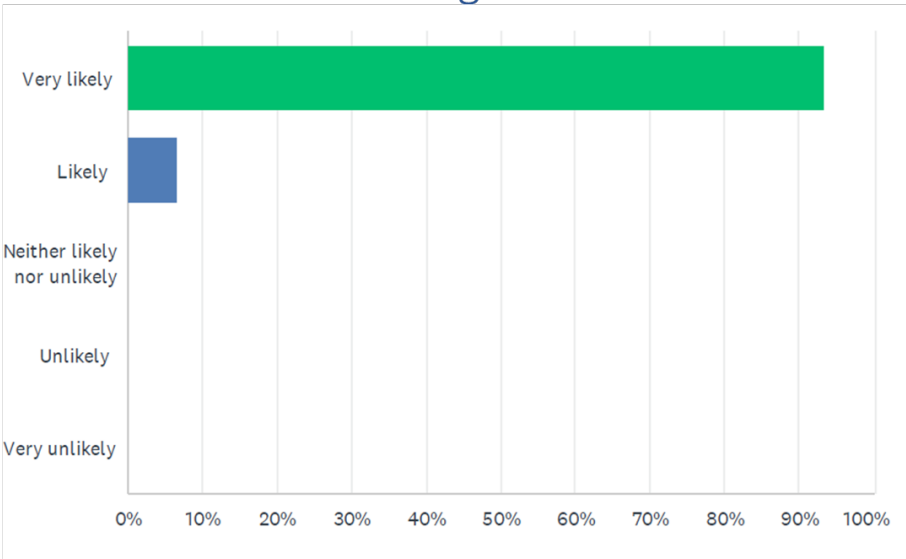
- COPE Program Manager job description was finalized during the first quarter of 2023. During the second quarter, Children's completed interviews and selected Paige Tuttle, LICSW as the program's first full-time staff. Paige started at Children's on June 19, 2023, and is currently on-boarding with the Behavioral Health Department at Children's.
- Children's received \$500,000 grant award from BHECN (Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska) to support staffing for first three years of COPE.
- Initiated a partnership with *The REACH Institute* to serve as one of the program's consulting and educational partners.
- Children's facilitated Pediatric Mental Health Champions, a quarterly meeting with key partners and mental health provider organizations regarding program progress and provide opportunities to receive feedback to ensure alignment within current system of care.
- Finalized COPE's formal business plan and worked with the Business Strategy Team to operationalize the program across the organization. Departments involved include Finance, Human Resources, IT, Digital Health, Behavioral Health, Care Coordination, Administration, Quality & Safety, Legal, Marketing and Operations.
- COPE staff are currently working with Children's Marketing Department to develop a website, and promotional materials to support outreach and education.
- The first COPE cohort was held on May 5-7, 2023, and included 45 primary care providers. The following chart breaks down the type of professionals, location and organizations represented:

Professionals/License Type:	MD – Pediatrics = 19 MD – Family Practice = 17 MD – Internal Medicine = 1 APPs = 8
Location	Rural = 20 Lincoln = 9 Greater Omaha = 16
Unique Clinics, Organization & Systems Represented (n = 31)	Beatrice Community Hospital Bluestem Health Boys Town Brown County Hospital Bryan Health CHI Health Children First Pediatrics Children's Physicians Click Family Healthcare Columbus Family Practice Complete Children's Health Creighton University, Dept. of Family & Community Medicine Dundee Pediatrics Faith Regional Health Services Family Practice of Grand Island Frontier Pediatric Care Grand Island Clinic Great Plains Health Havekost Personal Healthcare, LLC Heartland Health Center Holy Family Medical Associates, LLC Internal Medicine and Family Physicians, Inc Lincoln Medical Education Partnership Methodist Physicians Clinic Norfolk Medical Group - Pediatrics Offutt AFB OneWorld Community Health Centers Pediatrics, PC Sidney Regional Medical Center Theodore N. Pham and Elizabeth A Peter UNMC/Nebraska Medicine
Key Partners Promoting/Supporting Registration:	Nebraska Medical Association Nebraska Hospital Association Nebraska Rural Health Association

	Southeast Rural Physician Alliance Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians Children's Health Network Metro Omaha Medical Society ROCAP (joint NE-AAP/NE Psychiatric Society) Nebraska American Academy of Pediatrics Nebraska Counseling Association Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations Children's Physicians Region 6 Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln
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Feedback from Cohort 1 was overwhelmingly positive. The charts that follow detail how participants rated the training session:

How likely are you to encourage a colleague to complete the REACH Intensive Training when offered in the future?



REACH Course Evaluation – Nebraska

May 5-7, 2022

Assessment and Diagnosis:

“I am knowledgeable/comfortable about assessing and diagnosing the following disorder or symptom...”	Knowledge		Change	Comfort		Change
	Pre (n=41)	Post (n=41)		Pre (n=41)	Post (n=41)	
ADHD	2.9	3.63	0.73	2.95	3.71	0.76
Anxiety Disorder	2.83	3.56	0.73	2.8	3.61	0.81
Major Depressive Disorder	2.9	3.61	0.71	2.83	3.61	0.78
Bipolar Disorder	1.83	2.78	0.95	1.61	2.66	1.05
Conduct Disorder	2	2.93	0.93	1.83	2.85	1.02
Autism and Autism Spectrum	2.24	2.61	0.37	2.1	2.49	0.39
Suicide Risk	2.59	3.39	0.8	2.59	3.32	0.73
Aggression	2.15	3.12	0.97	2.12	3.15	1.03
Co morbid Psychiatric Disorders	1.93	2.95	1.02	1.85	2.9	1.05
Average Change			0.80			0.85
<i>Not at all (1), Small Amount (2), Moderate Amounts (3), Great Deal (4)</i>						

Treatment:

“I am knowledgeable/comfortable with treating the following disorder or symptom...”	Knowledge		Change	Comfort		Change
	Pre (n=41)	Post (n=41)		Pre (n=41)	Post (n=41)	
ADHD	2.93	3.54	0.61	2.9	3.66	0.76
Anxiety Disorder	2.78	3.61	0.83	2.68	3.54	0.86
Major Depressive Disorder	2.78	3.61	0.83	2.71	3.61	0.9
Bipolar Disorder	1.66	2.66	1	1.41	2.49	1.08
Conduct Disorder	1.56	2.78	1.22	1.59	2.66	1.07
Autism and Autism Spectrum	1.95	2.54	0.59	1.9	2.44	0.54
Suicide Risk	2.39	3.33	0.94	2.32	3.2	0.88
Aggression	1.85	3.05	1.2	1.73	2.9	1.17
Co morbid Psychiatric Disorders	1.71	2.98	1.27	1.68	2.85	1.17
Average Change			0.94			0.94
<i>Not at all (1), Small Amount (2), Moderate Amounts (3), Great Deal (4)</i>						

Comments from participating providers include:

- “[The training] teaches clinicians how to improve patient care and implement what we learn in a way that is actually practical.”
- “The REACH training helped me hone not only basic mental health care skills, but greatly increased my confidence as a provider to tackle more complicated cases that I may have otherwise referred.”
- “This was a wonderful training- all the educators did a great job and I loved how they were so positive about our participation in being there and asking questions. Thank you!”
- “It was very helpful. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow my knowledge for my patients”
- “Priceless training for any providers that care for children.”

2024 Update:

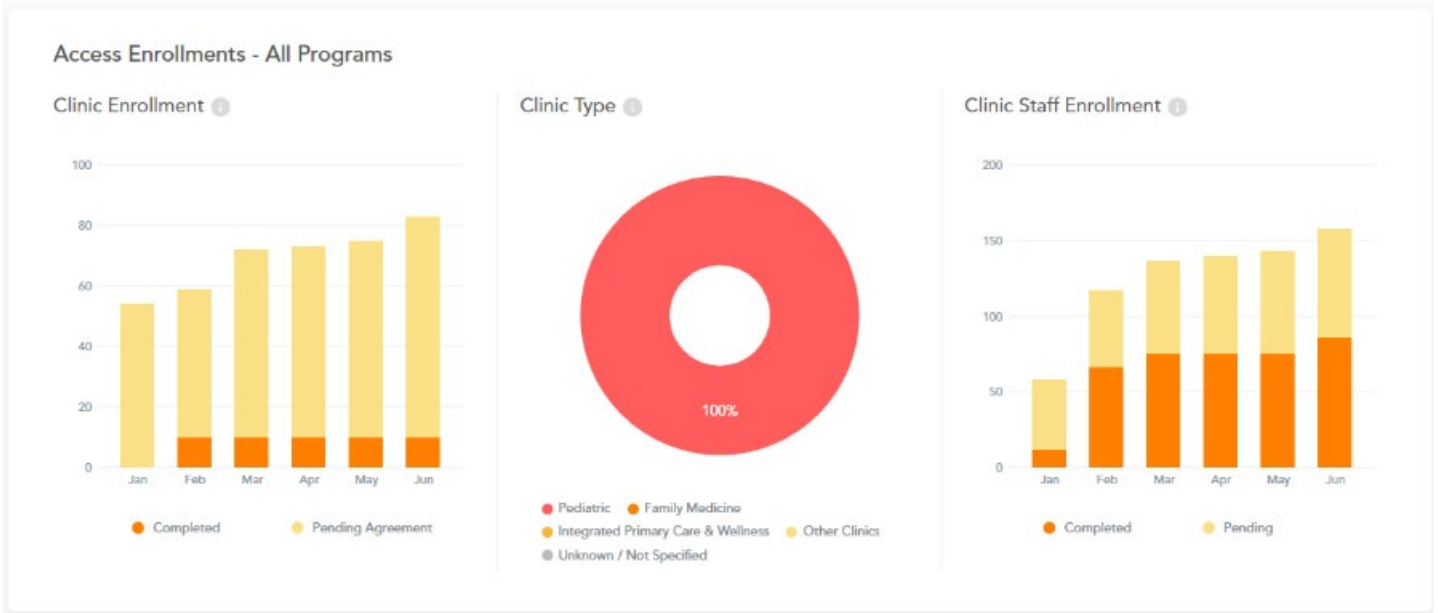
Through the remaining portion of 2023 and first half of 2024, COPE has continued to expand. COPE continues to engage key stakeholders including the above mentioned, but has also begun collaborating with and engaging the following agencies and organizations:

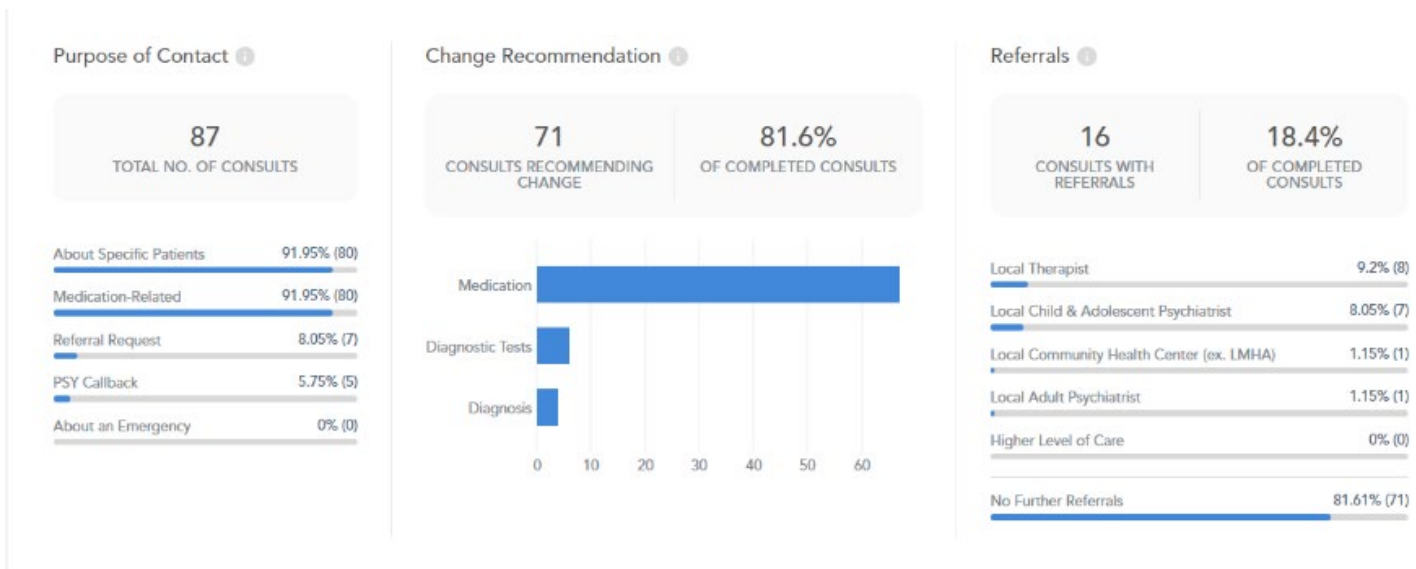
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- Clarkson Health College
- Lincoln Medical Education Partnership
- Project Harmony
- Lancaster County Medical Society
- Bellevue University
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska

COPE has fully implemented the use of Trayt to track our program data. The Trayt platform was officially implemented in September 2023. To date, we have gathered the following information:

- 79 unique providers are fully registered, having completed the confidentiality agreement and all other registration requirements.
 - 10 unique clinics have also been fully enrolled.
 - Of these providers, 75% are physicians, 18.2% are nurse practitioners, and 6.8% are physician assistants.
 - Provider and clinic enrollment rates continue to increase each month.
- 87 consultations have been completed.

- Of these 87 consults, 81.6% have recommended changes to patient care and 18.4% have included referrals to other resources, such as mental health therapy.
- An estimated 77 unique patients have been served.





COPE continues to partner with The REACH Institute to provide their Patient-Centered Mental Health in Pediatric Primary Care training (PPP). So far, in 2024, two cohorts have been provided, offering training to a total of four participants. These training cohorts were offered in February 2024 in Omaha and June 2024 in Lincoln. To date, the PPP training has been completed by 89 participants, nearly half of the intended number. COPE is planning for additional trainings to occur before the end of the grant term.

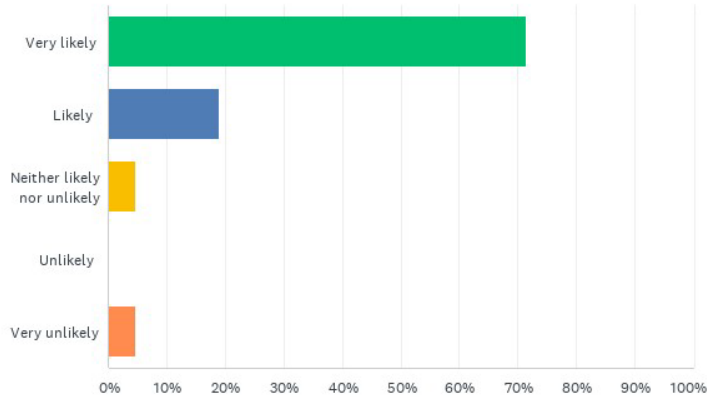
Feedback from training participants remains positive. Some feedback from participants includes the following quotations:

- “Super helpful course! Makes me feel more comfortable in providing care for children with mental health needs.”
- “This is a wonderful learning opportunity, fantastic for our patients. I would love to see more offerings for rural Healthcare providers- we see & manage a LOT!”
- “Wonderful! So thankful for this opportunity and feel so much more confident already.”
- “Amazing opportunity and it will definitely change my practice.”

In addition, a number of participants have indicated interest to remain involved with the COPE program in some capacity, including being a “program champion” or helping with future trainings and providing the PCP perspective.

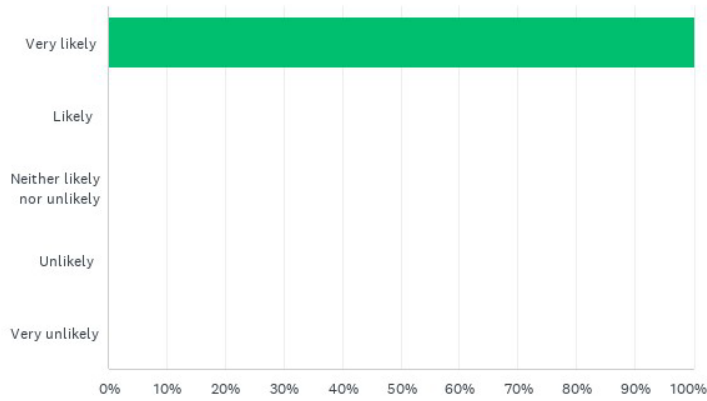
February 2024 feedback:

Q7 How likely are you to encourage a colleague to complete REACH's PPP training when offered in the future?



June 2024 feedback:

Q7 How likely are you to encourage a colleague to complete REACH's PPP training when offered in the future?



Along with the intensive trainings, COPE has initiated a webinar series to provide 1-hour information sessions on various topics spanning the intersection of behavioral health and healthcare. The webinars are held once per month and topics have included adolescent mood disorders, problematic sexual behavior in children, gender development through the lifespan, eating disorders, and improving the care experience for neurodivergent patients. Through the webinar series, COPE has offered over 120 CME credits. COPE has also completed two organization specific trainings by request, bringing the total number of CMEs offered to over 2,100.

Other activities completed during this reporting period include:

- Development of a COPE website, a dedicated phone line, and additional marketing materials, including pens, sticky pads, notebooks...etc. COPE staff have also exhibited at professional organization annual meetings.
- COPE staff have begun completing clinic site visits. All Children's Physician offices were visited to provide information regarding COPE's services. Clinics in Albion, Columbus, and Fremont have also been visited.
- COPE staff have collaborated with Children's Nebraska recruiting representatives to share information about the program with physicians throughout the state. Recruiters have been visiting many offices throughout northeastern Nebraska during the spring months and have shared program brochures and training information with providers. COPE staff are following-up with each office visited.
- During many of these site visits, informal consultations were provided.
- Discussion surrounding intensive trainings have been ongoing. Feedback from PPP participants and a small focus group of PCPs has indicated that a 3-day weekend training is difficult for many to commit to. COPE staff have been planning for the creation and implementation of shorter focused trainings. These trainings will be offered to family medicine residents through Clarkson Health College beginning in July 2024 and covering the following topics:
 - ADHD
 - Anxiety
 - Autism
 - Bipolar Disorders / Mood Dysregulation
 - Depression
 - Disruptive Behaviors
 - Eating Disorders
 - OCD/Tourette's
 - Psychosis
 - Psychotherapy Modalities
 - Trauma-informed Care

- COPE is exploring the potential to become a REACH Institute licensee, allowing us to provide the PPP training through our own means. Dr. Jen McWilliams has begun the process to become an instructor and is leading consultation call groups regularly. She also assisted with portions of the June 2024 training.
- Development of topical handouts is underway. Working with the Children’s Nebraska marketing team, COPE staff have developed a list of core topics to provide handouts to primary care clinics to use as resources available to both providers and patients.
- A training classroom has been built at the Kearney Behavioral Health Urgent Care center that opened July 1, 2024. The classroom was funded with COPE grant funds and will be used to conduct various training courses.
- Two part-time bachelor-level social workers have been hired to staff the Kearney Urgent Care Clinic. Their time will be split between the clinic and COPE duties, including fielding incoming consultation calls, entering data into Trayt, and coordinating with primary care providers connected to the urgent care patients in order to connect them with COPE services.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project #: 25840224

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Subaward is to provide education and training to pediatric mental health providers throughout Nebraska as a means to coordinate the complex mental health needs of children.

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

Funding amount: \$1,800,000

Project Overview

For over a decade, Children’s has integrated mental health in our primary care offices, bridging any gaps our families would have to accessing mental health services. Our outcomes prove this model is beneficial and highly effective for our patients. With the \$1.8 million investment from the Legislature, Children’s is working on supporting primary care offices and providers across the state with the knowledge, resources, and technology to be connected virtually to a pediatric trained mental health professional, generating efficient and equitable access to mental health care in Nebraska.

Use of Evidence

The key goals of this project include:

1. Provide mental health education and training for providers through Children's Outreach & Provider Education (COPE), formerly Project TEACH, to help treat children with these needs in their own community.
2. Increase the number of providers treating the mental health conditions of children and youth in Nebraska.
3. Provide timely access to expert mental health practitioners via telemedicine for primary care providers as needed to serve children with mental health needs.
4. Serve as a resource to pediatric primary care providers in Nebraska for best practices in treating mental health in children.
5. Create a data repository on the types of consults requested to define trends, patterns, and areas of future support.

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Performance Report
Key Activities and Status Update

Activity	Timeline				Timeline Status
	Y1 - 2022	Y2 - 2023	Y3 - 2024	Q4 - 2025	
<p>Model Research & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review literature and model Preliminary stakeholder discussions Staffing considerations Train initial 3 providers as a trial 	X				<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined National Network of Child Psychiatry Access Programs (NNCPAP), a collaborative of 38 states with like programs, to ensure best-practice and share lessons learned. Engaged Nebraska AAP, ROCAP, AAFP-NE, NHA, NMA and others to define training needs of PCPs, and build buy-in for COPE programming. 3 PCPs attending Project TEACH’s intensive training in October 2022 to review curriculum and observe the learning experience of PCPs within the program. Identified the program’s Medical Director, Dr. Jennifer McWilliams, a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist.
<p>Formalize partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of service and program needs Clarify roles among partners Draft contracts/MOU’s 	X	X			<p>Completed</p> <p>Three key partners identified, and contracts executed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Project TEACH</i>: COPE is using Project TEACH’s framework, and is using Dr. David Kaye and Dr. Victor Fornari, the founders of Project TEACH, as consultants throughout the development of COPE. <i>REACH Institute</i>: COPE’s education partner for intensive trainings is the REACH Institute, a nationally known organization specializing in educating primary care providers for treatment mental health conditions. <i>Trayt Health</i>: Trayt’s platform was designed to support pediatric psychiatry access programs and serves

					as the ‘gold-standard’ nationally for data collection and communication.
Partner Visit & Stakeholder Communications (Planning Phase) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate partner visit • Host stakeholder discussions • Deliver Grand Rounds • Facilitate focus groups • Cohort 1 recruitment 	X	X			Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Pediatric Mental Health Champion meetings continue to disseminate information and seek input for program offerings. • Engaged professional organizations throughout the state to support PCP recruitment and promotion of COPE. • Successfully recruited 45 PCPs to participate COPE first cohort for intensive training May 5-7 in Omaha.
Program Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft and review operating practices and policies • Finalize job descriptions • Hire staff • On-board and train staff • Craft workflows, resource guides, and referral network documentation. • Create Nebraska-specific core trainings, educational materials, and resources 	X	X			In-progress (60% complete) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COPE Program Manager job description was finalized, and Paige Tuttle, LICSW, was hired June 19, 2023, as the program’s first full-time employee. On-boarding is currently underway. • Currently crafting promotional and outreach materials in partnership with Children’s Marketing department. • Currently scheduling meetings with key stakeholders to explore additional partnership opportunities, to promote COPE’s formal launch in August 2023, and to seek input regarding topics for the program’s first core trainings. <p>2024 Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program manager, Paige Tuttle, has completed onboarding and two bachelor-level social workers have joined as well. • Workflows have been developed to outline the process of receiving consultation calls and entering the information into Trayt, the data management platform. • Resource guides have been developed and identified previously existing resources.

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core trainings have been developed in the form of monthly webinars and a training agreement with Clarkson Health College to provide core training to family medicine residents.
Operational Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize sustainability plan Legal Requirements (consent, liability) Identify and expand Learning Management System Identify platform and website host Select platform for provider communication and data collection Secure licenses and agreements Contract with program evaluator to measure program impact Finalize operating schedule & calendar 	X	X			<p>In-progress (80% complete)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crafted COPE’s business plan, and will begin discussions in August 2023 with Behavioral Health Regions, MCOs and private insurers to explore long-term sustainability. Program Agreement finalized in partnership with Legal Department, and finalized platform build with Trayt, which will serve as evaluation software and communication tools for PCPs. Operating schedule finalized, and back-up pediatric psychiatry provider identified and trained to cover PTO. Website under construction in partnership with Marketing Department. <p>• 2024 In Progress (90% complete)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of sustainability plan is underway. Website and marketing materials have been designed and ordered.

Activity	Timeline				Timeline Status
	Y1 - 2022	Y2 - 2023	Y3 - 2024	Q4 - 2025	
<p>Implementation Kick-off & Stakeholder Communication (Implementation Phase)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Training, Cohort 1 • Website build and testing • Customize educational offerings to NE providers • Initiate core trainings to support PCP recruitment • Communicate and market services and supports throughout NE. • Build awareness and buy-in with PCP's • Launch referral and linkage services • Expand e-consult offerings 		X			<p>In-Progress (40%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Training, cohort 1 completed May 5-7, training 45 PCPs in Nebraska. • Communication plan being finalized to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COPE launch August 2023 ○ Program promotion ○ Recruitment for cohort 2 in October 2023 • Meeting with professional organizations in anticipation of launch, and to coordination communication and promotions. <p>2024 Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three intensive trainings have been completed to date, with two more planned for future dates. • Website has been built and has continued to be updated/discussed with marketing department. • A range of educational offerings have been provided, including monthly webinars on various topics, as well as presentations by request. • Referral and linkage services, along with consults have been launched and are actively being utilized by providers throughout the state. • COPE staff have made a number of office visits and have collaborated with recruitment representatives to further expand office visits throughout the state.
<p>Launch: Full Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort 1 Learning Collaborative & follow-up discussions 		X			<p>In-Progress (40% complete)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch referral and linkage services • Expand Core Trainings statewide • Assess PCP satisfaction and appropriate adjustments • Schedule & recruit for 2024 Intensive Trainings 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort 1 Learning Collaborative underway with bi-weekly via ECHO through November 2023. • First PCP evaluation completed, and outcomes shared with funders and key stakeholders regarding Cohort 1 intensive training. • Planning meeting scheduled July 17 with REACH Institute to finalize 2024 intensive training schedule. <p>2024 Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above, multiple intensive trainings have been completed and feedback has been received from all cohorts. • A focus group of PCPs who attended an intensive training was conducted to identify how to continue to recruit participants and market to a larger audience • A webinar series was launched to provide topical informational sessions and trainings by request have been offered as well.
<p>Program Expansion: 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cohorts – complete Intensive Trainings and Learning Collaborative discussions • E-consults provided for trained PCP’s • Expand e-consults statewide • Referral and linkage services expanded to new partners • Core Trainings offered statewide • On-going development of training content and related curriculum 			X		<p>Not Started</p> <p>2024 Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three intensive trainings have been completed. • Consultation services opened officially in September 2023 and are being utilized by providers in various geographical locations. • Webinars and trainings by request are being offered and attended • Development and delivery of additional core trainings is underway. These will begin being provided in July 2024 in partnership with Clarkson Health College

<p>Program Expansion: 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three cohorts – complete Intensive Trainings and Learning • Collaborative Discussions • Continued expansion of e-consults • Continued expansion of referral and linkage services • Continued expansion of core trainings • On-going development of training content and related curriculum 				<p>X</p>	<p>Not Started</p> <p>2024 In Progress (75%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three intensive training cohorts have been completed with another two planned for the remainder of 2024 and 2025 • COPE staff are continuing to engage PCP offices throughout the state and have begun completing office visits to share program information; these office visits are planned to continue through the remaining grant term. • Training curriculum continues to be developed and relevant topics continue to be identified and requested.
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**Recovery Plan – Rural Assisted
Living Facility (ALF) Health Aid**

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The goals of this program are to provide additional, one-time funding to rural assisted living facilities (ALFs) for employee recruitment and retention activities and for costs for supplies and equipment for facilities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Uses of Funds

Pursuant to LB1412(2024) the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services distributed funds appropriated to assisted-living facilities. The distribution was determined by the formula established in LB1412 which required the funds to be distributed proportionally to rural ALFs based on historical Medicaid Assisted-Living Waiver utilization.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Labor Practices

This funding is intended to promote local hiring and retaining of employees to ensure adequate care and support staff in ALFs.

Use of Evidence

Not Applicable

Performance Report

Not Applicable

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project ID 25580009.2: Rural ALF Health Aid

Funding amount: \$1,499,657

Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

Nebraska DHHS distributed the funds appropriated pursuant to LB1412 to rural ALFs to support employee recruitment and retention activities and for costs for supplies and equipment for facilities, due to financial distress created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. As of June 30, 2024, the department has obligated \$1,499,657 and expended all \$1,499,657 of the total funding amount.

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Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) Funding Report

July 2024

Pursuant to LB 1014, Section 13, signed into law on April 2021, the Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Special Education received funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF). There is included in the appropriation to this program, \$1,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid. The Nebraska Department of Education shall spend the funds appropriated in this section exclusively for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the following manner: (1) \$300,000 for equipment; (2) \$300,000 for service; and (3) \$400,000 for an enhanced educational interpreter training and mentoring program.

Amount:	Intended Use:	Timeframe:
\$300,000	Selection of Specific Services that can be enhanced to support students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or training on services provided to service providers based on Needs Assessment.	<p>Purchases or Contracts entered into for the 2023-24/2024-25 School Year(s).</p> <p>SY 2022-23 Completed Needs Assessment</p> <p>Developing SY 23-24 and 24-25 contract for professional development activities to support educators based on needs assesment.</p>
\$300,000	Selection of Specific Equipment that can be enhanced to support students who are Deaf of Hard of Hearing or training on equipment provided to service providers based on Needs Assessment.	<p>Purchases or Contracts entered into for the 2023-24/2024-25 School Year(s).</p> <p>SY 2022-23 Completed Needs Assessment</p> <p>December start date of MOU with ATP to purchase statewide loan pool equipment.</p>
\$400,000	Selection of Projects to support students who are Deaf of Hard of Hearing regarding Educational Mentoring Support.	<p>Purchases or Contracts entered into for the 2023-24/2024-25 School Year(s).</p> <p>Completed RFP/Procurement process – State Board Approval for following grants in August:</p>

The NDE Office of Special Education has conducted a needs assessment in collaboration with the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Programs and the NDE Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) ensure the use of funds within the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) would meet the needs of students who are Deaf or hard of hearing in Nebraska. Based on the needs assessment, The NDE Office of Special Education and Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Programs has developed action plans to carry out the activities related to the needs of the needs assessment and to ensure appropriate use of funds.

Selection of Specific Services that can be enhanced to support students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or training on services provided to service providers based on Needs Assessment.

Total Allocation - \$300,000

In collaboration with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing, the NDE Office of Special Education will be offering American Sign Language at Home: A Family Curriculum to families that had not access to supporting their student using educational interpreters.

The estimated cost, based on the delivery of 1000 student's families, is \$35,699.89. This curriculum will be provided to families through a regional training facilitated by the Nebraska Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Coordinators.

Item Name	Price	Quantity	Total
American Sign Language at Home: A Family Curriculum, 2nd Edition PDF book	\$31.99 (volume discount from \$39.99)	1000	\$31,990.00
Economy service charge	\$3.00	1000	\$3,000
	Shipping		\$252.25
	Tax		\$457.64
Total			\$35,699.89

Also, in partnership with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing, the NDE Office of Special Education will be developing statewide trainings through Northern Signs Research Inc, who aims to support the development of creative teaching and assessment materials to promote children’s language, learning and literacy in American Sign Language and English.

Northern Signs will develop a “Nebraska Only Cohort” supporting up to 15 participants, with over 50% being deaf or hard of hearing themselves.

Cost: \$4,000

NDE will also be able to allow for registrants to sign up for Open Trainings (already scheduled and open world-wide):

\$486.62 – Training and Test Materials for up to 8 participants = \$3,888

\$374.48 – Training Only for up to 10 participants = \$3470

Total Cost of Northern Signs Research Contract = \$11,358.00

Total Committed Funds - \$47,057.89

Plan for additional funds, to be expended by June 30,2025.

The NDE Office of Special Education has conducted a needs assessment in collaboration with the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Programs to see what training for service providers are needed in each of the regions. A survey of parents, families, and service providers was conducted to see what additional supports are needed to support families in understanding services that are available through the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Based on this needs assessment and regional plan action plan completion, the remaining funds of \$252,942.11 will be dispersed amongst the regions to provide training and support services based on need and student count per region to conduct individualized trainings to support the developed action plans. In addition, the Regional Programs will be partnering with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing to conduct a statewide conference in June of 2025. This conference will aim to support Regional Teachers of the Deaf, Educational Interpreters, Special Educators, General Educators, Administrators, and Related Service Providers to ensure best practices in the area of inclusive supports for students who are Deaf or hard of hearing are provided.

Funds Expended as of July 1, 2024:

ASL at Home - \$40,614.61

Northern Signs Contract - \$2,400.00

Selection of Specific Equipment that can be enhanced to support students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or training on equipment provided to service providers based on Needs Assessment.

Total Allocations - \$300,000

The NDE Office of Special Education conducted a needs assessment in collaboration with the NDE Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) to capture a statewide picture of what needs for equipment are currently present in the state. Currently equipment for deaf and hard of hearing students is handled by the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional programs, allowing for regional equipment needs to be met. The NDE Office of Special Education will work with NDE ATP to build out a statewide repository of all equipment specific to supports for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing purchased with CSFRF funds as well as the equipment that is intended for statewide distribution and loan within school districts. NDE ATP, in coordination with Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Programs gathered information regarding current equipment in the regions to ensure that appropriate purchases of new or updated equipment is being purchased for districts to utilize in a loan fashion for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Now that the Needs Assessment is complete, an Interagency Agreement, starting December 1, 2023, with NDE ATP to make the statewide purchases of equipment that is needed to complete the Deaf or Hard of Hearing loan pool.

Total Committed Funds - \$300,000

Funds Expended as of July 1, 2024:

Selection of Projects to support students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing regarding Educational Mentoring Support.

Total Allocation - \$400,000

Interpreter mentorship programs are being created to address the increased demand for high quality interpretation services and the need for ongoing support for new and experienced interpreters. ASL/English interpretation is a complex social-linguistic task.

Increased demand for qualified American Sign Language (ASL)/English interpretation led to growth of professional training opportunities for aspiring as well as working interpreters. However, the interpreting community's efforts to increase the numbers and availability of qualified ASL/English interpreters met with several challenges:

- Time lag between new interpreters' graduation from an interpreter preparation program and their attaining national certification
- A skills gap, including the level of ASL proficiency, among new and working interpreters
- Need for more professional development opportunities and networking support for interpreters
- Alternative entry pathways into professional interpreting, often by members of diverse racial/ethnic groups
- Lack of awareness of the role and acceptance of Deaf interpreters
- Lack of persistence in or dropping out of the interpreting profession

For students who are deaf who are attending school in general education settings, the provision of an educational interpreter is an important accommodation. The demand for educational interpreters has soared in recent years and has paralleled the increase in the number of students who are deaf who are attending local

schools. Rapid growth in the field of educational interpreting has resulted in a shortage of well-prepared interpreters, a situation that is even worse in rural settings. Many individuals employed as interpreters have not completed formal preparation through interpreter preparation programs, and even fewer still have had appropriate training for employment in educational settings. The paucity of interpreters, coupled with the concern about the quality of interpretation puts a high emphasis on the need to “grow your own” in rural and high shortage areas.

One way of addressing these challenges is through the design and implementation of interpreter mentoring programs to support new interpreters, interpreters from diverse populations, Deaf interpreters, and working interpreters seeking professional growth.

Below are the entities that were selected through a Request For Proposal to enhance education interpreter training and mentoring programs in Nebraska that are aligned to the following priority goals.

Priority Goals:

- I. Provide for development of and/or access to training modules for educational sign language interpreters
 - II. Enhance the signing skills of school-based sign language interpreters in Nebraska through onsite and virtual mentoring.
 - III. Provide opportunities for providers to network on Low Incidence issues.
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- 1) **Central/Western Nebraska Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Program** - ASL Immersion Program - ASL immersion program (4-day voice-off) for school district staff interested in becoming educational sign language interpreters or teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing. Staff for the proposal would be fluent in ASL and have knowledge of EIP A testing for requirements for educational sign language interpreters. Areas of focus would include ASL linguistic features, text analysis, classroom discourse, and managing

the interpreting process. Our proposal would be to offer this opportunity in the summer of 2024 and again in 2025.

- 2) **Central Western Nebraska Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regional Program** – Dual Credit Sign Language I and II classes – CWNP regional schools will be offered beginning (Sign Language I) and more advanced (Sign Language II) classes. The classes will be taught by an experienced, fluent ASL teacher. The dual credit will be offered via a Nebraska-accredited community college. Students in the program will be provided classes through an online platform that uses a combination of live classes (1 time weekly) and asynchronous modules. The curriculum would be a commonly used book and video series that is evidence-based to learn ASL.
- 3) **Utah State d/b/a TAESE** – Facilitation and Mentoring - Provide facilitation and mentoring services for Nebraska participants taking the TAESE Deaf Interpreter online training course. This 16-week training course has been designed to bring participants together to explore the foundational skills required to work as a Deaf Interpreter (DI). Instructional and learning methods for the training include online assignments, small group mentor meetings, one-on-one mentor meetings, various interpreting assignments, and performing self-assessment and critical reflections.
- 4) **Utah State d/b/a TAESE** – Mentoring in Practice Courses - Provide training for current and potential mentors by using the TAESE Mentoring in Practice online training course. This online training explores the role of the mentor and mentee relationship as part of the growth trajectory for interpreters. The orientation of the mentoring process in this training is rooted in a growth mentality mindset and recognizes the need for interpreters to develop resiliency and embrace learning how to grow from their mistakes. The coursework will cover topics such as adult learning theory, effective mentoring strategies, pattern identification, performing assessments, giving constructive feedback, and developing rapport.
- 5) **Lincoln Public Schools** – Interpreter Training Supports - Lincoln Public Schools has been unable to hire enough interpreters for the last four years. The staffing shortage makes it difficult to provide students with equitable access due to having to work around the shortage. The shortage also strains

current working interpreters as they are being pulled in multiple directions and often working with several students at one time. We have contracted services, but they are not the same as having someone in person. This project will support a “grow your own” project in training and mentoring for personnel in Lincoln Public Schools.

- 6) **University of Nebraska – Omaha** ASL-English Interpreting Training and Support - This project aims to improve students’ readiness for the EIPA or NIC interpreting assessments by providing monthly mentoring sessions to undergraduate students within UNO’s Interpreter Preparation Program. UNO students will complete a readiness survey and the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) to establish a baseline of existing ASL skills. Each month, UNO students will be required to participate in one hour of mentoring with an approved interpreter mentor. At the end of the mentoring cycle, UNO students will complete the survey and the ASLPI again as a post-test to evaluate readiness for taking the Educational Interpreting Proficiency Assessment (EIPA) or the National Interpreting Certification (NIC).

Total Contracts COST:

CWNP - ASL Immersion	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$93,280
CWNP - Dual Credit ASL	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$132,500
UNO Interpreter Mentoring -	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$66,014
LPS - Interpreter Tuition Reimbursement	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$10,000
Funds Expended as of July 1, 2024:		\$5,475
TAESE - Deaf Interpreter	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$56,210
Funds Expended as of July 1, 2024:		\$195.36
TAESE - ASL Mentoring	8/7/23 - 8/6/2025	\$37,852

Funds Expended as of July 1, 2024:

\$579.91

Total Grant Awards - \$395,856.00

Total Committed Funds - \$400,000

Field Name	Project Expenditure Category Group	Project Expenditure Category	Project Name	Project Identification Number (Assigned by recipient)	Status of Completion	Total Cumulative Obligations	Total Cumulative Expenditures
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FKTMJESNM3U6	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.17 - Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	ARPA NDE - EQUIPMENT	13020231	Completed less than 50%	0	0

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FKTMJESNM3U6	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.17 - Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	ARPA NDE - SERVICES	13020231	Completed less than 50%	0	\$35,684.11
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FKTMJESNM3U6	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.17 - Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	ARPA NDE - INTERPRETER	13020233	Completed less than 50%	\$395,855.88	0

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The American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) is the result of a federal stimulus bill passed by Congress in the spring of 2021. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) has been appropriated funds under LB1014 (2022) and LB814 (2023). In 2022, LB1014 appropriated funds into two programs: Program 314 – Critical Infrastructure Facilities was appropriated \$23,100,000 and Program 319 – Water Projects was appropriated \$20,000,000. In 2023, LB814 appropriated funds into two programs for three projects: Program 319 – Water Projects was appropriated \$179,200,000 and Program 334 – Soil and Water Conservation was appropriated \$1,200,000 in FY2023-24 and \$1,200,000 in FY2024-25.

Uses of Funds

Program 314 – Critical Infrastructure Facilities: The purpose of this program is as follows (excerpt from LB1014, 2022). There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$23,100,000 Federal Funds to provide a grant to an irrigation district which is part of an interstate irrigation system that experienced a failure, to satisfy matching requirements for a project authorized by the United States Bureau of Reclamation for construction and repairs on any tunnel or canal pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and has contracted with GFLID on specific terms of the grant. The Department has reviewed the final rule published by the Department of The Treasury [31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77]. The Secretary of the Treasury (“Treasury”) adopted as final the interim final rule published on May 17, 2021, with amendments. This rule has been revised, based in part, on provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in the fall of 2021 (“IIJA”). The provisions of the final rule reviewed by the Department are effective as of April 1, 2022. The eligibility for the expenditures of GFLID have been reviewed in the context of this rule. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act amended sections 602(c) and 603(c) of the Social Security Act to add an additional eligible use of SLFRF funds, providing that SLFRF funds “may be used for purposes of satisfying any non-Federal matching requirement required for [an authorized Bureau of Reclamation project].” This amendment permitted the use of SLFRF funds to meet non-federal matching requirements of any authorized Bureau of Reclamation project, regardless of whether the underlying project would be an eligible use of SLFRF funds under the water and sewer infrastructure eligible use category. These amendments are effective as of March 11, 2021, as if included in the ARPA at the time of its enactment. Treasury will provide further guidance to recipients on the scope of Bureau of Reclamation water projects and expenses covered by this provision. The provisions cited for eligibility under the final Treasury rule are contained on page 291 of the rule.

Program 319 – Water Projects: The purpose of this program is as follows (excerpt from LB1014, 2022). There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2021-22 \$20,000,000 Federal Funds to provide a grant to a city of the primary class that utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply projects, which shall only be used for such purpose. Eligible project costs shall include, but not be limited to, costs for a water treatment plant, land acquisition, acquiring permits, a wellfield, pumping, and transportation of water over twenty-five miles for the purpose of providing potable water to the city. The Department of Natural Resources may award a grant to a city of the primary class based on criteria and procedures established by the department.

The purpose of this program is as follows (excerpt from LB814, 2023): There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24 \$177,200,000 Federal Funds to provide a grant to a city of the primary class that utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply projects, which shall only be used for such purpose. Eligible project costs shall include, but not be limited to, costs for a water treatment plant, land acquisition, acquiring permits, a wellfield, pumping, and transportation of water over twenty-five miles for the purpose of providing potable water to the city. The Department of Natural Resources may award a

grant to a city of the primary class based on criteria and procedures established by the department. The Department has reviewed the final rule published by the Department of The Treasury [31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77]. The Secretary of the Treasury (“Treasury”) adopted as final the interim final rule published on May 17, 2021, with amendments. This rule has been revised, based in part, on provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in the fall of 2021 (“IIJA”). The provisions of the final rule reviewed by the Department are effective as of April 1, 2022. The eligibility for the expenditures of Lincoln have been reviewed in the context of this rule. The final Treasury rule provides for opportunities to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The rule creates limitations on certain investments in water infrastructure but does provide for eligibility for drinking water projects needed to support increased population. Projects of the type that meet the eligibility requirements of 40 CFR § 35.3520 if the following conditions are met: (A) The project is needed to support increased population, with need assessed as of the time the project is undertaken; (B) The project is designed to support no more than a reasonable level of projected increased need, whether due to population growth or otherwise; (C) The project is a cost-effective means for achieving the desired level of service; and (D) The project is projected to continue to provide an adequate level of drinking water over its estimated useful life. 31 CFR § 35.6(e)(1)(v). Drinking Water State Revolving Fund projects or activities of the type that meet the eligibility requirements of section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12) as implemented by the regulations adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) under 40 CFR § 35.3520 are also eligible, provided that: (A) The recipient is not required to comply with the limitation under 40 CFR § 35.3520(c)(2) to acquisitions of land from willing sellers or the prohibition under 40 CFR § 35.3520(e)(6) on uses of funds for certain Tribal projects; and (B) In the case of lead service line replacement projects, the recipient must replace the full length of the service line and may not replace only a partial portion of the service line. 31 CFR § 35.6(e)(1)(iii).

The purpose of this program is as follows (excerpt from LB814, 2023): There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24 \$2,000,000 Federal Funds to provide a grant to a city of the first class located in the first congressional district that is constructing riverfront improvement projects, including water recreational facilities, arts and entertainment facilities, and other projects associated with riverfront improvement. The Department has reviewed the final rule published by the Department of The Treasury [35 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77]. The Treasury adopted as final the interim final rule published on May 17, 2021, with amendments. This rule has been revised, based in part, on provisions of the IIJA in the fall of 2021. The provisions of the final rule reviewed by the Department are effective as of April 1, 2022. The eligibility for the expenditures of Norfolk have been reviewed in the context of this rule. The final Treasury rule provides for opportunities for responding to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency for purposes including a program, service, capital expenditure or other assistance that is provided to a disproportionately impacted household, population, or community, including: investments in communities to promote improved health outcomes and public safety such as parks and recreation facilities and facilities and equipment related to the provision of these services to the disproportionately impacted household, population, or community. 31 CFR § 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A)(11). The final rule specifies the following households and communities are presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts: households and populations residing in a qualified census tract and low-income households and populations. 31 CFR § 35.6(b)(2)(iii)(A).

Program 334 – Soil and Water Conservation: The purpose of this program is as follows (excerpt from LB814, 2023). There is included in the appropriation to this program \$1,200,000 from Federal Funds in FY2023-24 and \$1,200,000 from Federal Funds in FY2024-25 from funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, for enhanced data collection. The Department has reviewed the final rule published by the Department of The Treasury [31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77]. The Secretary of the Treasury (“Treasury”) adopted as final the interim final rule published on May 17, 2021, with amendments. This rule has been revised, based in part, on provisions of

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in the fall of 2021 (“IIJA”). The provisions of the final rule reviewed by the Department are effective as of April 1, 2022. The eligibility for the expenditures of the Department Program No. 334 have been reviewed in the context of this rule. The final Treasury rule provides for opportunities to provide emergency relief from natural disasters that are threatened to occur in the future or their negative economic impacts. The interim final rule explains that for purposes of the SLFRF program, a natural disaster is defined as inter alia, “flood, high water, or drought...in each case attributable to natural causes, that causes or may cause substantial damage, injury, or imminent threat to civilian property or persons.” Further, if providing assistance to lessen or avert the threat of a future natural disaster, recipients should document evidence of historical patterns or predictions of natural disasters that would reasonably demonstrate the likelihood of future occurrence of such natural disaster in its community. Expenditures by the Department for enhanced data collection consistent with the limitations expressed in LB814 and the eligibility criteria described above would be eligible uses of the funds. In addition, the final Treasury rule provides for opportunities to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure, including Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects or activities of the type that meet the eligibility requirements of Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act. Expenditures by the Department for enhanced data collection consistent with the limitations expressed in LB814 and the eligibility criteria described in the requirements of Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act would be eligible uses of the funds.

Promoting equitable outcomes

NeDNR appropriated ARPA funds based on two ARPA use categories, negative economic impacts and infrastructure water and sewer. The promotion of equitable outcomes was met as:

- The riverfront improvement project is in the City of Norfolk, NE. Per the United States Census Bureau, 12.9% of persons within the City of Norfolk have income below the poverty level which is higher than rest of the state at 10.8%. The City of Norfolk also contains parts of two Qualified Census Tracts, as designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Census Tract 9607 in the north and northeastern portion of Norfolk, and Census Tract 9611 in the southern portion of Norfolk.

Labor Practices

The contracts signed between the recipients and NeDNR outline the noted labor practices.

Compliance with the Specific Federal Requirements

Civil Rights Compliance

Sponsor and its contractors must meet legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of Federal funds, including ensuring they do not deny benefits or services, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, or sex in accordance with the following authorities: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Age Discrimination Act of 1975

Fair Employment Practices

Sponsor agrees to ensure compliance with the NE Fair Employment Practice Act which prohibits contractors of the State of Nebraska, and their subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin, *Neb. Rev 48-1101 through 48-1125*

Drug Free Workplace

Sponsor certifies that it maintains a drug free workplace environment to ensure workers safety and workplace integrity.

Worker Eligibility Status Requirements

The sponsor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of any new employees paid with the proceeds of this contract that are physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.

Use of Evidence

These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Recipients are required to submit financial and programmatic reports to SLFRF as a condition of their award acceptance throughout the period of performance, including partial calendar quarters, as well as for periods where no grant award activity occurs. Recipients will have to report on the project's obligations and expenditures as well as the project status each reporting period. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if these are delinquent, demonstrate a lack of progress, or are insufficient in detail.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 1354: Program 319 – Water Projects City of Lincoln

Funding amount: \$197,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.5-Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure

Project Overview

- Goal of the project to determine additional water supply for the Lincoln Water System to include one or more of the alternatives:
 - a. Project A – Full development of the existing Platte River wellfield and associated treatment improvements and expansions required to the added capacity identified in the 2020 Master Plan. Identifies the construction of two additional large collector wells along the east bank of the Platte River. To accommodate additional source water from this aquifer additional treatment plant improvements will be needed to remove contaminants. Project began in 2023 and is expected to end December of 2026.
 - b. Project B – Development of additional Platte River wellfield capacity utilizing either currently owned property or purchasing additional property near the exiting Platte River wellfield. Items not scoped.
 - c. Project C – Development of a second, independent source of water system, a new wellfield or surface water intake along the Missouri River, another yet to be determined source of supply, or some combinations thereof. Project began in 2023 and is expected to end December of 2026.
- Link to the website: [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Projects | Department of Natural Resources \(nebraska.gov\)](#)
- This water infrastructure project will ensure water availability to all the citizens of the City of Lincoln.

Use of Evidence

- The goal is to: (A) The project is needed to support increased population, with need assessed as of the time the project is undertaken; (B) The project is designed to support no more than a reasonable level of projected increased need, whether due to population growth or otherwise; (C) The project is a cost-effective means for achieving the desired level of service; and (D) The

project is projected to continue to provide an adequate level of drinking water over its estimated useful life.

- These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.
- \$5,538,169.13 expended as of June 30, 2024

Performance Report

- Task 2, Project C, Phase 1, (sub) Task 2. Work is ongoing for the validation and preliminary engineering tasks associated with developing a second water source along the Missouri River and treating water near the source location. The final draft hydrogeologic report was issued concluding both wellfield sites that were investigated are suitable for meeting future water demands through 2075. Of the two wellfield locations, a preferred site was identified and property acquisition tasks have been initiated including wetlands delineation, habitat, and cultural reviews. Phase 1 environmental assessment is planned to begin in 3Q2024 at the preferred wellfield site as well as a property appraisal. A preferred treatment plant site has also been identified that would be suitable for either of the two wellfield locations. Property acquisition tasks are proceeding with wetlands delineation, habitat, and cultural reviews all being completed in this report period. Phase 1 environmental review has started and a property appraisal has been ordered. In both cases the City has engaged the property owners in discussions regarding property acquisition. The City also added additional scope for property procurement services which caused the % completion to be less than anticipated when this scope is added to the project. Pipeline conveyance to Lincoln continues to be evaluated with proposed alignments being prioritized using a proprietary modeling tool. Task 3, Project A. A Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract was approved in this report period and final design is proceeding. Final design is estimated to be 50% complete at the time of this reporting and is estimated to be at 60% completion by the end of the 3Q2024 period. The CMAR will be preparing a minimum of two Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contracts during the 3Q2024 period with one GMP expected to be approved in the 3Q2024 period. This work will be for construction of the initial site work, relocation of chemical feed lines, relocation of an existing electrical duct bank, and procurement of several long lead items such as motor control centers, electrical switch gear, and transformer. Task 4, Project A. Work is ongoing including engineering design phase work, early equipment and construction procurement, and property and easement acquisition. Two CMAR contractors have been procured to perform this construction work; one contractor will construct the well caissons and laterals, and the other contractor will construct the well pump houses and pipeline. The City has received a draft GMP for the caisson and lateral construction and this contract is expected to be executed in the 3Q2024 period. Two or more GMPs will be developed to complete construction of the pumphouse and pipelines with at least one GMP contract likely executed by the end of the 3Q2024 period. Task 5, Project C. Design engineering for this project is actively ongoing with overall design at 90% complete. Three bid packages as detailed in the 1Q2024 report will be used to complete construction of the project. Phase 1 bids were received in this report period and a contract is currently in the process of being awarded. Bid packages for Phase 2 & 3 will be advertised in July 2024 and construction contracts are anticipated to be executed in the 3Q2024 period. Task 6, Project C involves preliminary design of the second water source (Alternative H) at the Missouri River. This will require the City to issue a new RFP for these professional engineering services in 2024. Task 7, Project C involves the procurement of property and easements associated with the second water source at the Missouri River. As noted above, recommendations for the wellfield site and water treatment facilities site(s) have been made and property acquisition tasks have started in this report period. Other Notations: (1) Note that the City is using its General Ledger date to determine the financial activity within the report quarter. The general ledger date is the date the City reports the payment on its financials. (2) The City has determined that force account work (internal labor expense) will not be included in reimbursement requests at this time. (3) As cost estimates become more refined and CMAR GMPs are developed and authorized, the awarded grant amounts under each

task may be adjusted accordingly and distributed to other tasks for Projects A-C identified in Contract 1354.

Project 1366: 314 Critical Infrastructure Facilities – Gering-Ft. Laramie Irrigation District

Funding amount: \$23,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.17-Water and Sewer: IJJA Bureau of Reclamation Match

Project Overview

- Project funds will be used to repair and replace, including design and construction bidding, of Tunnel 1 and Tunnel 2 of the Ft Laramia Canal on the USBOR North Platte Project
- Link to the website: [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Projects | Department of Natural Resources \(nebraska.gov\)](#)
- This water infrastructure project will ensure the economic development and stability in the economically disadvantaged communities served by the Gering-Ft. Laramie Irrigation District.

Use of Evidence

- Goal of this project is to satisfy the match requirements for the project by the US Bureau of Reclamation for construction and repairs on any tunnel pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
 - a. The Ft Laramia Canal experienced a failure in the 2019 Floods.
- These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.
- \$1,291,662.25 expended as of June 30, 2024

Performance Report

- Task 1-Project Management activities included scheduling, internal coordination, CMAR coordination, and external agency coordination.
- Task 2-Pre-Design activities included right-of-way coordination, negotiation, and acquisition; updates to hydraulic models, and continued laboratory analysis of field collected materials and associated interpretations.
- Task 3-Environmental Document and NEPA compliance activities included finalization of the Programmatic Agreement w/ SHPO, agency coordination, completion of project scoping, Section 7 consultation for threatened and endangered species, and EA documentation.
- Task 4-Conceptual Design is complete.
- Task 5-Preliminary Design activities included evaluation of value engineering concepts proposed by the CMAR and ground conditions initial finite element model development.

Project 29004213: NeDNR Enhanced Data Collection

Funding amount: \$1,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.18-Water and Sewer: Other

Project Overview

- For enhanced Data Collection for Flood Monitoring, Drought Monitoring, Clean Water Monitoring, Dam Safety and Stream Gaging
- The Department currently oversees the safety of approximately 3,000 dams across the state, supports floodplain mapping for the entire state, operates a data network of stream gages and maintains the data infrastructure for storing and distributing this information. These investments will be used to expand the Department's data network to incorporate more risks-based monitoring for improved identification of hazards associated with each dam, improve forecasting of flood inundation areas, and other products aimed at monitoring public safety. These investments will also support other areas of the agency including long-term water planning and interstate water

management that the Department conducts to ensure the sustainability of water supplies for the variety of uses that occur across the state.

- These funds support expansion of existing data collection efforts through enhancements to real-time piezometer (water level), channel monitoring via video data collection, flood-stage monitoring and inundation mapping, streamflow and water use monitoring. These enhancements will be implemented in conjunction with facility owners, network providers, communities and water users across the state to ensure the benefits of these data enhancements can serve to meet local and state monitoring needs and improve future planning and design work. Specially, the Department will expand the number of stream stage measurements, groundwater measurements, water use monitoring, and channel monitoring locations. These data will be collected, stored, and publicly distributed through the Departments existing data platforms.
- Link to the website: [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Projects | Department of Natural Resources \(nebraska.gov\)](#)

Use of Evidence

- Purpose of the SLFRF program, a natural disaster is defined as inter alia, “flood, high water, or drought...in each case attributable to natural causes, that causes or may cause substantial damage, injury, or imminent threat to civilian property or persons.” Further, if providing assistance to lessen or avert the threat of a future natural disaster, recipients should document evidence of historical patterns or predictions of natural disasters that would reasonably demonstrate the likelihood of future occurrence of such natural disaster in its community.
- These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.
- \$142,194.12 expended as of June 30, 2024

Performance Report

- Agreement with Farwell Irrigation District
 - Sherman Dam Safety Monitoring Project
 - Contracted amount \$73,434.00
 - Expected end date of December 31, 2024
- Agreement with Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District
 - MNNRD Groundwater Monitoring Project
 - Contracted amount \$26,324.47
 - Expected end date of December 31, 2024
- Agreement with Ethos Connected
 - MNNRD Groundwater Monitoring Project
 - Contracted amount \$43,006.44
 - Expected end date of December 31, 2024

Project 1449: Program 319 – City of Norfolk Johnson Park and North Fork River Improvement Project

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance: Other*^

Project Overview

- Overall goal is to improve the riverfront of the North Fork River through construction of amenities at Johnson Park promoting tourism and outdoor recreation. The scope of work for the Project includes the following projects: Group 1 – items not scoped; Group 2 – Outdoor ice rink/basketball court, splash pad/fountain, and pedestrian bridge. \$1,165,000; Group 3 – Wayfinding signs/markers, landscaping, nature playground, gatehouse improvements, and concessions area/restroom. \$835,000. Group 1 was completed in Fall 2023. Group 2 is expected to be completed by Spring/Summer 2024. Group 3 started design in Fall 2023 and is expected to be completed in Summer 2024. Overall Project completion by June of 2026.

- Link to the website: [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Projects | Department of Natural Resources \(nebraska.gov\)](#)

Use of Evidence

- A grant for the City of Norfolk that is constructing riverfront improvement projects, including water recreational facilities, arts, and entertainment facilities, and other associated with riverfront improvement.
- These SLFRF funds are not being used for evidence-based interventions.
- \$637,091.50 expended as of June 30, 2024

Performance Report

- As of June 30, 2024
 - a. Group 2
 - i. Pedestrian Bridge set as of May 2024
 - ii. Outdoor ice rink/basketball court
 1. Ice rink purchased
 2. Expected end date August 2024
 - iii. Splash pad/fountain
 1. Fountain purchased/installed
 2. Concrete poured
 3. Expected end date August 2024
 - b. Group 3
 - i. Nature Playground
 1. Purchased as of March 2024
 2. Expected end date August 2024
 3. Design plans at 60%
 - ii. Wayfinding Signs and Markers
 1. In design stage
 2. Expected end date August 2024
 3. River wayfinding markers installed
 - iii. Landscaping
 1. Plans sent to Council to be RFQ
 2. Expected end date August 2024
 - iv. Gatehouse Improvements
 1. In design stage
 2. Expected end date November 2024
 - v. Concessions Area/Restroom
 1. In design stage
 2. Expected end date October 2024
 3. Design plans at 60%

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Federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriated to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs in LB 1014 (sec. 7) were used for premium pay increases implemented for essential front-line workers in our 24-hour facilities. These increases were made to retain staff and fill staff vacancies during the Covid-19 pandemic. The increases ensured the NDVA was competitive in pay in the future for positions that support public health and safety.

ARPA GUIDANCE PROVIDES UNDER SLFRP Final Rule FAQs 2.15 PAGE 11: "The Final Rule includes as an eligible use hiring up to a pre-pandemic baseline that is adjusted for historic underinvestment in the public sector, providing additional funds for employees who experienced pay cuts or were furloughed, avoiding layoffs, providing worker retention incentives, including reasonable increases in compensation, and paying for ancillary administrative costs related to hiring, support, and retention. "Public sector staff' would not include individuals participating in a job training or subsidized employment program administered by the recipient."

ARPA GUIDANCE ALSO PROVIDES UNDER SLFRP Final Rule FAQs 5.1 PAGES 33 and 34: "Eligible workers are those in critical infrastructure sectors who regularly perform in person work, interact with others at work, or physically handle items handled by others."

Uses of Funds

Funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) were used for premium pay increases for essential front-line workers in NDVA's four 24-hour facilities. Premium pay increases were essential in our efforts to retain staff and fill vacancies during the Covid-19 pandemic. Increases also ensured NDVA remained competitive in pay for future positions supporting public health and safety.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Goals: Increase and maintain staff levels at the four Veteran Home facilities and reduce turnover. These funds helped stabilize the workforce, reduce training costs and overtime expenditures, and ultimately provide better care to our Veteran members.

Awareness: The Nebraska State Legislature apportioned the funding to NDVA. Legislative sessions were open to the public for hearings and questions.

Access & Distribution: Premium Pay has allowed NDVA to maintain and attract new teammates across the state.

Outcomes: Filled vacancies in a short amount of time with the ability continually grow our staffing.

Community Engagement

NA

Labor Practices

NA

Use of Evidence

The program monitors retention and hiring rates.

Performance Report

The program will utilize retention and hiring data.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 28028415, 28028416, 28028417, 28028418: Agency 28 Premium Pay

Funding amount: \$3,546,602

Project Expenditure Category:4.1, Public Sector Employees

Project Overview

•Pursuant to LB 1014 Section 7, federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) were used for premium pay increases for essential workers.

Link to the website: Public Guidance Documents | Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Performance Report

•Performance will be measured by retention and hiring data

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Executive Summary

Grant applications for premium pay and workforce development programs will be available on the Department of Labor's website beginning Monday, October 3, 2022. The Nebraska State Legislature appropriated \$10 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the grants. Premium pay applies to teachers, childcare providers, and nurses in qualified settings, with the goal of improving recruitment and retention. Workforce development funding is available for activities that bring eligible individuals back into the workforce or facilitate their career advancement through job training, reskilling, and upskilling.

Uses of Funds

Program 1: Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grants-Premium Pay (EC 4)

NDOL ARPA funds are allocated for grants to educational employers and childcare facilities to support the recruitment and retention of educators in math, science, and career and technical education, as well as childcare and early childhood education providers. Premium pay will range from \$1,250 to \$2,500 depending on length of employment.

Program 2: Nursing Recruitment and Retention Grants-Premium Pay (EC 4)

NDOL ARPA funds are allocated for grants to healthcare employers to support the recruitment and retention of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nursing assistants who work in eligible practice settings. These settings include hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, residential treatment centers, primary care offices, and urgent care clinics. Premium pay will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Program 3: Workforce Development Grants Negative Economic Impact: (EC 2)

NDOL ARPA funds are allocated for grants to businesses, non-profits, educational institutions, and other entities to provide eligible employment-related services to unemployed workers, underemployed workers, and other populations who suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible employment-related services include but are not limited to job training, vocational or job skill-focused education, career services and job coaching, job fairs, employer recruitment, hiring incentives, apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship programs, combined education and on-the-job training programs, assistance with starting a small business, and incentives for newly employed workers.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Grants are based on Recruitment and Retention, and Training

Community Engagement

NA

Labor Practices

NA

Use of Evidence

Program 1: Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grants

Funds received through a TRRG award will be used to provide premium pay to eligible employees. The following criteria govern the eligibility for premium pay:

1. The individual must provide eligible services in-person as an employee of a recipient school, school district, licensed childcare center, or licensed preschool program.
2. The individual's total pay from the recipient employer for 2023 must not be more than \$78,165.00 (150 percent of Nebraska's state average annual wage for all occupations as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment and Wage Survey).
3. The individual must satisfy applicable retention requirements:
 - a. The individual must be working in a PP Eligible Position no later than September 1, 2023.
 - b. The individual must continue working in (or be on approved leave from) a PP Eligible Position at the same recipient employer on the PP Certification date of January 9, 2024.
 - c. As of the PP Certification Date, the individual must be under contract to teach in the PP Eligible position at the same recipient employer through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This requirement does not apply to any PP Eligible Position which the recipient employer does not treat as a contract position.
4. If all eligibility requirements are satisfied, the amount of premium pay shall be:
 - a. \$2,500 if the individual started a PP Eligible position on or before December 31, 2022.
 - b. \$1,250 if the individual started a PP Eligible position between January 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023.
 - c. An educator who moves from one PP Eligible position at a recipient employer to another PP Eligible position at the same recipient employer shall be deemed to have occupied the latter position continuously for the time in both positions.

Program 2: Nursing Recruitment and Retention Grants

Eligibility requirements for healthcare workers receiving premium pay

1. Funds distributed under an NRRG award shall be used solely to support premium pay for eligible healthcare workers employed by recipient healthcare employers.¹ To be eligible for premium pay, a healthcare worker must be a licensed RN, LPN, or CNA and must:

¹ Pursuant to guidance from the United States Department of Treasury, NDOL has determined that awarding premium pay to RNs, LPNs, and CNAs in all PP Eligible Positions will respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, without regard to income level or exemption status under the Fair Labor Standards Act of the premium pay recipient, because of the significant workplace risks these healthcare workers have encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic and because of the corresponding difficulties healthcare employers have faced when recruiting and retaining healthcare workers in these positions.

- a. Provide in-person patient care in a PP Eligible Position as an employee of a recipient healthcare employer.
 - b. Satisfy the following retention requirements:
 - i. Be in a PP Eligible Position no later than September 1, 2023.
 - ii. Continuously remain in the PP Eligible Position through the PP Certification Date (January 9, 2024) except for any period during which the healthcare worker is on approved leave.
2. If all eligibility requirements are satisfied, the amount of premium pay shall be:
- a. \$2,500.00 for an RN in a PP Eligible Position.
 - b. \$1500.00 for an LPN in a PP Eligible Position.
 - c. \$1,000.00 for a CNA in a PP Eligible Position.

Program 3: Workforce Development Grants

If a WDG project proposes use of funds to recruit eligible employees to a particular business or subsidize employment at that business, the following restrictions apply:

1. No WDG funds shall be used for recruitment of an employee who is employed full-time by a Nebraska business.
2. Any allowable hiring or retention bonus shall not exceed \$2,500.00 per eligible employee.
3. Recruitment and retention expenses are allowed only for the hire of permanent employees. Recruitment and retention expenses will be reimbursed only after the new hire has maintained employment with the applicant for 6 months.
4. Allowable recruitment-related expenses shall not include:
 - a. Housing down payments
 - b. Non- Economy Class air travel expenses
 - c. Temporary housing expenses, other than authorized travel related lodging costs
 - d. Lodging expenses that are not reasonable and comparable to the United States General Services Administration and in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations as of the date of travel
 - e. Room service or other lodging incidental expenses
 - f. Customs and immigration fees

Performance Report

Quarterly Report

Employers must submit a report to NDOL within 15 days of the end of each calendar quarter using a form and method prescribed by the Department. Quarterly reports identify whether the PP eligible position was filled or vacant. For filled positions, employers will provide information about the worker in the position (as specified by NDOL). Recipients who do not submit quarterly reports in a timely fashion may be subject initial award deobligation or decertification

PROJECT INVENTORY

Program 1: Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grants

Initial Estimated:

Funding amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: Premium Pay, (EC 4)

- *Number of Grantees:* 76
- *Number of Position filled before 12/31/22:* 1455
- *Number of Position Filled between 1/1/23 and 9/1/23:* 287

Payments completed or in process:

Funding amount payments: \$2,286,250

Project Expenditure Category: Premium Pay, (EC 4)

- *Number of Grantees:* 79
- *Number of Position filled before 12/31/22:* 831
- *Number of Position Filled between 1/1/23 and 9/1/23:* 167

Company Name	Estimated				Completed			
	Total Grant Amount Awarded	Total Grant Positions Estimated	Position Filled before 12/31/22 (\$2500 per) Estimated	Position Filled 1/1/23 to 9/1/23 (\$1250 per) Estimated	Total Grant Amount Awarded	Total Grant Positions	Position Filled before 12/31/22 (\$2500 per)	Position Filled 1/1/23 to 9/1/23 (\$1250 per)
Busy Feet Childcare	\$21,250	10	7	3	\$10,000	4	4	0
Primrose School of Lincoln at Wilderness Hills	\$81,250	41	24	17	\$53,750	24	19	5
May Kids Thrive LLC	\$281,250	130	95	35	\$161,250	77	52	25
Educational Service Unit 2 #1503	\$135,000	54	54	0	\$47,500	20	18	2
*Educare Lincoln	\$120,000	48	48	0	\$105,000	50	34	16
Northeast Family Center	\$47,500	19	19	0	\$23,750	11	8	3
*Elite Childcare Academy	\$80,000	40	24	16	\$0	0	0	0
Little Learners Preschool and Academy	\$30,000	14	10	4	\$7,500	3	3	0
Educational Service Unit 2 #1029	\$45,000	18	18	0	\$37,500	15	15	0
Highlands Academy	\$32,500	13	13	0	\$16,250	7	6	1
Building Blocks Learning Center Inc.	\$70,000	34	22	12	\$22,500	10	8	2
*Father Flanagan's Boys' Home #8262	\$8,750	5	2	3	\$8,750	5	2	3
Litchfield Public Schools	\$7,500	4	2	2	\$5,000	2	2	0

<i>Cuddles And Imaginations</i>	\$62,500	30	20	10	\$12,500	7	3	4
<i>Lincoln Children's Academy</i>	\$65,000	28	24	4	\$31,250	13	12	1
<i>Cedar Bluffs Public School</i>	\$32,500	13	13	0	\$28,750	13	10	3
<i>Cheyenne County Child Development Center-Here Wee Grow</i>	\$30,000	12	12	0	\$13,750	6	5	1
<i>Bancroft-Rosalie Comm School</i>	\$40,000	16	16	0	\$30,000	12	12	0
<i>Teach me Childcare and Learning Center L.L.C</i>	\$22,500	12	6	6	\$5,000	2	2	0
<i>*Father Flanagan's Boys Home #2419</i>	\$72,500	30	28	2	\$47,500	20	18	2
<i>*Father Flanagan's Boys Home #2671</i>	\$15,000	7	5	2	\$12,500	5	5	0
<i>*Father Flanagan's Boys Home #2682</i>	\$5,000	2	2	0	\$5,000	2	2	0
<i>*First Step Daycare</i>	\$22,500	9	9	0	\$12,500	5	5	0
<i>Highlands Raymond Central Public Schools</i>	\$10,000	4	4	0	\$7,500	3	3	0
<i>Learning Adventures Child Care Center-Lexington</i>	\$30,000	13	11	2	\$12,500	5	5	0
<i>Wrangler Babies Childcare</i>	\$28,750	12	11	1	\$21,250	9	8	1
<i>KidLogic Child Care & Preschool, Inc</i>	\$55,000	27	17	10	\$2,500	1	1	0
<i>The Children's Place</i>	\$17,500	7	7	0	\$17,500	7	7	0
<i>Noah's Ark Christian Daycare and Preschool</i>	\$35,000	14	14	0	\$25,000	10	10	0
<i>Bright From the Start Child Development Center LLC</i>	\$67,500	28	26	2	\$47,500	21	17	4
<i>Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties</i>	\$110,000	44	44	0	\$76,250	31	30	1
<i>The Child Care Center of Madison</i>	\$25,000	15	5	10	\$7,500	4	2	2
<i>Project Future Highlands</i>	\$53,750	24	19	5	\$0	0	0	0
<i>Inspiring Minds LLC</i>	\$50,000	20	20	0	\$35,000	14	14	0
<i>Project Future</i>	\$63,750	29	22	7	\$28,750	15	8	7
<i>16th Street Child Development Center DBA Ivy League of Lincoln</i>	\$20,000	8	8	0	\$17,500	7	7	0
<i>Bubbles and Blocks Child Development Center</i>	\$175,000	75	65	10	\$120,000	48	48	0
<i>Foundations Progressive Learning Center, Inc</i>	\$12,500	5	5	0	\$12,500	5	5	0
<i>Our Savior's King's Kids</i>	\$52,500	21	21	0	\$32,500	14	12	2
<i>Little Cubs Daycare, LLC</i>	\$30,000	12	12	0	\$7,500	4	2	2
<i>Callaway Public Schools</i>	\$15,000	6	6	0	\$13,750	6	5	1
<i>Montessori School for Young Children Inc.</i>	\$31,250	13	12	1	\$20,000	9	7	2
<i>Nebraska Children's Home Society</i>	\$22,500	9	9	0	\$13,750	6	5	1
<i>CW Ventures Inc</i>	\$87,500	35	35	0	\$32,500	13	13	0
<i>Harrison Village Childcare Inc</i>	\$72,500	29	29	0	\$28,750	13	10	3
<i>Blondo Childcare and Preschool Inc</i>	\$65,000	26	26	0	\$28,750	12	11	1
<i>Minis Preschool and Childcare Center LLC</i>	\$60,000	32	16	16	\$27,500	11	11	0
<i>Wood River Vision 20/20 Inc. dba Stick Creek Kids Child Development Center</i>	\$61,250	27	22	5	\$17,500	11	3	8
<i>Kearney Public</i>	\$162,500	65	65	0	\$136,250	58	51	7
<i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln Children's Center</i>	\$72,500	32	26	6	\$48,750	22	17	5
<i>Miles of Smiles Child Development Center</i>	\$55,000	25	19	6	\$22,500	10	8	2
<i>Clarkson Christian Daycare Foundation</i>	\$16,250	8	5	3	\$10,000	4	4	0
<i>ESU 9 #0029 x</i>	\$7,500	3	3	0	\$7,500	3	3	0
<i>St. Paul United Methodist Church, Son-shine Child Care Center</i>	\$20,000	10	6	4	\$15,000	7	5	2
<i>Primrose School at Falling Waters</i>	\$100,000	48	32	16	\$43,750	24	11	13
<i>ESU 9 #8630</i>	\$17,500	7	7	0	\$17,500	7	7	0
<i>Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital (Child Development Center</i>	\$45,000	18	18	0	\$31,250	13	12	1

ESU 9 #1731	\$16,250	7	6	1	\$16,250	7	6	1
ESU 9 #7157 x	\$17,500	7	7	0	\$17,500	7	7	0
Kids Connection	\$52,500	22	20	2	\$17,500	7	7	0
Zac's Place Child Care Center	\$28,750	13	10	3	\$12,500	5	5	0
ESU 9 #2252	\$12,500	5	5	0	\$8,750	4	3	1
Merrick County Child Development Center	\$63,750	30	21	9	\$35,000	14	14	0
Educational Service Unit #9 #2397	\$41,250	20	13	7	\$33,750	15	12	3
ESU 9 #1210	\$36,250	15	14	1	\$27,500	12	10	2
Boone Central Schools	\$132,500	53	53	0	\$48,750	21	18	3
Alpine Village Community Daycare	\$17,500	8	6	2	\$11,250	5	4	1
Trinity Child Care at Village Gardens	\$37,500	15	15	0	\$33,750	15	12	3
Trinity Infant & Child Care Center	\$72,500	29	29	0	\$65,000	27	25	2
The Valley Child Development Center	\$75,000	40	20	20	\$17,500	8	6	2
The Hearth Academy Preschool, Inc.	\$8,750	4	3	1	\$0	0	0	0
Education Services Unit 9 #9721	\$23,750	10	9	1	\$22,500	10	8	2
Bere's Child Care LLC	\$93,750	40	35	5	\$43,750	19	16	3
Stepping Stones Child Academy	\$67,500	27	27	0	\$26,250	11	10	1
Kid's Korner-The Community Center For Child Development	\$47,500	21	17	4	\$32,500	14	12	2
David City Public Schools	\$35,000	14	14	0	\$31,250	13	12	1
East Butler Public School District	\$37,500	20	10	10	\$16,250	7	6	1
Caritas Kids Cottage	\$55,000	50	22	30	\$30,000	12	12	0
Dimensions	\$67,500	27	27	0	\$55,000	25	19	6
TOTAL	\$3,996,250	1742	1455	287	\$2,286,250	998	831	167
Positions before 12/31/2022	\$3,637,500				\$2,077,500			
Positions b/tw 1/1/2023-9/1/2023	\$358,750				\$208,750			
Total	\$3,982,500				\$2,286,250			

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Program 2: Nursing Recruitment and Retention Grants

Initial Estimated:

Project Expenditure Category: Nursing Recruitment and Retention Grants-Premium Pay (EC 4)

- Number of Grantees: 8
- Number of Positions Requested: 1653

Company Name	Total Grant Amount	Total Grant Positions	RN (\$2500 per)	LPN (\$1500 per)	CNA (\$1000 per)
Butler County Health Care Center	\$103,500	49	34	7	8
Henderson Health Care Services, Inc.	\$86,500	51	20	11	20
Bryan Medical Center-East	\$1,825,000	730	730	0	0
Bryan Medical Center-West	\$1,236,000	498	489	9	0

<i>Platte Valley Medical Group</i>	\$141,500	65	44	21	0
<i>Kearney Regional Medical Center</i>	\$478,500	204	183	0	21
<i>Merrick Medical Center</i>	\$64,000	30	22	2	6
<i>Grand Island Regional Medical Center</i>	\$65,000	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	\$4,000,000		1548	50	55
<i>RN</i>	\$3,870,000				
<i>LPN</i>	\$75,000				
<i>CNA</i>	\$55,000				
Total	\$4,000,000				

Payments completed or in process:

Funding amount payments: \$3,404,000

Project Expenditure Category: *Nursing Recruitment and Retention Grants-Premium Pay (EC 4)*

- *Number of Grantees: 8*
- *Number of Positions Requested: 1,411*

Company Name	Total Grant Amount	Total Grant Positions	RN (\$2500 per)	LPN (\$1500 per)	CNA (\$1000 per)
<i>Butler County Health Care Center</i>	\$72,500	34	24	5	5
<i>Henderson Health Care Services, Inc.</i>	\$78,000	45	19	9	17
<i>Bryan Medical Center-East</i>	\$1,658,500	665	661	4	0
<i>Bryan Medical Center-West</i>	\$1,005,500	409	392	17	0
<i>Platte Valley Medical Group</i>	\$112,000	52	34	18	0
<i>Kearney Regional Medical Center</i>	\$364,500	157	138	1	18
<i>Merrick Medical Center</i>	\$48,000	23	16	2	5
<i>Grand Island Regional Medical Center</i>	\$65,000	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	\$3,404,000	1,411	1,310	56	45
<i>RN</i>	\$3,275,000				
<i>LPN</i>	\$84,000				
<i>CNA</i>	\$45,000				
Total	3,404,000				

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Program 3: Workforce Development Grants

Initial Estimated:

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: *Negative Economic Impact: (EC 2)*

Company Name	Grant Amount	Workers	Project	Training Provider
Avenue Scholars	\$50,000	50	Omaha North STEM	<i>Metro Community College</i>
Behlen Manufacturing	\$40,800	50	Welder Training Program	<i>In-House</i>
Behlen Manufacturing	\$72,472	10	Behlen Apprenticeship Program	<i>In-House</i>
Chicano Awareness Center	\$342,144	60	Siembra NE: Internships	<i>In-House</i>
City of Sidney	\$8,000	6	Hiring Bonus Program	<i>GI Police Academy/ OED</i>
Lincoln Literacy	\$160,000	850	Bridgeway to a Better Life	<i>In-House</i>
Nonprofit Hub Foundation	\$65,000	50	Stop the NE Brain-Drain	<i>UNL Honors Program</i>
S2 Rolloffs LLC	\$25,000	6	S2 Welding Academy-On-the Job Training	<i>In-House</i>
Tabitha	\$139,950	90	LPN Student Stipends	<i>In-House</i>
Tabitha	\$299,520	225	CNA Stipends	<i>NE Health Care Learning Center</i>
The Applied Information Management	\$199,999	600	Strengthening NE Tech Ecosystem	<i>AIM Institute</i>
The Nebraska Medical Center	\$294.850	85	The Network	<i>Various Health Training Vendors</i>
Lincoln Littles	\$300,000	50	Recruitment & On-the-Job Training	<i>In-House</i>
Totals	\$1,997,735	2,132		

Payments completed or in process:

Funding amount: *\$494,520*

Project Expenditure Category: *Negative Economic Impact: (EC 2)*

Company Name	Grant Amount	Workers	Project	Training Provider
Avenue Scholars	<i>\$33,333</i>	41		
Behlen Manufacturing #0070	<i>\$16,464</i>	21		
Behlen Manufacturing #6885	<i>\$54,298</i>	8		
Chicano Awareness Center	<i>\$109,124</i>	44		
City of Sidney	<i>\$1,000</i>	1		
Lincoln Literacy	<i>\$50,000</i>	1109		
Nonprofit Hub Foundation	<i>\$46,429</i>	30		
S2 Rolloffs LLC	<i>\$0</i>	0	<i>Did not qualify</i>	<i>none</i>
Tabitha #8034	<i>\$15,378</i>	16		
Tabitha #8790	<i>\$154,330</i>	N/a		
The Applied Information Management	<i>\$7,800</i>	8		
The Nebraska Medical Center	<i>\$5,615</i>	21		
Lincoln Littles	<i>\$750</i>	0		
Totals	<i>\$494,520</i>	1299		

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Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2024 Report

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The State of Nebraska was allocated \$1.04 billion of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. In the final rule adopted for implementation of these funds, the U.S. Department of the Treasury aligned the eligible uses of these funds with the wide range of types or categories of projects that would be eligible to receive financial assistance through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), as well as aid to impacted industries including Tourism. In Nebraska, the SRF programs are administered by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE).

On April 13, 2022, Former Governor Pete Ricketts, signed into law Legislative Bill No. 1014e, which “...appropriated...funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021...” By accepting these funds, Nebraska is required by ARPA to prepare this Recovery Plan Performance Report by July 31st every year, until all Federal and state funding requirements are met.

Uses of Funds

The NDEE will implement \$31 million of ARPA funding assistance to address Negative Economic Impacts (e.g., Aid to Impacted Industry - Tourism) or to make necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure. Sections 51, 52, and 53 of the Legislative Bill No. 1014e detail the infrastructure funding allocations appropriated to the NDEE.

Section 51 of Legislative Bill No. 1014e allocates \$4 million of federal funds to be used “...for grants for reverse osmosis systems, which shall only be used for such purpose”. The narrative of the legislation further clarified that the NDEE “...shall provide grants for villages and cities of the second class to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten parts per million of nitrate and, if appropriate, provide grant funds for use to install reverse osmosis systems if test levels for nitrate in drinking water pumped from private wells are above ten parts per million.” Reverse Osmosis treatment to remove nitrates from drinking water is eligible for assistance under the DWSRF, and therefore under ARPA as a necessary investment in water infrastructure. The ARPA final rule also states that eligible projects can include rehabilitation of private wells, testing initiatives to identify contaminants in wells, and treatment activities and remediation strategies that address (nitrate) contamination.

Section 52 of Legislative Bill No. 1014e allots for \$20 million of federal funds to be used “...for wastewater and drainage system updates at the state fair grounds, which shall only be used for such purpose.” Wastewater and drainage system updates are eligible for assistance under the CWSRF, and therefore under ARPA, when a project provides a water quality benefit or for measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water. Paving improvements, which also are necessary drainage system updates, are eligible under the aid to impacted industries ARPA use category, which includes tourism. The state fair grounds is the location of the Nebraska State Fair, the state’s showcase tourism event. The negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the Nebraska State Fair missing out on

potential revenues, thus this project is eligible for assistance through two ARPA use categories, negative economic impacts and necessary investments in sewer infrastructure.

Section 53 of Legislative Bill No. 1014e allocates \$7 million over two fiscal years and states that these funds are “...to provide grant assistance for a rural drinking water project that serves rural water connections and at least four communities in two contiguous counties in order to convert to ground water sources and to provide for water system infrastructure and distribution, which shall only be used for such purpose”. Development of new sources to replace a contaminated drinking water sources and water system infrastructure and distribution are eligible for assistance under the DWSRF, and therefore under ARPA as a necessary investment in water infrastructure.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The ARPA funding to be implemented by the NDEE was appropriated based on two ARPA use categories, negative economic impacts and necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure. As such, the promotion of equitable outcomes was met as:

- For both of the necessary investments in water infrastructure community projects, each of the public water systems awarded ARPA funding also meet Nebraska’s long established Disadvantaged Community Definition, approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as required under the DWSRF and section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- The state fair grounds project is located in the City of Grand Island, NE. The City of Grand Island is home to approximately 53,130 people, the fourth largest city in Nebraska, with 39.5% of the population in Grand Island being minorities, primarily people of Hispanic origin. The overall poverty rate of Grand Island is 12.7%, which is higher than the federal of 11.6% and state of Nebraska level of 10.8%. Hall County is the only county in Nebraska that scored an overall score of 1 on the Social Vulnerability Index (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 2022). This is the highest score possible and indicates the highest levels of vulnerability within Nebraska exist in Hall County.

Community Engagement

For each of the public entities receiving ARPA funding through the NDEE, public meetings and/or hearings have been or will be held for comment or input on the proposed projects under Nebraska’s Open Meetings Act. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act guarantees that every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies.

Labor Practices

The Agreements signed between the participant and NDEE outlines requirements that coincide with the noted labor practices. The following are descriptions of those program and state requirements:

- Professional Engineer Contract
 - To ensure the quality of a community project the participant agrees to hire a professional engineer for the design, oversight, and inspection of the activities

detailed in the Workplan, as necessary for the preparation, submittal and construction oversight of the project.

- Workplan Approval
 - To ensure project eligibility, a Workplan is submitted for approval and can only be amended with approval from the NDEE prior to the disbursement of funds.
- Contract Approvals
 - To ensure eligibility, the participant agrees that any contract, interagency agreement or subagreement under the primary Agreement must receive written approval by the NDEE Project Manager prior to expenditure of funds and will only be expended for eligible activities. Copies of all contracts, subagreements and interagency agreements must be provided to the NDEE.
- Information Collection
 - To ensure transparency, the participant agrees that all information collected under the Agreement shall be provided to the NDEE.
- Procurements
 - To ensure fairness, the participant will use the Agreement to acquire, construct, and equip the Project, in accordance with LB1014e, with the procurement standards set forth in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327, and any applicable federal law that includes, but is not limited to, the ARPA, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions. This does not apply to architectural and engineering services, so long as those services are solely paid or reimbursed through SRF funding. For public water system projects, the Participants will maintain and operate the Project in accordance with LB 1014e and Title 179, Public Water Systems – Chapter 22.
- Davis-Bacon labor standards
 - When coupled with SRF financing, the participant agrees that all work and labor will comply with the prevailing wage provisions under the Davis-Bacon Act. For activities related to private well rehabilitations, Davis-Bacon wages being paid were confirmed for the treatment system installers. A hyperlink was provided in the Agreements for reference. The state fair grounds projects is evaluating whether to comply with *page 37 of the Reporting Guidance* or the prevailing wage provisions under the Davis-Bacon Act.
- Nondiscrimination
 - The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act prohibits contractors to the State of Nebraska and their subcontractors from discriminating against any employee, or applicant for employment in the performance of such contracts, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. The Participant's signature is a guarantee of compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement. The Participant shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts for services to be covered by any contract resulting from this Agreement.
- Drug Free Workplace

- The Participant, by executing these ARPA Agreements, certifies and assures that it operates a drug free workplace as addressed in the State of Nebraska Drug Free Workplace Policy of July 7, 1989.
- Employment Eligibility Verification
 - The Contractors are required and hereby agree to use, and require subcontractors to use, a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee. If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:
 - The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website.
 - If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
 - The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required, and the Contractor may be disqualified, or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-108.

Use of Evidence

For the vast majority of the funding being implemented by the NDEE, this is not applicable as LB1014e simply determined funding eligibilities. Then for the “...*grants for villages and cities of the second class to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten parts per million of nitrate*”, given the eligibility and period of availability, four communities replied to the NDEE’s survey request. A NDEE internal committee comprised of staff in the Engineering, Field Services, Monitoring & Compliance and SRF Sections reviewed the applicants’ information and recommended a path of award. The key measures evaluated were feasibility to repay, public health risks, and other alternatives available to the community. Based on the assessment of the limited pool of potentially eligible applicants, the recommendations were made for awarding these ARPA funds in a manner to guard against unreasonably growing government expenses. The selection committee determined that the cost for the Operation and Maintenance of a Reverse Osmosis treatment plant is not sustainable for two of the small Villages that applied. That if provided to those communities, the ARPA funds over time would unreasonably increase their system operating expenses.

Performance Report

The Agreements signed between the Participants and NDEE states that the projects must meet the requirements of ARPA noted in the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule, notably the Compliance and Reporting guidance. The corresponding hyperlinks for those requirements are available for the participant to click on and reference those materials. Progress reporting is also a requirement within the Agreement, such that when requested on a quarterly and/or annual basis the participant agrees to submit written progress updates within 5 business days in order for the NDEE to complete the reporting elements required.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District

NDEE Reference #2022-124293604: Cedar Knox Rural Water Project

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 *Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution*;
5.13 *Drinking Water: Source*; and
5.14 *Drinking Water: Storage*

Project Overview

The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) provides drinking water to approximately 3,000 residents in northern Cedar and Knox Counties of northeast Nebraska. CKRWP is a regional system that treats surface water drawn from Lewis and Clark Lake (Lake) impounded by Gavins Point Dam. Customers include 4 communities Crofton, Fordyce, St. Helena, and Obert; more than 900 rural connections; several campgrounds; and several Sanitary Improvement Districts and housing developments.

CKRWP experiences several issues related to the water source in the Lake that negatively impact the system and the ability of CKRWP to continue providing drinking water without making significant system changes. CKRWP and Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) have identified interconnecting with Yankton, South Dakota, and distribution system additions/upgrades as the most viable option to address these concerns for the long-term.

There are three primary impacts that must be addressed by CKRWP when securing long-term service. First, the intake structure located in the Lake is expected to be inundated by sediment in approximately 20 years or less. The advancing sediment concern is compounded by the impacts of flood events similar to those of 2011 and 2019, which represents sediment advancement in Lewis and Clark Lake. When the sediment reaches and covers the intake it will no longer be a viable structure to supply water to the treatment plant in the amount needed to produce drinking water for current CKRWP customers. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provided a letter to LCNRD in 2018 indicating, in part, USACE's understanding that sedimentation is a chronic concern, however; Gavins Point dam and the Lake are meeting their designed purpose and no action is planned to address sedimentation. LCNRD does not have the financial or technical ability to address the sediment and is forced to identify an alternative to the Lake to meet the source water needs for CKRWP. Secondly, as the sediment approaches the intake structure there is an increase in organic material carried by the flowing water and drawn into the intake that must be treated and removed. Increased organic material requires additional chlorination. The impact of elevated chlorination is the production of Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulated disinfection byproducts. CKRWP is under Administrative Order (AO) to address

one of these byproducts, Total-Trihalomethanes. Finally, production capacity of the treatment plant and capacity in portions of the distribution system are at or near their maximum sustainable levels. In addition, areas of the distribution system infrastructure require updates or additions including line replacement, upsizing and improvements, water tower replacement, and other needs.

Several options to address the above concerns were evaluated in a Preliminary Engineering Report completed by CKRWP engineer Bartlett and West in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Lincoln, Conservation and Survey Division (UNL-CSD) and engineering firm, LRE Water. The lowest initial project construction cost option was identified as purchasing finished water from Yankton. Other options have also been considered and were detailed in the application. After full deliberation the CKRWP Advisory Committee determined interconnection with Yankton and construction of distribution system upgrades offers the lowest cost to customers over the life of the facilities and is the best alternative to secure long-term service of a safe, reliable drinking water source.

Converting to a groundwater source will address concerns that exist with the Lake intake. Yankton's groundwater source is treated through a reverse osmosis process, which complies with the federal SDWA.

The federal SDWA recognizes the people served by CKRWP are entitled to safe drinking water. Nebraska Title 179 regulations establish drinking water standards for public water systems as authorized in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§71-5301 to 71-5313. These programs provide for the protection of human health and prevent drinking water health hazards through the control and regulation of public water systems and drinking water testing. The CKRWP supports strong state leadership and involvement on a state concern to effectively meet drinking water needs for residents.

LCNRD requested financial support for the design, permitting, and construction of a long-term water supply system for CKRWP. The water supply system improvements will be completed by the end of 2026, as initial construction contracts were signed in June 2024. The timeline corresponds to the required project completion requirements of ARPA funding. Those contracts totaled \$8,443,998, in excess of the noted \$7,000,000 funding amount.

Nebraska State Fair

NDEE Reference #2023-131428593: State Fair Grounds Project

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000 (\$14,705,610 to 5.5/5.6 & \$5,294,390 to 2.35)

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 *Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality;*
5.5 *Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure;* and
5.6 *Clean Water: Stormwater*

Project Overview

The Fonner Park Campus, the location of the State Fair Grounds, is an important community asset for the City of Grand Island. The grounds are in use an average of 300 plus days per year with over 500,000 annual visitors, vendors, exhibitors and participants in the many events that take place on the Campus. The Campus is a 220+ acre complex situated just off Interstate 80 in the City of Grand Island. It currently includes a 5/8th-mile Thoroughbred racetrack, world class livestock and exhibition facilities, consisting of seven buildings and more than 600,000 square feet of exhibition space, that are home to the Nebraska State

Fair, the Hall County Fair and year round livestock shows and exhibitions, the Heartland Events Center, (which is comprised of the 6,000 seat Eihusen Arena and the 8,000 square foot Bosselman Conference Center; the two buildings offer a combined 38,000 square feet complex for entertainment, conventions and other events), and an RV park with 130 improved pads. The process for developing a Master Plan was thorough and collaborative, providing a holistic investigation and vision for the campus. Site and existing inventory analysis, combined with a diverse neighborhood and public engagement plan, laid the foundation for a data driven exploration of enhancements to ensure sustainable development of the site.

The Master Plan for the campus concluded that critical infrastructure improvements were necessary, including but not limited to: Concrete paving, earthwork and grading integral to the construction of bioswales, detention basins, drainage ditches, permeable or porous pavement with underdrains, rain gardens and storm sewers. The majority of the proposed improvements will improve water quality in the Wood River by reducing the amount of and direct stormwater runoff, to help remove sediments or debris before reaching the river. The project will also include the purchase of a street sweeper, and utility improvements for sanitary wastes and a water service loop for maintaining the bioswales. An initial set of construction & engineering contracts have been signed for \$5,331,632.40, with Phase II of the project bidding planned for October 2024.

City of Wisner

NDEE Reference #2023-131344956: Wisner Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Project

Funding Amount: \$2,775,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.10 *Drinking Water: Treatment; and*
5.11 *Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution*

Project Overview

A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed by Olsson Associates, dated March 2022, evaluating the City of Wisner, Nebraska's water system. In recent years, increasing nitrate levels have been observed in the system exceeding the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of 10 mg/L. The purpose of this project is to add a Reverse Osmosis (RO) water treatment facility to mitigate nitrate levels. In 2019, the community constructed a new water well based on recommendations from a 2017 PER. A test hole was constructed in June 2016, and the water quality was acceptable. However, 2 years later, when the production well (Well 2019-1) was drilled and tested, nitrates levels detected were more than 10 mg/L. In addition, Well 1996-1 nitrate concentrations are increasing over time.

A water sample was taken from each of the municipal wells on July 2, 2021. The water results indicate that the water quality from Wells 1967-1 and 1996-1 have increased nitrate levels since the water quality tests taken for the previous PER in April 2017.

The RO treatment system will be designed to facilitate a 50:50 blend of treated to untreated water. The blend rate is based upon the desired nitrate level in the water, which is assumed to be around 5 – 6 mg/L. The system is designed to utilize (2) two trains of membranes rated for 200 gallons per minutes (gpm) of permeate each. The total permeate flow of 400 gpm will be blended with the 50% bypass, yielding a total capacity of 800 gpm for the

system. The system is designed to meet the projected peak day demand of 435 gpm, if one train and the largest well is out of service, the system will adjust to approximately a 55:45 blend of untreated to treated water and produce a nitrate level below about 6 mg/L, providing inherent redundancy. The RO system reject water flow is approximately 30 gpm per train. For the projected average day demands of 0.277 MGD, the average amount of reject water will be approximately 19,800 gpd or 20% of the water demand. The amount of discharge will increase the daily average flows for the wastewater treatment facility. The wastewater treatment facility should be able to handle this additional flow. The construction project was bid in June 2024, with a low bid of \$5,468,679, in excess of the noted \$2,775,000 funding amount. Signing of the construction contract is planned for July 2024.

Private Well Owners

NDEE Reference #s - Numerous: Reverse Osmosis Small Water Treatment Installations
Funding Amount: \$1,200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 5.16 *Water and Sewer: Private Wells (Treatment)*

Project Overview

Funds are being awarded to Participants through rebates on reverse osmosis small treatment installations for drinking water provided from private wells. Those eligible must effectively remove nitrates to below 10 parts per million. The NDEE shall reimburse Participants in an amount not to exceed a total amount of \$4,000.00 for the Private Well Reverse Osmosis Small Water Treatment Installation. The private wells must be registered through the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and have Nitrate levels exceeding 10 parts per million through testing completed by the Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory. In addition, Participants must contract a licensed plumber or successful certified installer for completion of the work for the reverse osmosis treatment systems certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) (e.g., National Sanitation Foundation, Water Quality Association, or Underwriters Laboratories). The installer of the reverse osmosis small treatment system must equip each with a Performance Indication Device. Before reimbursement is final, the Participant must submit a post-installation Nitrate sample through the Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory to confirm levels are below 10 parts per million.

To Be Determined

NDEE Reference #TBD: Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 5.10 *Drinking Water: Treatment*

Project Overview

A final community was selected for the replacement of reverse osmosis membranes at their existing water treatment plant. They are evaluating whether they can comply with ARPA requirements, prior to an agreement with the NDEE. Should they not be able to meet all requirements, this remaining \$25,000 in ARPA funding designated to the NDEE will likely be amended into the City of Wisner Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment agreement, or used in the Private Well reverse osmosis program.

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission **Recovery Plan**

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The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is charged to serve as the designated authority for management of compliant wastewater facilities on our park areas and have identified at various park areas across the state, wastewater treatment projects in most critical need of attention and actions necessary to continue the proper operation of park infrastructure and to remain in service to the general public. The listed projects are intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and gain efficiency through centralization of services and elimination of individualized treatment facilities.

Uses of Funds

The appropriated funds are assigned to agency identified wastewater treatment projects that are necessary to properly handle wastewater, protect the public and natural groundwater, and allow for continuing proper operation of park infrastructure and remain in service to the general public. Such infrastructure includes cabins, campgrounds, shower facilities, trailer dump stations and other related public facilities. The park areas are public facilities that are accessible to the general public and serve as critical economic drivers for the various nearby communities, offering recreational services, tourism revenue, and employment opportunities for those communities.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

- a. Goals: The projects are intended to enhance services at the park areas that are open and available to all populations.
- b. Awareness: The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission plans to use its communications channels by providing news releases, marketing, signage, etc. to provide awareness to the public of the projects and how SLFRF funding is being used for the projects.
- c. Access and Distribution: There is no difference in levels of access to the services provided at the park areas managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and there are no administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria.
- d. Outcomes: The intended outcome of the wastewater treatment upgrade projects is to provide enhanced universal levels of service and proper operation of park infrastructure that is accessible to all. The projects are intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and gain efficiency through centralization of services and elimination of individualized treatment facilities.

Community Engagement

The Nebraska Game and Park Commission has worked with community representatives in the legislature and other state agencies to determine eligible projects and has provided guidance documents and reports to the State Legislature's Executive Board. When applicable, outreach

efforts are used, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may reach out to local communities for collaboration on projects. The upgrades to the wastewater treatment facilities at the identified areas will positively impact the nearby communities that rely on the economic benefit that the park areas provide to those various communities as well as providing opportunities for increased to social wellbeing benefits to not only the nearby communities but the general public as well.

Labor Practices

State approved processes for selection of qualified and professional engineering firms will ensure that project designs comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities. Game and Parks will follow State of Nebraska procurement processes for selection of qualified contractual services for construction.

Use of Evidence

All projects are designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

The wastewater collection upgrades at the identified park areas a necessary to properly handle wastewater at those areas and is intended to meet federal and state requirements. The projects will provide enhanced services made available to the public. The majority of the construction work has been completed for the identified projects. Project specific updates are outlined in the below project inventory.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 33209901: Niobrara State Park Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$690,868.50

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Niobrara State Park. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work was performed by Rutjens Construction Inc. out of Tilden. Work was completed and project closed out in the fall of 2023. The lagoon and force main are in operation.

Project 33209902: Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$918,688.91

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work was performed by Nelson Construction LLC. Construction work was completed in the fall of 2023. The lagoon is being monitored for wastewater inflow and for water loss.

Project 33209903: Two Rivers State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$3,668,179.77

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work was performed by Valley Corporation. Construction work was completed in the spring of 2024. The lagoon and force main are in operation.

Project 33209904: Branched Oak State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$575,456.44

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Branched Oak State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work was performed by K2 Construction out of Lincoln. Work was completed and project closed out in the fall of 2023. The lagoon and force main are in operation.

Project 33209905: Mormon Island State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$1,078,947.28

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Mormon Island State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work was performed by Midlands Contracting Inc. out of Kearney. Work was completed and project closed out in late fall of 2023. The lagoon and force main are in operation.

Project 33209906: Johnson Lake State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$215,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Johnson Lake State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work is being performed by Tracy L Cook Construction LLC out of Kearney. Substantial Completion was reached in Summer of 2024. The contractor is completing punch list items. Anticipated to be completed and project closed out by fall of 2024

Project 33209907: Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment

Funding amount: \$456,660.00

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1, Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Project Overview

- Wastewater collection upgrades necessary to properly handle wastewater at Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area. This project is intended to enhance services made available to the public and to meet code requirements. The project is intended to maintain adequate minimum levels of service and achieve efficiency through centralization of services.

Use of Evidence

- This project is designed to comply with all federal and state, (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy), regulations requiring proper operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

Performance Report

- Work will be performed by Rutjens Construction Inc. out of Tilden. Construction is slated to start in late fall after peak camping season. Anticipated to be completed by summer of 2024.

State of Nebraska

**Nebraska Department of
Postsecondary Education**

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LB 1014 (2022), Sec. 35 requires a community college to make a grant application to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for funding for a capital project or for offering a course or program that meets the criteria established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Commission. The Legislature has appropriated \$60 million, not to exceed \$10 million for any one community college, for such purposes.

Two overarching project categories are job training assistance and workforce training center capital projects. Outcomes of each type of project are to provide trainees, including low- or moderate-income populations, underemployed workers, and unemployed workers, the time and support needed to train for higher wage occupations with career advancement opportunities.

Outcomes for job training assistance includes increased enrollment and graduation in high demand, high skill, and high wage (H³) jobs while the capital construction category outcomes provide the learning environment for these H³ jobs.

Progress on job training assistance and capital construction projects include increased enrollment, retention, and graduation rates and increased placement success in high demand, high skill, and high wage (H³) jobs. Progress on job assistance projects include number of clients served annually, number of clients that were retained or have completed their education/training programs, and number of clients that met their employment objective. However, most of the capital projects are in their infancy and progress won't be measurable until a few years after completion of the projects.

Uses of Funds

Uses of funds appropriated by the legislature under LB1014 (2022), Sec. 36 fall under one of two Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households - 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Underemployed Workers categories - job training assistance or workforce training center capital projects.

Recognizing that the pandemic has generated broad workforce disruption, the Final Rule makes clear that recipients may provide job training to individuals that are currently employed but are seeking to move to a job that provides better opportunities for economic advancement, such as higher wages or more opportunities for career advancement. Consistent with this intent, the Final Rule also enumerates that job and workforce training centers are eligible capital expenditures for recipients of funds.

Projects will provide supplemental financial support, non-credit/credit scholarships, funding for books and other educational and training tools, connections to employment (business placement sponsorships for small businesses), career coaching, and basic skills support in the classroom to enable individuals who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, and are currently unemployed or underemployed, to receive short-term skills training and job placement services offered in cooperation with state and federal workforce funding systems. Equipped with flexible training stipends, scholarships, and linkages to employment, trainees, including low- or

moderate-income populations, underemployed workers, and unemployed workers will have the time and support needed to train for higher wage occupations with career advancement opportunities. Several of the projects include construction of training centers to house academic programs that lead to (H³) jobs.

Grant applications included testimonials from area businesses identifying shortage of skilled workers, several in H³ occupations, as a main concern. Supporting the workforce demand by producing a well-prepared labor pool is essential to helping businesses, industries, and communities recover from the labor disruptions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. These projects will contribute to competitiveness and domestic business creation and sustainability in manufacturing, construction, and other sectors, and promote economic recovery and resiliency in a fast-changing workforce landscape.

Promoting equitable outcomes

For the non-capital construction projects, outreach will be conducted to raise awareness of the programs throughout the service area, particularly within highly distressed Opportunity Zone tracts and to populations most likely to benefit from the programs and its employment and training services. This will include dissemination of program information through existing network of partners. Programs may utilize an intake and orientation process to enroll students into the program, outline participation requirements, ensure eligibility, and set the stage for the education and training to occur during their time in the program. Intake may include a meeting to discuss each potential participant's employment goals, barriers to meeting these goals, and educational/career maps that guide students to achieve their employment goals.

Community Engagement

The State, as recipient of ARPA funds, appropriated \$60 million to community colleges to fund capital projects or for offering an academic course or program. Through communications with area businesses and/or internally identified needs of students/businesses, each community college will identify projects that best address these needs for their service area. This included seeking feedback of employers and students in advisory boards and work-based learning placement activities on modern practices and skills needed for successful employment in the service area.

Labor Practices

Subrecipients have been provided the following compliance requirements: Final Rule, Compliance and Reporting Guidance, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance" or 2 CFR Part 200), Labor Standards Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction - Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5), and Civil Rights.

Use of Evidence

Projects will be evaluated based on program evaluations measuring effectiveness of the overall goals of providing job training and job opportunities to the general community, including low- or moderate-income populations, underemployed workers, and unemployed workers.

Performance Report

Each project will have its own performance measures as documented in the grant agreement with key measurements included in the project inventory for the project.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Central Community College

Project: 48697131 - ITS & Business Remodel Project

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- The Central Community College ITS & Business remodel project aims to update 8,120 square feet of workforce training center space on the Grand Island campus to better facilitate learning and engaging educational opportunities for students in programs leading to H3 (high wage, high demand and/or high skill) occupations in central Nebraska, specifically information technology systems and business. The Final Rule explicitly identifies job and workforce training centers as an enumerated eligible use as assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers (page 117), specifically denoting "services like job training to accelerate rehiring of unemployed workers" (page 116). The project will accommodate classes and updated technology for essential business career opportunities for unemployed and underemployed workers. Improvements include, investing in infrastructure/equipment for student support in classrooms and computer labs, bringing the facility up to building and energy codes, and including new program space for entrepreneurial efforts. The project began after March 2023 with expected completion by the end of 2024. Outcomes include the design, public bid and completion of facilities and updated technology designed to assist students enter careers considered high wage, high demand and/or high skill in central Nebraska.
- No web link to the project has been created.
- This project is not applicable for addressing climate change and/or advancement of the Justice40 initiative. Central Community College is a 2023 Gold STAR Institution as recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education so energy conservation designs are a priority.

Use of Evidence

- Specific evidence-based interventions are not applicable to this project, but rather specific best practice procurement and accounting practices to ensure necessary, quality materials and services are used, and software, equipment and technology is being secured for use by students in order to provide high probability of career placement following completion of their program of study.
- No amount of SLFRF funding is designated for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Cooperative work for collection and reporting for this project will be completed by faculty, purchasing, accounting, institutional research and administration with the following performance measures:

1. Documentation of engagement from program faculty, business and ITS advisory boards to provide feedback on essential career skills and suggestions on facilities, software and equipment required to help develop those skills.
2. Documentation of engagement of professional services to design and prepare bid documents for availability and distribution to all contractors. Final bid results and record of approval of contract by the publicly elected Central Community College Board of Governors.
3. Documentation of regular update meetings, safety reviews and inspections occurring throughout the project.
4. Documentation of software and equipment procurement and results of the external fiscal audit of project expenditures.
5. Documentation of student completion numbers into select programs or courses using spaces. This will be completed each semester and annually with a goal of 80% completion of course and program. As available, collect student demographic characteristics including breakdown of race, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic to examine success of students and graduates in programs utilizing the space. This will be completed and reported on an annual basis.

As required by b. Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10):

- Number of workers (students) enrolled in sectoral job training programs
- Number of workers (students) completing sectoral job training programs
- Number of people (students) participating in summer youth employment programs.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Central Community College

Project: 48697132: CTSN Equipment for H3 Jobs

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- The Central Community College CTSN Equipment for H3 Jobs Project aims to update and modernize equipment in three career and technical programs to meet industry standards with thirteen new or leased pieces of equipment. This request will be used for equipment in the following programs: Heavy Equipment Operator Technician, Diesel Technology, Nursing Education. The equipment purchased will allow students to learn and practice on equipment that is used in industry. The simulators will provide state of the art immersive experiences for teaching and learning. Purchase and use of equipment will be completed throughout 2024 through 2026. Outcomes include the identification, purchase, curriculum implementation of equipment designed to assist students enter careers considered high wage, high demand and/or high skill in central Nebraska.
- No web link to the project has been created.
- This project is not applicable for addressing climate change and/or advancement of the Justice40 initiative. Central Community College is a 2023 Gold STAR Institution as recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Use of Evidence

- Specific evidence-based interventions are not applicable to this project, but rather specific best practice procurement and accounting practices to ensure necessary, quality equipment is being secured for use by students in order to provide high probability of career placement following completion of their program of study.
- No amount of SLFRF funding is designated for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Cooperative work for collection and reporting for this project will be completed by faculty, purchasing, accounting, institutional research and administration with the following performance measures:

1. 100% documentation of need from program faculty/program supervisor and/or business advisory boards of equipment required to help build essential career skills in these high wage, high demand and/or high skill occupations in central Nebraska. This will be completed prior to purchase or leasing of equipment.
2. 100% documentation of equipment bids and/or justified sole-source purchasing. This will be completed prior or at time of equipment purchasing.

3. 100% inventory of equipment purchased and results of annual fiscal audit. This will be completed within thirty days of receipt of equipment and annually by fiscal auditor.
4. Documentation of student completion numbers into select programs or courses using equipment. This will be completed each semester and annually with a goal of 80% completion of course and program.
5. As available, collect student demographic characteristics including breakdown of race, ethnicity, gender, and socio-economic to examine success of students and graduates in programs utilizing equipment. This will be completed and reported on an annual basis.

As required by b. Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) :

- Number of workers (students) enrolled in sectoral job training programs
- Number of workers (students) completing sectoral job training programs
- Number of people (students) participating in summer youth employment programs.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Central Community College Project

Project [Identification Number]: CCC-GI Welding Training Center

Funding amount: \$3,300,000 SLFR toward total estimated project cost of \$5,166,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- The Central Community College Welding Training Center project aims to construct 14,760 square feet of instructional and student support space on the Grand Island campus to assist in the training and education of unemployed and underemployed workers for high wage, high demand and high skill careers in central Nebraska. The Final Rule explicitly identifies job and workforce training centers as an enumerated eligible use as assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers (page 117), specifically denoting "services like job training to accelerate rehiring of unemployed workers" (page 116). The project will accommodate classes and updated technology for essential welding career opportunities for unemployed and underemployed workers. Improvements include, investing in infrastructure/equipment for student support in welding and brazing booths, specialized grinding, receiving and cutting areas, and computer labs, with supporting classroom and faculty space. The project will provide training and safety space for teaching welding technical skills that match a wide variety of businesses and industry's needs within the local area, introduction to transitioning high school pathway students and advanced and specialized skills for individuals already in the workforce seeking promotion opportunities. The project should begin in 2024 and be completed in 2025. Outcomes include the design, public bid and completion of facilities and updated technology designed to assist students enter careers considered high wage, high demand and/or high skill in central Nebraska.
- No web link to the project has been created.
- This project is not applicable for addressing climate change and/or advancement of the Justice40 initiative. Central Community College is a 2023 Gold STAR Institution as recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education so energy conservation designs are a priority.

Use of Evidence

- Specific evidence-based interventions are not applicable to this project, but rather specific best practice procurement and accounting practices to ensure necessary, quality materials and services are used, and software, equipment and technology is being secured for use by students in order to provide high probability of career placement following completion of their program of study.
- No amount of SLFRF funding is designated for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Cooperative work for collection and reporting for this project will be completed by faculty, purchasing, accounting, institutional research and administration with the following performance measures:

1. Documentation of engagement from program faculty, welding advisory boards to provide feedback on essential career skills and suggestions on facilities, software and equipment required to help develop those skills.
2. Documentation of engagement of professional services to design and prepare bid documents for availability and distribution to all contractors. Final bid results and record of approval of contract by the publicly elected Central Community College Board of Governors.
3. Documentation of regular update meetings, safety reviews and inspections occurring throughout the project.
4. Documentation of software and equipment procurement and results of the external fiscal audit of project expenditures.
5. Documentation of student completion numbers into select programs or courses using spaces. This will be completed each semester and annually with a goal of 80% completion of course and program. As available, collect student demographic characteristics including breakdown of race, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic to examine success of students and graduates in programs utilizing the space. This will be completed and reported on an annual basis.

As required by b. Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10):

- Number of workers (students) enrolled in sectoral job training programs
- Number of workers (students) completing sectoral job training programs
- Number of people (students) participating in summer youth employment programs.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Central Community College Project

Project [Identification Number]: CCC-Hastings Automotive Training Center

Funding amount: \$4,700,000 SLFR toward total estimated project cost of \$19,460,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- The Central Community College Automotive Training Center project aims to construct 42,000 square feet of instructional and student support space on the Hastings campus to assist in the training and education of unemployed and underemployed workers for high wage, high demand and high skill careers in central Nebraska. The Final Rule explicitly identifies job and workforce training centers as an enumerated eligible use as assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers (page 117), specifically denoting "services like job training to accelerate rehiring of unemployed workers" (page 116). The project will accommodate classes and updated technology for essential welding career opportunities for unemployed and underemployed workers. Improvements include, investing in infrastructure/equipment for student support in automotive maintenance, diagnosis/repair of all makes and models of cars and light duty trucks, including electric vehicles, autobody painting, refinishing, sheet metal repair and replacement. Educational programming will match a wide variety of businesses and industry's needs within the local area, introduction to transitioning high school pathway students and advanced and specialized skills for individuals already in the workforce seeking promotion opportunities. The project should begin in 2024 and be completed in 2026. Outcomes include the design, public bid and completion of facilities and updated technology designed to assist students enter careers considered high wage, high demand and/or high skill in central Nebraska.
- No web link to the project has been created.
- This project is not applicable for addressing climate change and/or advancement of the Justice40 initiative. Central Community College is a 2023 Gold STAR Institution as recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education so energy conservation designs are a priority.

Use of Evidence

- Specific evidence-based interventions are not applicable to this project, but rather specific best practice procurement and accounting practices to ensure necessary, quality materials and services are used, and software, equipment and technology is being secured for use by students in order to provide high probability of career placement following completion of their program of study.
- No amount of SLFRF funding is designated for evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Cooperative work for collection and reporting for this project will be completed by faculty, purchasing, accounting, institutional research and administration with the following performance measures:

1. Documentation of engagement from program faculty and automotive and autobody advisory boards to provide feedback on essential career skills and suggestions on facilities, software and equipment required to help develop those skills.
2. Documentation of engagement of professional services to design and prepare bid documents for availability and distribution to all contractors. Final bid results and record of approval of contract by the publicly elected Central Community College Board of Governors.
3. Documentation of regular update meetings, safety reviews and inspections occurring throughout the project.
4. Documentation of software and equipment procurement and results of the external fiscal audit of project expenditures.
5. Documentation of student completion numbers into select programs or courses using spaces. This will be completed each semester and annually with a goal of 80% completion of course and program. As available, collect student demographic characteristics including breakdown of race, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic to examine success of students and graduates in programs utilizing the space. This will be completed and reported on an annual basis.

As required by b. Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10):

- Number of workers (students) enrolled in sectoral job training programs
- Number of workers (students) completing sectoral job training programs
- Number of people (students) participating in summer youth employment programs.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Metropolitan Community College

Project: 48697116 - Career Forward

Funding amount: \$9,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

MCC's proposed CAREER FORWARD program provides supplemental financial support, non-credit/credit scholarships, funding for books and other educational and training tools, connections to employment (business placement sponsorships for small businesses), career coaching, and basic skills support in the classroom to enable individuals who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, and are currently unemployed or underemployed, to receive short-term skills training and job placement services offered in cooperation with state and federal workforce funding systems.

Equipped with flexible training stipends, scholarships, and linkages to employment, trainees will have the time and support needed to train for higher wage occupations with career advancement opportunities. Paired with Skills Assessments using the National Career Readiness Certification, MCC career coaching, job placement services, transportation support, and other wrap-around supports, Career Forward helps to bridge the significant barriers these individuals face in jumpstarting their careers.

The project initiated on October 1, 2022 with recruitment efforts conducted by internal marketing and through existing channels to help quickly raise awareness of the program. The program also began contacting current students such as those in the college's HEERFS (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) and workforce support grant programs, transitioning eligible students in these programs into Career Forward.

The program offers training across a variety of career fields, including transportation, IT, healthcare, automotive, industrial maintenance, project management, insurance, manufacturing, fiber optics, and other high-demand careers. As described, throughout their time in the program, the students are provided a variety of supports to address existing barriers (such as tuition) and unexpected barriers that arise during their time in training. The program's overriding purpose is to provide those who have been negatively impacted by the COVID19 pandemic with the full support needed to enter and succeed in a training program that leads to gainful employment.

- ***Link to the website of the project if available***

<https://www.mccneb.edu/Community-Business/Workforce-Innovation-Division/Career-Skill-Advancement-Adult-Education/Career-Forward>

- **Describe how the project contributes to addressing climate change and/or advances the Justice40 initiative, which sets a target of providing 40 of the benefits of certain federal investments, including climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities (for infrastructure projects under EC 5)**

Not applicable.

Use of Evidence

- **Briefly describe the goals of the project, and whether SLFRF funds are being used for evidence-based interventions, the evidence base for the interventions, and/or if projects are being evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. If a recipient is conducting a program evaluation in lieu of reporting the amount of spending on evidence-based interventions, they must describe the evaluation design (see Reporting Guidance for additional details that should be included).**

The project is being supported by an external evaluation to help guide the project's impact study and provide data for internal and external reporting purposes. The evaluation is utilizing both formative and summative strategies to support continuous program improvement and to determine the extent to which the project was effective in achieving economic benefits for participants.

The program is collecting a variety of data on participants which include demographic and income data, gender, zip code of residence, number/nature of work-based learning experiences, education and training outcomes, number who are placed in employment, number who earn higher wages post-education/training, number who earn a degree or certification, and other pertinent data.

The program is guided by the following annual objectives: 1000 clients served annually; 75% of clients are retained or have successfully completed their education/training program; and 75% of clients meet their employment objective. Additionally, 80% of participating Career Forward business partners and employers will report high satisfaction with the program and newly hired employees.

The project evaluation is designed to help the College and its stakeholders determine whether the program is on track toward meeting its stated objectives, how/when to respond to negative trends that occur during the project's implementation (formative evaluation) and the extent to which objectives are met (summative evaluation).

- **Identify the dollar amount of the total project spending that is allocated towards evidence-based interventions for each project in the Expenditure Categories noted with an asterisk in Appendix 1 of the Reporting Guidance.**

100% of the funding allocated to date has been spent on evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

- *For the Project Inventories, include key performance indicators for your jurisdiction's major SLFRF funded projects. Report key performance indicators for each project, or group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures. Jurisdictions may choose to include some indicators for each individual project as well as crosscutting*

indicators. Include both output and outcome measures. Provide data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors, if possible.

Program Outcomes:

Performance Measure	Progress
Program Goals (Annual)	
Participants Served (goal=1000)	943 (unduplicated) 1054 (duplicated)
Percent who are retained or completed their training program	77.6%
Percent who meet their employment objective	77.6%
Employer Satisfaction Rate	In progress
Participant Information	
Total Number of Participants Served (Unduplicated)	943
Percent of Participants: Low-Income (Pell-eligible)	100%
Percent of Participants: Racial/Ethnic Minority	63.8%
Percent Black/African American	44.0%
Percent American Indian or Alaska Native	1.9%
Percent Asian	3.6%
Percent Multi-Race	2.5%
Percent White or Caucasian	47.5%
Percent Hispanic	14.2%
Percent of Participants residing in low-income zip codes (i.e., zip codes with poverty levels that exceed Nebraska's poverty rate of 10.3%)	56.0%
Education/Training Data	
Average Hourly Wage of Participants (Pre-Program)	\$17.17
Average Hourly Wage of Completers (Post-Program)	\$19.44
Total Number of Certifications Earned	1,316
% Retained in Program	77.6%
Number Currently in Education/Training	363 (duplicated)
Total Drops/Withdrawals/Fails	234
Number of Completers	446

Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):

Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs – 1,054

Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs - 446

Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs (n/a)

PROJECT INVENTORY

Metropolitan Community College

Project: 48697216 - Powersports and Outdoor Power Equipment Technology Training Program

Funding amount: \$626,152

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- Funding will be used to establish a Powersports and Outdoor Power Equipment Technology Training Program. The project will provide short-term training to earn high-skill, high-demand certifications that lead to sustainable wages in a variety of high-growth occupations within the Powersports/Small Engine industry for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. Students may enroll in one or more tracks (four total) to obtain multiple certificates or complete all four tracks and graduate with an associate degree. The project provides training and education to individuals negatively impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic, enabling them to earn nationally recognized credentials and obtain employment or advance their careers.
- Classes will begin in the Fall 2023 quarter.
- <https://www.mccneb.edu/Academics/Programs-of-Study/Industrial-Transportation-Utility-Line/Powersports-and-Outdoor-Power-Technology>

Use of Evidence

- The goals of the project are to provide valuable job training and education to workers who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.
- The program's intervention is informed by discussions with area employers that indicated that there is a great need for skilled workers in the powersports industry.
- Learners receive hands-on instruction on shop practices and product maintenance using tried and proven methods of adult learning (Dustin, Emily, 12 July 2017, Challenges, Opportunities, and Growth: Understanding Adult Learners. Retrieved from <https://motivislearning.com/insights/supporting-adult-learners-through-challenges-and-opportunities/>)
- The Evaluation plan for the Powersports and Outdoor Power Equipment Technology Training Program will include formative and summative strategies in order to (1) measure the program's impact on students, and (2) provide data necessary to evaluate student learning (credentials/degrees awarded), and to fine-tune the program (continuous improvement). Should the data show a lack of progress toward the stated objectives, program staff and partners will conduct a focused analysis of the data to determine root causes of negative trends and to respond with a series of program modifications that mitigate these issues. In every sense, the program's evaluation will be continuous, collaborative and proactive, in order to ensure, at every stage of the project, adequate performance.
- Expenditure Category 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers: \$626,152

Performance Report

- The Powersports program began offering classes in Fall 2023. The program has only been in operation for three quarters, so data is limited. No students have completed the program as of Summer 2024.
- Program enrollment for Fall 2023 – Summer 2024 is presented in Table 2. MCC is actively marketing the program and expects enrollment to increase in subsequent quarters.

Powersports Enrollment Fall 2023 – Summer 2024			
Certificate/Degree Track	Female	Male	Total
Career Certificate – ATV/Snowmobile Technician (PSATV)	0	2	2
Career Certificate – Motorcycle Technician (PSMCT)	1	3	4
Career Certificate – Outdoor Power Equipment Technician (PSOPE)	0	1	1
Associate in Applied Science – Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology (PSPTA)	0	4	4
Total	1	10	11

Table 1: Powersports Enrollment Fall 2023 – Summer 2024

- 11 high school students participated in the Powersports Career Academy, and 8 students completed it.
- 19 individuals (MCC students and Career Academy participants) have earned industry certifications from companies such as Stihl, ECHO, and NC3.
- 2 students have attained full-time employment.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Metropolitan Community College

Project: 48697163 - Building Information Modeling Technology Training Program

Funding amount: \$373,848

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed and Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

- Funding will be used to establish a Building Information Modeling Training Program within the Architectural Technology and Civil Engineering Technology programs at Metropolitan Community College. The project will provide short-term training to earn high-skill, high-demand certifications that lead to sustainable wages in a variety of high-growth occupations within the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering industries for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. Students may enroll in five possible programs to complete a career certificate. Each of the five programs may be continued on to complete an associate degree and if desired, transferred towards a four-year university. The project provides training and education to individuals negatively impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic, enabling them to earn nationally recognized credentials and obtain employment or advance their careers.
- Classes will begin in the Fall 2023 quarter.
- See attached flyers

Use of Evidence

- The goals of the project are to provide valuable job training and education to workers who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.
- The program's intervention is informed by discussions with area employers that indicated that there is a great need for skilled workers in the architecture, construction, and engineering industry.
- Learners receive hands-on instruction on shop practices and product maintenance using tried and proven methods of adult learning (Dustin, Emily, 12 July 2017, Challenges, Opportunities, and Growth: Understanding Adult Learners. Retrieved from <https://motivislearning.com/insights/supporting-adult-learners-through-challenges-and-opportunities/>)
- The Evaluation plan for the BIM Technology Training Program will include formative and summative strategies in order to (1) measure the program's impact on students, and (2) provide data necessary to evaluate student learning (credentials/degrees awarded), and to fine-tune the program (continuous improvement). Should the data show a lack of progress toward the stated objectives, program staff and partners will conduct a focused analysis of the data to determine root causes of negative trends and to respond with a series of program modifications that mitigate these issues. In every sense, the program's evaluation will be continuous, collaborative and proactive, in order to ensure, at every stage of the project, adequate performance.
- Expenditure Category 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers: \$373,848

Performance Report

- The BIM program began offering classes in Fall 2023, and data collection is ongoing. Because the program has only been operating for three quarters, data is limited.
- Program enrollment for Fall 2023 – Summer 2024 is presented in Table 1. Completion numbers are presented in Table 2. MCC is actively marketing the program and expects enrollment to increase in subsequent quarters.

BIM Enrollment Fall 2023 – Summer 2024			
Certificate/Degree Track	Female	Male	Total
Career Certificate – BIM Architectural (BIMAR)	1	4	5
Career Certificate – BIM Electrical (BIMEL)	0	5	5
Career Certificate – BIM Mechanical (BIMME)	0	1	1
Total	1	10	11

Table 1: BIM Enrollment Fall 2023 – Summer 2024

BIM Awards Fall 2023 – Summer 2024	
Certificate/Degree Track	Total
Career Certificate – BIM Architectural (BIMAR)	1
Career Certificate – BIM Electrical (BIMEL)	1
Total	2

Table 2: BIM Awards Fall 2023 – Summer 2024

- 13 high school seniors started Architecture or Civil Engineering Career Academies, and 10 completed their chosen program of study.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Mid-Plains Community College

Project: 48697112 - Health and Science Center (HASC) Expansion Project

Funding Amount: \$995,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

The HASC Expansion Project, with the expected completion date of July 1, 2023, will house a healthcare workforce training center that responds to the need for high-demand, high-skill, high-wage job training, helping to alleviate the pandemic's regional negative economic and public health impacts. The expanded structure adds approximately 11,800 square feet of learning space for health occupations training, with the capacity for sixteen potential students added to the nursing programs, eight of whom will be Registered Nurses, which on an annual basis meets 8.4% of the reported shortage of 95 Registered Nurses in the region. The HASC Expansion will also be home to advanced, state-of-the-art Emergency Medical Services training, the Medical Lab Technician program, and CPR/AED/Basic Life Support classes, as well as serving as the educational hub for community and regional health gatherings.

The current Mid-Plains Community College Health and Science Center (HASC) facility has reached its physical space threshold, and additional space is needed for students who endeavor to be a part of the remedy for the ever-growing healthcare needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic and an aging regional population. College administration has embarked on the HASC Expansion Project, a \$4,771,049 project, which will result in more classrooms to accommodate increased enrollment in nursing courses, additional lab space for nursing and emergency medical services, and a virtual innovation lab to complement existing programming. This new space was thoughtfully designed with the intent of engaging new learners from this high poverty, low median wage population, thus providing a broader population of educated, available healthcare professionals for a post-pandemic era and assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers.

Intended outcomes are as follows: The 3-year average of Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) graduates from Registered Nursing (RN) program will demonstrate a National Council Licensure Examination (N-CLEX) pass rate increase from 66.42% to 90%, which based upon increased capacity for MPCC's RN students, increases the 3-year average of workforce-ready nurses from 17 to 36 from the fully staffed HASC facility by 2030. Using the same measure, MPCC anticipates that MPCC Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) graduate N-CLEX

pass rates will increase from 96.8% 3-year average to 97%, with the increased student numbers translating to a 3-year average of 31 workforce-ready LPNs.

The intended goals of the Health and Science Center Expansion Project, as referenced in Section 6, are met through MPCC's capital investment, with assistance from SLFRF funding and the subsequent addition of instructional staff and increased student population. Project evaluation will occur through annual reporting, data collection, and student learning outcomes; therefore, no specific allocation of SLFRF monies are applied to evidence-based interventions or evaluations.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Mid-Plains Community College

Project: 48697122 - East Campus Renovation Project

Funding Amount: \$9,005,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

The East Campus Renovation Project, with the expected completion by December 2026, will house a healthcare workforce training center that responds to the need for high-demand, high-skill, high-wage job training, helping to alleviate the pandemic's regional negative economic and public health impacts. Through business and industry simulation and collaboration spaces, this Project will also serve community business needs during post-pandemic recovery. The expanded structure refurbishes—with state-of-the-art technology and design—approximately 29,178 square feet of learning space for health occupations training and business and community engagement programming, as well as serving as the educational hub for community and regional health and business gatherings.

The current paramedic facility on the McCook Campus have reached its physical space threshold, and additional space is needed for students who endeavor to be a part of the remedy for the ever-growing healthcare needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic and an aging regional population. College administration has embarked on the \$11.3 million East Campus Renovation Project, which will result in more classrooms to accommodate increased enrollment and certification in nursing courses, increased enrollment and certification of emergency medical services students, additional lab space for nursing and emergency medical services, an ambulance box to train future paramedics, and a virtual innovation lab to complement existing programming. This new space was thoughtfully designed with the intent of engaging new learners from this high poverty, low median wage population, thus providing a broader population of educated, available healthcare professionals for a post-pandemic era and assistance to unemployed or underemployed workers.

Intended outcomes are as follows:

- The current 3-year average of work-ready paramedics will increase to 37 completers who pass the National Registry Exam by 2030, an increase of an average additional 15 work-ready paramedics annually
- With the usage of the renovated East Campus, MPCC's N-CLEX/LPN pass rate will increase to 97% of the total LPN graduates by 2030, an increase of 31 workforce-ready licensed practical nurses annually
- Business and Community Education programming hours will increase by 1%, or 260 hours annually, by 2030.

The intended goals of the East Campus Renovation Project, as referenced in Section 6, are met through MPCC's capital investment, with assistance from SLFRF funding. Project evaluation will occur through annual reporting, data collection, and student learning outcomes; therefore, no specific allocation of SLFRF monies will be applied to evidence-based interventions or evaluations.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Northeast Community College

Project: 48697114 - Fabrication Lab Renovation Project

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10–Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview

The Fabrication Lab Renovation consists of a complete renovation of a 17,785-square-foot building in downtown Norfolk. This space will benefit local and area manufacturers – especially those that serve agricultural clients – along with entrepreneurs interested in research and testing concepts that may lead to the development of new products or start up businesses. Another benefit of this space is for work upskilling for local companies to send their employees for customized training opportunities within the realms of manufacturing, automation, and fabrication.

This project, which also has opportunities for historic restoration, will provide renovated space to support a new robotics program, as well as entrepreneurial services that allow access to resources and equipment for citizens in Northeast Community Colleges 20-county service area.

New program space will consist of a Metal and Wood shop, Rapid Prototyping, and an Automation/Electro-mechanical lab, storage and receiving, and collaborative spaces. This project acts as an opportunity to partner with Invest Nebraska and Growing Together regional economic development initiative incubators and accelerators to support key industries in the High Wage, High Skill, and High Demand (H3) occupational areas. Improvements include bringing the facility up to building and energy codes, new program space for entrepreneurial efforts, and investing in infrastructure and equipment to support future community partnerships. [Northeast Nebraska Innovation Hub | Northeast Community College, Nebraska](#)

Use of Evidence

Currently, few fabrication labs serve both workforce development needs as well as entrepreneurial development within a community. The model being developed will provide a valuable contribution to evidence on the synergies that may exist with such co-location in rural communities. Program evaluation will be incorporated into the SLFRF program to build evidence on the impact of entrepreneurship ecosystem creation, as well as impact on employment in “H3” jobs. H3 jobs are those that are high skill, high wage, and high demand.

Performance Report

Project timeline and deliverables provide the dashboard of progress in this project.

- July 2023
 - o Director on-boarding
 - o FabLab Planning Discussions continue

- August - September 2023
 - o Architect and college continue floor plans
 - o FabLab Planning Discussion continue

- October 2023
 - o Equipment selection continues
 - o Planning discussion continue

- November 2023
 - o Equipment selection finalized for different labs in space
 - o Planning discussion continue

- December 2023-January 2024
 - o Final design and engineering plans submitted to EDA for approval
 - o EDA approval is received
 - o Project documents are sent to contractors
 - o Robotics Trainer Position posted

- February-March 2024
 - o Sealed Bids opened at college
 - o Contract awarded to General Contractor

- April 2024
 - o Groundbreaking event held outside of the building
 - o Construction begins on renovation

- May-June 2024
 - o New director on-boarding, new robotics trainer position hired

The project is resuming momentum with a full-time director and robotics trainer in place. Equipment for each space has been finalized for initial startup. The director and robotics trainer are preparing for purchasing equipment and completing instructor training to offer workshops, certificates, and micro credentials while the renovation is ongoing. Funds will be expended as renovation begins and equipment is purchased. Construction is temporarily on hold due to an incident during the demolition process. The College is undertaking every step within its power to commence construction.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Northeast Community College

Project: 48697142 - South Sioux City Workforce Development Expansion Project.

Funding amount: \$8,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10–Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview

Workforce Development Center at Northeast Community College's South Sioux City Extended Campus will serve eight counties in the South Sioux City region. The two-phase project will consist of constructing a truck driving training facility, shelter, and practice range; expanding the industrial training building to support additional upskilling for employment advancement; and development of training spaces and curriculum to provide high demand skills in areas such as construction trades, industrial robotics, heavy equipment operation and transportation technicians.

Phase one consists of constructing the truck driving facility, shelter and practice range as well as expanding the existing industrial training building. Architectural designs are complete, bidding process is complete, and construction has begun. Completion of the practice driving

Use of Evidence

Program selection has been based upon data on employment openings, historic trends and projected trends. The programs to be added via this project have proven a sustained demand within the region to be served. Program evaluation will be incorporated into to the SLFRF program to measure impact on employment in "H3" jobs. H3 jobs are those that are high skill, high wage, and high demand.

Performance Report

Project timeline and deliverables provide the dashboard of progress in this project. Architectural designs for the truck driver training facility and industrial training building expansion are finalized and contract awarded. Construction of the practice driving range has begun with anticipated completion by mid-August 2023. Remaining construction and renovation will begin as soon as possible with anticipated final completion by end of June 2024. A full-time instructor was hired prior to grant award and has completed onboarding and training. Multiple area employers have made soft commitments to provide in-kind donations of equipment; with efforts currently underway to solidify those details. Programming plans and architectural drawings are in development for the construction of the Workforce Training Center (phase two). Funds will continue to be expended as construction progresses. Major milestones include:

- April 2023 – Funding Award Notification
- March 2023 – Architectural Drawings Finalized
- April 2023 – Requests for Proposal Issued
- May 9, 2023 – Construction Bid Awarded
- June 5, 2023 – Construction Began
- January 2024 – First 84-hour CDL Course Provided utilizing the driving range
- February 2024 - First 240-hour CDL Course Provided utilizing the driving range

PROJECT INVENTORY

Southeast Community College

Project: 48697151 - SCC Welding Lab (Beatrice)

Funding amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

The Welding Lab construction project will fund construction of a new 4000-sq ft facility with 20 multi-process welding bays on Southeast Community College's (SCC) Beatrice Campus. The building will be adjacent to Agriculture Hall and will be instrumental in increasing SCC's capacity to upskill and retrain unemployed and underemployed residents in nearby communities. This new, dedicated welding training space will also have the flexibility to host day/evening/weekend courses in basic-to-advanced, reskill/upskill welding and fabrication, with the added option to confer welding certifications for local business and industry through SCC's Accredited Test Facility. Beatrice is home to a number of businesses that would support such a program, including Encore Manufacturing, Precise Fabrication, Neapco Components, Exmark Manufacturing, Worldlawn Power Equipment, LandMark Implement, and Gage County Equipment.

Use of Evidence

This is a capital project, so the evidence is around how the increased capacity will increase training opportunities in a high-paying field to individuals living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs).

Performance Report

SCC tracks graduation trends in each program sector (the most current year [2020] can be viewed here: https://www.southeast.edu/about/files/2020_GradReport_web.pdf).

This data will be used to track graduation and employment rates of employees after completion of this capacity-building construction project.

Additional data will be collected on demographic data, including race/ethnicity and gender, which can be viewed in our factbook located on our public data web page which can be viewed here: <https://www.southeast.edu/about/other-scc-departments/institutional-research/fact-book.php>.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Southeast Community College

Project: 48697153 - SCC Welding Technology Center (Lincoln)

Funding amount: \$8,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers

Project Overview

The project will involve construction of approximately 80,000 square foot, stand-alone Welding Technology Center located north of the main building on Lincoln's 8800 O Street campus. The objective of this project is to create appropriate learning spaces for Welding Technology students seeking a Certificate, Diploma, or Associate of Applied Science degree, as well as industry-specific training. Additionally, we need to create appropriate spaces for the college's American Welding Society Certified Testing Center to certify welding skills for employment needs. The current spaces for Welding Technology and Testing are over-utilized, unsafe, and unable to meet current student and industry needs. The proposed project moves ignition sources out of the main campus building and thus makes the entire building safer. The proposed construction represents the next phase in direct response to this serious concern and to the need to increase SCC's capacity to upskill and retrain unemployed and underemployed residents in nearby communities.

Use of Evidence

This is a capital project, so the evidence is around how the increased capacity will increase training opportunities in a high-paying field to individuals living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs).

Performance Report

SCC tracks graduation trends in each program sector (the most current year [2020] can be viewed here: https://www.southeast.edu/about/files/2020_GradReport_web.pdf).

This data will be used to track graduation and employment rates of employees after completion of this capacity-building construction project.

Additional data will be collected on demographic data, including race/ethnicity and gender, which can be viewed in our factbook located on our public data web page which can be viewed here: <https://www.southeast.edu/about/other-scc-departments/institutional-research/fact-book.php>.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

CSC

The primary focus of the equipment project for Chadron State College is to better prepare students to become health professionals in underserved areas of rural Nebraska by obtaining modern equipment. As Covid-19 has exacerbated the health professional shortage in Nebraska, leading to the resignations and early retirements of thousands of health care workers, our well-prepared students are needed to help overcome the looming health care shortage. These pieces of equipment will greatly enhance our ability to train the next generation of health care providers. The equipment that has been purchased to date and installed is already making an impact on our students' learning experience. As of 6/30/2024, CSC has expended over two-thirds of the CSFRF Health Equipment budget and intends to complete purchasing for this project in the coming months.

In addition, Chadron State College has a project to upgrade and replace water main infrastructure. The campus water mains are original to the college and some sections are over 100 years old. The water main line sizes are inadequate to support the campus water needs and there are not an adequate number of isolation valves. This project will ensure campus has not only clean water but also would provide appropriate water volume and pressure. We are still in the planning stages of this project but have committed \$36,800. As of 6/30/24, CSC has hired an engineer/architect, a construction company, and is contracting with a testing company. Phase I of this project is being completed this summer and the final phase will continue through the summer of 2025. With our commitments, we are nearing 50% of the project funds expended. The engineer/architect firm had to bid out the project on two separate occasions before receiving a bid.

PSC

Peru State College equipment project focuses on the procurement of modern STEM equipment to that will be utilized by pre-professional students (medicine, nursing, physician assistant, etc.) in the classroom to better prepare them for future employment in healthcare and associate STEM fields. This project is applicable to funding purposes for several reasons. Advances in science lead to improved and novel instrumentation. Exposing and training students on these devices teaches them important fundamental science concepts and prepares students to use these devices in the workforce. This project is progressing well with most of the equipment now purchased.

Peru State College also has a water/sewer project that will install replacement water mains due to the water at Peru State College being connected to Auburn, NE. This project ensures that the campus has fresh, clean water both for drinking and sanitation needs. This project has one contract for design work, but the actual work has not started as it takes additional time to organize a project of this nature.

WSC

Wayne State College equipment project focuses on the procurement of modern STEM equipment to that will be utilized by pre-professional students (medicine, nursing, physician assistant, etc.) in the classroom to better prepare them for future employment in healthcare and

associate STEM fields. This project is applicable to funding purposes for several reasons. Advances in science lead to improved and novel instrumentation. Exposing and training students on these devices teaches them important fundamental science concepts and prepares students to use these devices in the workforce. All equipment has now been purchased and this project is complete.

Wayne State College also has a water/sewer project that will install replacement water mains. This project ensures that the campus has fresh, clean water both for drinking and sanitation needs. This project began in the Spring of 2024 and will be split into two phases to minimize disruption to campus.

In this section, provide a high-level overview of the jurisdiction's intended and actual uses of funding including, but not limited to the jurisdiction's plan for use of funds to respond to the pandemic and promote economic recovery, key outcome goals, progress to date on those outcomes, and any noteworthy challenges or opportunities identified during the reporting period.

See Section C (1) on page 35 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Uses of Funds

CSC

Our equipment project at Chadron State College directly supports strategy and goals in Public Health (EC 1) and Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2). Reiterating from above, there is a huge health professional shortage in Nebraska and worldwide due to the Covid-19 pandemic and economic downturn. We have focused on equipment that will modernize programs, add practical firsthand training, enhance our students' ability to visualize scientific processes and living systems, and develop scientific thought processes. These focal points will help our students become successful in making a difference in healthcare.

The water main infrastructure project at Chadron State College directly supports strategy and Goals in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5). This project serves a basic need for reliable delivery of clean water, in addition to providing the volume and pressure required if there is an emergency fire situation. This project serves everyone within the campus community and the community at large who often utilize campus facilities.

PSC

Peru State College equipment purchases would be considered an EC1 project. As noted in the executive summary, this equipment is for educational purposes in educating the next generation of health care professionals. These individuals will be supporting our communities in health care. Additionally, this promotes an equitable outcome by providing additional funds for a State College which may have otherwise not been able to acquire some of this equipment.

Peru State College water/sewer project would be considered an EC5 project. As noted in the executive summary, this project serves a basic need for reliable delivery of clean water. This

project serves everyone within the campus community and the community at large who often utilize campus facilities.

WSC

Wayne State College equipment purchases would be considered an EC1 project. As noted in the executive summary, this equipment is for educational purposes in educating the next generation of health care professionals. These individuals will be supporting our communities in health care. Additionally, this promotes an equitable outcome by providing additional funds for a State College which may have otherwise not been able to acquire some of this equipment.

Wayne State College water/sewer project would be considered an EC5 project. As noted in the executive summary, this project serves a basic need for reliable delivery of clean water. This project serves everyone within the campus community and the community at large who often utilize campus facilities.

Describe in further detail the strategy and goals of the jurisdiction's SLFRF program, such as how your jurisdiction's approach would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Describe how their intended and actual uses of funds will achieve their goals. Given the broad eligible uses of funds and the specific needs of the jurisdiction, explain how the funds would support the communities, populations, or individuals in your jurisdiction. Address how the use of funds supports the overall strategy and goals in the following areas, to the extent they apply:

- a. Public Health (EC 1)*
- b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)*
- c. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)*
- d. Premium Pay (EC 4)*
- e. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)*
- f. Revenue Replacement EC 6)*

If appropriate, include information on your jurisdiction's use (or planned use) of other federal recovery funds including other programs under the American Rescue Plan such as Emergency Rental Assistance, the Homeowner Assistance Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the State Small Business Credit Initiative, and so forth, to provide broader context on the overall approach for pandemic recovery.

See Section C (2) on page 35 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Promoting equitable outcomes

CSC

The equipment this funding made possible allows our students the resources necessary to succeed and works in conjunction with our successful Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP). The RHOP's focus is preparing students for professional school in health sciences

while also encouraging these students to return to rural Nebraska to practice in underserved areas like Chadron, promoting economic equity.

The upgrade and replacement of water main infrastructure will promote equity within the community and region providing clean drinking water to all that utilize our campus facilities. The additional resources CSC could provide in a fire emergency with the increased water volume and pressure could have a significant impact on the community and surrounding region.

PSC

Peru State College is in the small rural town of Peru, NE. Residents in rural areas are often underserved. These projects help our small State College to provide additional resources. Students educated at Peru State College often go on to serve many of the small surrounding communities. Giving these students the resources to succeed promotes equitable outcomes for these students as well as the entire region.

WSC

Wayne State College is in the small rural town of Wayne, NE. Residents in rural areas are often underserved. These projects help our small State College to provide additional resources. Students educated at Wayne State College often go on to serve many of the small surrounding communities. Giving these students the resources to succeed promotes equitable outcomes for these students as well as the entire region.

In this section, describe, as applicable, efforts to promote equitable outcomes, including economic and racial equity.

In describing efforts to design their SLFRF program and projects with equity in mind, recipients may consider the following:

- a. Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that recipients intend to serve within their jurisdiction?*
- b. Awareness: How equitable and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?*
- c. Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups? Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria?*
- d. Outcomes: How are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps and/or reaching universal levels of service? How is the jurisdiction disaggregating outcomes by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?*

In describing efforts to implement their SLFRF program and projects with equity in mind, recipients may consider the following:

- a. Goals and Targets: Please describe how planned or current use of funds prioritizes economic and racial equity as a goal, name specific targets intended to produce meaningful equity results at scale and include initiatives to achieve those targets.*

- b. *Project Implementation: Explain how the jurisdiction’s overall equity strategy translates into focus areas for SLFRF projects, and the specific services or programs offered by your jurisdiction in the following Expenditure Category, as indicated in the final rule:*

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2): assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits to address impacts of the pandemic, which have been most severe among low-income populations. This includes assistance with food, housing, and other needs; employment programs for people with barriers to employment who faced negative economic impacts from the pandemic (such as residents of low-income neighborhoods, minorities, disconnected youth, the unemployed, formerly incarcerated people, veterans, and people with disabilities); services to provide long-term housing security and housing supports, address educational disparities, or provide child care and early learning services; and other strategies that provide impacted and disproportionately impacted communities with services to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic

The first annual Recovery Plan, due in 2021, was required to describe initial efforts and intended outcomes to promote equity, as applicable. Beginning in 2022, each annual Recovery Plan must provide an update, using qualitative and quantitative data, on how the jurisdiction’s approach achieved or promoted equitable outcomes or progressed against equity goals. Describe any constraints or challenges that impacted project success in terms of increasing equity. Describe the geographic and demographic distribution of funding, including whether it is targeted toward traditionally marginalized communities.

See Section C (3) on pages 36 and 37 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Community Engagement

CSC/PSC/WSC

Projects at the state colleges do not require much community engagement for implementation. The outcomes will positively impact the community and region directly in ways identified earlier in this report.

Describe how your jurisdiction’s planned or current use of funds incorporates community engagement strategies including written feedback through surveys, project proposals, and related documents, oral feedback through community meetings, issue-specific listening sessions, stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and additional public engagement, as well as other forms of input, such as steering committees, taskforces, and digital campaigns that capture diverse feedback from the community. Recipients should also describe how community engagement strategies support their equity goals, including engagement with communities that have historically faced significant barriers to services, such as people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficient populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

See Section C (4) on page 37 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Labor Practices

CSC/PSC/WSC

Any contracted labor provided by an outside contractor would require an NSCS issued contract. These contracts include language about labor practices. All employees of the NSCS are covered by union agreements or Board Policies. Contracted services may also require bidding as appropriate according to Board Policies.

Describe workforce practices on any infrastructure projects or capital expenditures being pursued. How are projects using strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers? For example, report whether any of the following practices are being utilized: project labor agreements, community benefits agreements, prevailing wage requirements, and local hiring.

See Section C (5) on page 37 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Use of Evidence

CSC/PSC/WSC

The projects undertaken by the state colleges using these funds do not require the use of evidence. The projects serve students, the campus, and community in general in a way identified earlier in this report.

Describe whether and how evidence-based interventions and/or program evaluation are incorporated into their SLFRF program. Recipients may include links to evidence standards, evidence dashboards, evaluation policies, and other public-facing tools that are used to track and communicate the use of evidence and evaluation for Fiscal Recovery Funds. Recipients are encouraged to consider how a Learning Agenda, either narrowly focused on SLFRF or broadly focused on the recipient's broader policy agenda, could support their overarching evaluation efforts in order to create an evidence-building strategy for their jurisdiction. In the Project Inventory section of the Recovery Plan, recipients should identify whether SLFRF funds are being used for evidence-based interventions and/or if projects are being evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. (See details in the Project Inventory section below).

See Section C (6) on page 37 and 38 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Performance Report

CSC/PSC/WSC

The projects undertaken by the state colleges are not necessarily performance driven. The health equipment being purchased will be installed and used in the classroom. These classes already exist. The new technology simply gives our students better educational opportunities. The water/sewer project likewise will be considered successful when it is completed.

Describe how performance management is incorporated into their SLFRF program, including how they are tracking their overarching jurisdictional goals for these funds as well as measuring results for individual projects. The recipient has flexibility in terms of how this information is presented in the Recovery Plan, and may report key performance indicators for each project, or may group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures. In some cases, the recipient may choose to include some indicators for each individual project as well as crosscutting indicators. Recipients may include links to performance management dashboards, performance management policies, and other public facing tools that are used to track and communicate the performance of Fiscal Recovery Funds. In addition to outlining in this section their high-level approach to performance management, recipients must also include key performance indicators for each SLFRF project in the Project Inventory section (more details below).

See Section C (7) on page 38 and 39 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

PROJECT INVENTORY

In this section, jurisdictions should provide a description of each project undertaken. See Section C (8) on page 39 and 40 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information. Below is an example of how to present the information noted in the Reporting Guidance, which incorporates project details as well as evidence and performance measure information outlined in the relevant sections above. This information should be replicated for all of the jurisdiction's projects.

Recipients have flexibility in the presentation and format of their Project Inventory, provided it includes the minimum required information. Recipients have the option of downloading a spreadsheet of the information entered into their Project and Expenditure Report to assist them in creating the Project Inventory in their Recovery Plan. However, recipients must ensure that their Project Inventory contains the additional information required by this guidance, including but not limited to information about performance measures and evidence/evaluation for each project. In all cases, recipients must post publicly (and submit to Treasury) a single PDF file of their Recovery Plan, which includes the Project Inventory.

Example Project

Project [Identification Number]: [Project Name]

Funding amount: [Funding amount]

Project Expenditure Category: [Category number, Category Name]

Project Overview

- *A description of the project that includes an overview of the main activities of the project, the approximate timeline, primary delivery mechanisms and partners, if applicable, and intended outcomes.*
- *Link to the website of the project if available*
- *Describe how the project contributes to addressing climate change and/or advances the Justice40 initiative, which sets a target of providing 40 of the benefits of certain federal*

investments, including climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities (for infrastructure projects under EC 5)

Use of Evidence

- *Briefly describe the goals of the project, and whether SLFRF funds are being used for evidence-based interventions, the evidence base for the interventions, and/or if projects are being evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. If a recipient is conducting a program evaluation in lieu of reporting the amount of spending on evidence-based interventions, they must describe the evaluation design (see Reporting Guidance for additional details that should be included).*
- *Identify the dollar amount of the total project spending that is allocated towards evidence-based interventions for each project in the Expenditure Categories noted with an asterisk in Appendix 1 of the Reporting Guidance.*

Performance Report

- *For the Project Inventories, include key performance indicators for your jurisdiction's major SLFRF funded projects. Report key performance indicators for each project, or group projects with substantially similar goals and the same outcome measures. Jurisdictions may choose to include some indicators for each individual project as well as crosscutting indicators. Include both output and outcome measures. Provide data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors, if possible.*
- *In addition, include the mandatory performance indicators if your jurisdiction has projects in the relevant areas (this information may be included in each recipient's Recovery Plan as they determine most appropriate). This information should be included in the Project Inventory, but this data will also need to be entered directly into the Treasury reporting portal as part of the Project and Expenditure report, as Treasury has added these fields (for Tier 1 recipients only) to the Project and Expenditure report. Below is a list of required data for each Expenditure Category, where relevant.*
 - a. *Household Assistance (EC 2.2), Long-term Housing Security (EC 2.15-2.16) and Housing Support (EC 2.17-2.18):*
 - *Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation)*
 - *Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed*
 - b. *Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):*
 - *Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs*
 - *Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs*
 - *Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs*
 - c. *Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):*
 - *Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs¹*
 - d. *Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):*

¹ For more information on evidence-based tutoring programs, refer to the U.S. Department of Education's [2021 ED COVID-19 Handbook \(Volume 2\)](#), which summarizes research on evidence-based tutoring programs (see the bottom of page 20).

- *Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5)*
- *Number of families served by home visiting*

CSC

Project 1: Health Education Equipment – Chadron State College

Funding amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC1.14 – Other Public Health Services

Project Overview

- *Funds will be used to purchase equipment to improve STEM and human anatomy education. Equipment will be utilized by pre-professional students (medicine, nursing, physician assistant, etc.) in the classroom to better prepare them for future employment in health care and associated STEM fields.*

Use of Evidence

- *Goals of the project are to improve education opportunities for students in areas presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Exposing and training students on these new devices teaches them important fundamental science concepts and prepares students to use these devices in the workforce. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *As of the date of report, \$414,032.54 of allocated funds have been spent. These funds were allocated to purchased equipment, so progress on acquiring the equipment is the only applicable performance measure.*

Project 2: Campus Water Main Line Replacement – Chadron State College

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC5.15 – Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure

Project Overview

- *The project will install replacement water mains in areas of concern on campus. Aging lines present a risk to deliver water as needed. Safe drinking-water, sanitation, and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being.*
- *The timeline is to move forward as soon as planning can be completed as minimal interruptions to the existing water supply are necessary to not impact areas that depend on it daily.*

Use of Evidence

- *The goals of the project are to provide a reliable source of safe water for drinking, sanitation, hygiene, and needs of the Energy Plant. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *Phase I of this project is in progress and \$14,220 of the allocated funds have been spent with an additional \$943,160 committed as an obligation. Phase II will be completed in Summer 2025.*

PSC

Project 1: Health Education Equipment – Peru State College

Funding amount: \$510,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC1.14 – Other Public Health Services

Project Overview

- *Funds will be used to purchase equipment to improve STEM and human anatomy education. Equipment will be utilized by pre-professional students (medicine, nursing, physician assistant, etc.) in the classroom to better prepare them for future employment in health care and associated STEM fields.*

Use of Evidence

- *Goals of the project are to improve education opportunities for students in areas presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Exposing and training students on these new devices teaches them important fundamental science concepts and prepares students to use these devices in the workforce. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *As of the date of report, 92.34% (\$470,936.33) of allocated funds have been spent with an additional 7.66% (\$39,063.67) of funds committed. These funds were allocated to purchased equipment, so progress on acquiring the equipment is the only applicable performance measure.*

Project 2: Campus Water Main Line Replacement – Peru State College

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC5.15 – Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure

Project Overview

- *The project will install replacement water mains in areas of concern on campus. Aging lines present a risk to deliver water as needed. Safe drinking-water, sanitation, and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being.*
- *The timeline is to move forward as soon as planning can be completed as minimal interruptions to the existing water supply are necessary to not impact areas that depend on it daily.*

Use of Evidence

- *The goal of the project is to provide a reliable source of safe water for drinking, sanitation, hygiene, and the needs of the Energy Plant. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *This project is currently in the planning stages. As of the date of the report, 8.18% (\$163,653.59) of allocated funds have been spent with an additional 91.82% (\$1,836,346.41) of funds committed. These funds were allocated for completion of the main line water project, so project completion is the only applicable performance measure.*

WSC

Project 1: Health Education Equipment – Wayne State College

Funding amount: \$890,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC1.14 – Other Public Health Services

Project Overview

- *Funds were used to purchase equipment to improve STEM and human anatomy education. Equipment will be utilized by pre-professional students (medicine, nursing, physician assistant, etc.) in the classroom to better prepare them for future employment in health care and associated STEM fields.*

Use of Evidence

- *Goals of the project are to improve education opportunities for students in areas presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Exposing and training students on these new devices teaches them important fundamental science concepts and prepares students to use these devices in the workforce. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *All allocated funds (\$890,000) have been spent. The project is complete. These funds were allocated to purchase equipment, so progress on acquiring the equipment is the only applicable performance measure.*

Project 2: Campus Water Main Line Replacement – Wayne State College

Funding amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC5.15 – Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure

Project Overview

- *The project will install replacement water mains in areas of concern on campus. Aging lines present a risk to deliver water as needed. Safe drinking-water, sanitation, and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being.*
- *The project began in Spring 2024 with most construction planned to be completed in two phases during the Summer of 2024 and 2025. The two phases were necessary to minimize interruptions to the existing water supply and infrastructure during the academic year.*

Use of Evidence

- *The goals of the project are to provide a reliable source of safe water for drinking, sanitation, hygiene, and needs of the Energy Plant. This is not an evidence-based intervention project.*

Performance Report

- *Phase one is currently under construction with \$276,304.78 spent to date. \$785,199.15 is currently committed to complete this phase. Planning for the second phase is underway with similar costs expected for completion.*

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Rural areas of Nebraska have faced disparities in access to health care for decades, and in recent years the University of Nebraska Medical Center has documented shortages across the many health care professions:

[UNMC Rural Health in 2030 Report](#)

[The Status of the Nebraska Healthcare Workforce: Update 2020](#)

This situation existed pre-pandemic but was aggravated by COVID-19. During the pandemic, clinics and hospitals denied care to some patients and transferred others through a network of providers seeking to find beds for patients (<https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/news/news-articles/hundreds-of-nebraskans-couldnt-get-medical-care-during-latest-covid-surge/>). The limiting factor in most cases was not infrastructure, but staff.

Rural areas suffered a disparate impact from COVID-19 (<https://khn.org/news/article/covid-death-rate-rural-america/>). A major factor was the insufficient healthcare workforce at the start of the pandemic, a situation made worse by a high number of departures caused by the working conditions during the peaks of the pandemic. Research and reporting suggest that a high number of healthcare workers will leave their positions in the coming years (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackkelly/2022/04/19/new-survey-shows-that-up-to-47-of-us-healthcare-workers-plan-to-leave-their-positions-by-2025/?sh=77b6bb78395b>).

This situation, clearly made worse by the pandemic, will leave rural areas with fewer health care workers. This has a direct impact on the health and well-being of individuals, and it has a direct impact on local economies as people take their health care dollars and spend them in larger cities. Over the long term, this contributes to depopulation of rural areas.

Rural communities, in Nebraska and across the country, need more health care workers. This includes medical doctors, mental health practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, medical imaging professionals, and many more professions. Recruiting, educating, training, and placing well-prepared individuals will have immediate impacts on health and economic well-being.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center will establish a facility—the Nebraska Rural Healthcare Education building—in Kearney, Nebraska that will recruit, educate, and train people to work in a broad range of health care professions including nursing, medicine, medical laboratory sciences, public health, and more. Training in rural areas will lead to Preceptorships in rural clinics and hospitals, which will lead to individuals establishing careers in rural areas. This model has been demonstrated for over 100 years in UNK’s teacher education program, and for the past 20 years in business professions such as industrial distribution and supply chain management. In 2015, UNK and UNMC opened the Health Science Education Complex that trains nurses, physician assistants, and allied health professions, and we know that over 80 percent move immediately into careers in rural areas. The concept works.

This project will add a second health science focused building on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus using \$60 million in SLFRF funds allocated by the Nebraska Legislature and another \$35 million in private funds raised by UNK and UNMC. The Phase II building will serve

as a companion to the Phase I project providing a cohesive interprofessional experience for all health science students. The building will include state-of-the-art classrooms, extensive simulation, and clinical skills laboratories for pre-clinical education and complex clinical scenarios and simulated primary care spaces, administrative and faculty and staff office space to accommodate current and expanded numbers of faculty and staff members, and secure storage space for research and academic records.

The project broke ground in September of 2023 with the majority of classes commencing Fall of 2026.

Uses of Funds

The University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center use of SLFRF funding seek to address the expenditure categories in the following ways:

- a. *Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity – The University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center plan will recruit students from rural areas who want to practice in rural areas, educate and train them in rural areas, and place them in rural clinics and hospitals for their preceptorships. This model will sustain and grow their interest in rural health care, prepare them for work in rural settings, and foster the linkages that will lead to fulfilling lives in rural communities. To be successful, we will have equivalent education and training in a setting where students intend to practice.*

Promoting equitable outcomes

- a. *Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that recipients intend to serve within their jurisdiction?*

Experts report that quality, accessible, in-person healthcare is essential to the survival of rural communities. But the outlook for health care in rural Nebraska is troubled in the near future with ongoing workforce shortages:

- *14 of 93 counties in Nebraska have no primary care physicians;*
- *All counties—except for Douglas and Lancaster—are designated as shortage areas for at least one type of primary care;*
- *The number of nurses is slightly up, but shortages persist in rural areas where they are important in mitigating the impact of declining physician numbers; and*
- *Allied health fields such as occupational therapy and audiology face continuing shortages.*

Source: The Status of the Nebraska Healthcare Workforce: Update 2020

Looming retirement numbers threaten the full range of health care professions, including nurses (22% are over 60 years old) , dentists (23% are over 60 years old), and physicians (18% are over 60 years old).

- b. *Awareness: How equitable and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?*

The University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center have worked in partnership for over two decades on biomedical research, training of young researchers, high school outreach programs to develop new health care professionals, and

post-secondary education for allied health and medical professions. UNMC is a regional and national power in the training of health care professionals, and UNK has a longstanding record of successfully matriculating students into UNMC programs. For example, the acceptance rate for UNK students to the UNMC College of Medicine averaged 73% over the past three years. The national average in the U.S. is routinely less than 10%. One of the significant collaborations is the Health Science Education Complex (HSEC), which opened in 2015. UNK long-ago proved through our teacher education program that educating students in a rural area will increase the likelihood that they will launch their careers here. The HSEC building has shown that this concept works in health care, with over 85% of the graduates from this partnership staying in Nebraska with the vast majority now working in rural communities. If students come to UNK, they tend to stay in rural Nebraska for their careers. The challenge now is to expand capacity and add more health care professional programs.

Drawing upon the need to expand capacity, UNMC has established the [Office of Rural Health Initiatives](#) which has several policy and practice efforts underway to mitigate current and future challenges for the Nebraska healthcare workforce.

1. Ensure adequate resources to prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals. Resources are needed in several areas, including for qualified health professions faculty, clinical sites, classroom sites and space, and clinical preceptors necessary to boost the number of students and faculty.
2. Efforts are underway to enhance existing pipeline programs and education initiatives targeting rural populations. Such programs incentivize individuals to become health care professionals and practice in these communities, particularly for professions with significant shortages. This effort has resulted in partners such as [Columbus Community Hospital signing master affiliation agreements](#) to support both clinical and non-clinical students through rural rotations.
3. Establish a Leadership Academy for undergraduate pre-health majors in pipeline programs.
4. Match UNMC students and alumni in rural communities.
5. Develop a partnership with University of Nebraska Lincoln's Extension Educators, community hospitals, rural [Nebraska Area Health Education Centers](#), and local health departments to develop programs focused on K-12 students to consider rural health careers.
6. Encourage community colleges to develop certificate training programs for community health workers that includes standardized core competencies and scope of practice.
7. Efforts to increase the number of medical residency programs in rural areas.
8. Establish and streamline existing public-private partnerships in the healthcare sector, including in the areas of education, workforce development, and healthcare delivery.

- c. *Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups? Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria?*

The people most likely to start careers in rural areas are the ones who grow up, go to college, and get their professional training there. The University of Nebraska at Kearney offers Health Science Explorer opportunities from 7th grade through college graduation to help students get on track to success. Students with an interest in health science careers can participate in this pipeline program through on-campus field trips (7th-8th grade), summer day camps, special campus visits, week-long campus (high school) and eventually college-level collaboration (undergraduate and professional schools). Financial assistance is available.

UNMC runs a program of Area Health Education Centers, and UNK houses the central Nebraska regional office. The program builds awareness of health professions among students in grades 9-12 and provides opportunities for exploration and learning that lead to interest in health science education in college. Kearney has successfully used tuition remissions (scholarships) to aid students who qualify for the Kearney Rural Health Opportunities program.

- d. *Outcomes: How are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps and/or reaching universal levels of service? How is the jurisdiction disaggregating outcomes by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?*

The health care needs of rural populations are different than urban populations, but there are access barriers that limit research targeting dispersed populations. UNMC faculty, with a physical base on the Kearney campus, will have a rare but valuable opportunity to target the medical and mental health priorities in rural Nebraska. They will also have potential collaborators among the UNK faculty in chemistry, biology, psychology, and other areas. An additional benefit of the medical faculty being in central Nebraska is the expanded, accessible, and consistent professional development opportunities that will accrue to health care professionals who are already practicing in rural Nebraska. Nebraska will become the national leader in interprofessional rural healthcare and research with this program. In many states rural health education is limited to having brief immersion programs in rural areas during the summer or lectures about rural life. Many states have students study a rural health track, but very few have them experience it throughout their preparation. Even fewer states are targeted in recruiting rural health students from a rural community and involving that community in attracting that individual to return. Our approach is comprehensive and will work for a wide range of needed health care professions. Significant change cannot occur without well prepared degreed students matriculating into UNMC's professional programs and having them then establishing careers in rural Nebraska. The combination of UNK's preparation and UNMC's professional education will ensure highly competent rural healthcare providers of every profession.

In describing efforts to implement their SLFRF program and projects with equity in mind, recipients may consider the following:

- a. *Goals and Targets: The University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center work to create a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture that connects people, fosters collaboration, and develops community partnerships.*

UNMC students who self-identify as Black, Hispanic, native Hawaiian or multiple races increased by 11% fall 2022, while the number of UNMC international students increased by 5%.

The University of Nebraska system has a dashboard that can be utilized to understand the trends related to recruitment and retention of our faculty, staff, & student. UNMC's percentage of graduates practicing direct patient care in rural areas is tied for seventh in the nation.

- b. *Project Implementation: Health disparities in rural parts of the United States are largely a geographic problem. Dispersed populations and fewer amenities impact the ability to attract medical and healthcare professionals who do not have experience in or appreciation of life in such areas. The strategy is to provide education and training to future healthcare workers in a rural community, and with training tailored to the professional settings in which rural healthcare is practiced.*

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is the westernmost four-year campus of the University of Nebraska system, and the only one located in a rural setting. Further, it lies in the middle of the state along Interstate 80, equally accessible from west and east. Using an established campus provides logistical and systemic advantages.

Community Engagement

The Nebraska Legislature approved startup, construction ([LB1014](#)) and operational costs (LB721) for the Rural Health Education Building as part of the 2022 legislative session. To become successful legislation, both legislative bills passed through committee, which included public hearings, and three rounds of floor consideration by 49 senators.

UNK and UNMC also collaborated with expert stakeholders and partners from a variety of disciplines within UNMC and across Nebraska to enhance coordinated and interdisciplinary approaches that will shape a healthy rural future for Nebraska and beyond. Stakeholders included:

Rural health facilities, their partner organizations and networks

Public health

Healthcare professionals

Educators

Researchers

Foundations

Economic development associations

Health and human services organizations

Faith-based organizations

Health associations

State and federal agencies

Local, state, and federal policymakers

Rural-urban differences in access to health care continue to be an essential and challenging policy issue facing communities throughout Nebraska. The 2022 report, [“The Status of the Healthcare Workforce in the State of Nebraska: Update 2022.”](#) addresses these concerns, showing the current distribution of the health care workforce throughout the state.

Labor Practices

This project will add a second health science focused building on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus. The Health Science Education Complex Phase II will serve as a companion to the Phase I project providing a cohesive interprofessional experience for all health science students.

Leveraging the proof of concept and successful outcomes of the initial UNMC and UNK collaboration, the proposed project aims to create a one-of-a-kind rural health-focused learning environment with a laser-like focus on meeting Nebraska’s current and future rural health needs. The project will make it possible for UNMC to expand the presence of the Colleges of Allied Health Professions and Nursing, and add the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Public Health to co-locate in a new building on the UNK campus.

The new Rural Health Education Building will create opportunities for enhanced inter-campus partnership between UNMC and UNK to help address current and future health workforce shortages in rural Nebraska.

The general contractor, MCL Construction, is committed to supporting an inclusive project. More than subcontractor involvement, a dedicated Economic Inclusion Coordinator, is committed to being a resource for small and emerging businesses. This includes hosting mentoring sessions, project overview discussions, and open houses to get to know experts in the industry offers opportunity for subcontractor relationships and advancement.

The Economic Inclusion Coordinator has a deep understanding of working in the community and drives success with business partners – responsible for developing plans and administering sourcing practices that promote diversity. This front facing contact supports Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Women Business Enterprise (WBE).

The UNK Health Science project is just one of the many projects ongoing in Kearney. This influx in construction could overwhelm the current local subcontractor market’s manpower availability within some trades. MCL Construction has been successful in delivering projects of all sizes and complexity on schedule with qualified subcontractors on board. It starts with relationships and a thought-out master plan. Officed in Kearney, NE, MCL has a history and excellent working relationships with subcontractors. Getting those subcontractors on board early, in conjunction with a detailed schedule, guarantees reliability. The subcontracting teams are integrated into MCL’s digital planning software and weekly subcontracting meetings. This gives them

accountability in the process of achieving dates and makes them active in the plan and schedule strategy.

Work is awarded to each subcontracting firm deemed most responsive and qualified, meaning they have the resources and manpower to do the job, they understand the project, and past performance on facilities of this size and scope have been successful. The process includes due diligence of the company's strength in resources and current workload. Beyond strength in manpower and financial resources, a subcontractor is deemed a good fit when their technical expertise aligns with the project components.

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Use of Evidence

The University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center has established significant experience in rural healthcare related programs due to implementation of the Rural Health Education Complex Phase I.

Performance Report

The University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center has established a budget for each area of the SLFRF funding. That budget along with justifications for use are used to track performance against goals by monitoring the amount of funding distributed, to who, and for what purposes. The University has assigned a SLFRF and Executive Building Committees which meet regularly to reassess the budget and to ensure progress towards goal achievement, as well as compliance with reporting requirements. A Facilities Planning and Construction team is also assigned to the project to provide both support and oversight. This University based team will engage and pay for the services of independent agencies to perform inspections and tests to confirm quality control. A schedule of inspections is specified in contract documents. The team is also responsible for identifying project constraints and safety details, following cost management best practices both before and during the project, effectively communicating with the project team and stakeholders to follow resource management best practices. A key responsibility of the University project management team is to track project spend, confirm quality control standards, and course correct if it seems either budget or quality are veering off track.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project:

59-919712-11000: NE Rural Healthcare Education Building Construction

Funding amount: \$50,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3-Public Sector Workforce

Project Overview

This project will add a second health science focused building on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus using \$50 million of SLFRF funding allocated by the Nebraska Legislature and another \$35 million in private funds raised by UNK. The new building, expected to open January 2026, will house the University of Nebraska Medical Center Colleges of Allied

Health Professions, Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy and Public Health. The HSEC Phase II will serve as a companion to the Phase I project providing a cohesive interprofessional experience for all health science students.

The new Rural Health Education Complex Phase II, with the current Health Science Education Complex Phase I at the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus is an extension of programs offered at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in collaboration with programs at UNK. Part of these interactive, technology rich facilities is a day-to-day interaction with other UNMC facilities across the State of Nebraska, including the [Davis Global Center](#) located on UNMC's main campus in Omaha.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

The University has assigned a SLFRF and Executive Building Committees which meet regularly to reassess the budget and to ensure progress towards goal achievement, as well as compliance with reporting requirements.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has conducted Community visits, a Pathway Program Summit, and Preceptor and Clinical Training site recruitment are ongoing. These programs represent a commitment and dedication to developing a health care workforce that will enhance patient care and ensure health equity in rural areas ([Pathway Programs](#)). From shadowing UNMC health care professionals to completing summer research at a laboratory on the UNMC campus, the pathway programs help students explore the possibilities of life at UNMC.

UNMC's rural pathway programs have [extended](#) their agreements with the Nebraska State College System and UNK to continue their longstanding partnership. The agreements reiterate the long-term relationship between UNK, Chadron State College, Peru State and Wayne State ([Partner Institutions](#)) to address the state's rural health care workforce needs. The partnerships include the undergraduate Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) and Kearney Health Opportunities Program (KHOP). UNMC has long been committed to educating and preparing the state's rural health workforce to ensure students are well-prepared to meet the unique healthcare needs of rural Nebraska. With health care workforce shortages facing communities across the state, the commitment of these continued partnerships has never been more important. The RHOP and KHOP programs recruit, educate and graduate leaders from Nebraska who are committed to returning to Nebraska's rural areas to practice ([Participating Programs](#)). Over the more than 30 years of the programs' existence and growth, more than 800 students from 11 training programs through UNMC have graduated from the programs at UNMC. Today, more than 60% of those graduates currently practice health care in Nebraska ([Data & Resources](#)). As UNMC expands its health education offerings in Kearney and enhances opportunities related to rural health training, these programs will have unique opportunities to train closer to home and the rural communities where they plan to practice.

UNMC is also actively searching for faculty positions to be housed on the UNK campus, including a [regional associate dean](#) of medicine. The inaugural regional associate dean of medicine will play a pivotal role in establishing a regional medical school campus in Kearney enrolling students in August 2026. This leader will foster ongoing relationships with stakeholders throughout the region, including those at the governmental, philanthropic, community and health system levels.

Project milestones completed since the groundbreaking:

- Foundation complete – December 2023
- Structural Steel complete – May 2024
- Utility Vault Extension complete – May 2024
- Exterior precast walls complete – June 2024

Future work:

- Complete roofing – August 2024
- Steam and Chilled Water Lines – August 2024
- Interior wall framing – July through September 2024
- Mechanical systems – August through April 2025
- Start glazing installation – October 2024
- Building fully dried in, rough exterior work complete – late December 2024

Project:

56-4420-0008-001: NE Rural Healthcare Education Building Technology

Funding amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3-Public Sector Workforce

Project Overview

To ensure consistency and compatibility between the new facility and the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Davis Global Center, \$10 million of the SLFRF funding allocated by the Nebraska Legislature will be used to support integrated curriculum between both campuses including the transfer of high-density augmented reality, and holographic content. Technology is an integral part of the Rural Health Complex Phase II. The technology investment will also bring the latest interprofessional simulation technologies to the fingertips of faculty, staff and learners, bridging the gap between didactic learning and actual patient care. Life-sized human-like simulators representing a patient will be used to train key elements of a procedure or skill. The simulators breathe, have breath sounds, heart tones and palpable pulses. The complex will be home to adult, pediatric, trauma, obstetric and neonatal simulators.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved a Program Statement and Intermediate Design revisions which included a technology budget of up to \$10 million. A

contract will be considered in August 2024, within this budget as well as the scope and schedule approved for the Rural Health Complex Phase II.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Funds were awarded to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to develop an update to the Understanding and Assessing Climate Change, Implications for Nebraska, published in 2014 by the University of Nebraska Lincoln

(<https://snr.unl.edu/research/projects/climateimpacts/report2014.aspx>).

This project brings together a multidisciplinary team to review pertinent scientific literature since the 2014 report was published, assess utility of the 2014 report, determine gaps and incorporate lessons learned, work with a design team to maximize accessibility and usability, and develop and implement an engagement and communications plan.

To date, the development team has been assembled, an advisory panel has been assembled, chapter authors have been identified, chapter development is underway, and engagement with communications and engagements specialists are ongoing.

Uses of Funds

Outcomes of the updated Nebraska climate assessment will serve to increase awareness and capacity of communities and agencies to the implications of climate change.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Aspects of social environmental justice as it relates to climate change implications will be studied in detail. Furthermore, urban, rural and Indigenous communities will be analyzed in this context.

Community Engagement

Engagement at the local level is being systematically integrated with the climate report update. Expertise of communications and outreach professionals is being utilized throughout the process.

Professional surveys are an integral part of the project to gather feedback and assist with overall project direction, improve outcomes, and enhance communication strategies

Labor Practices

N/A.

Use of Evidence

The update of scientific information is being conducted through the use of traceable accounts. Peer-reviewed published literature forms the basis of the material in this Nebraska climate update. Where feasible, original analysis including climate downscaling, statistics, and surveys are included.

Performance Report

Performance management is being done with development of a project timeline, outline of specific project deliverables and contributions by team members, regular check-ins with team members by the project lead and an advisory board.

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PROJECT INVENTORY

Climate Report Update

Project [Identification Number]: [Climate Report Update]

Funding amount: [\$150,000]

Project Expenditure Category: [Category number, Category Name]

Project Overview

- This project includes a scientific update of information relevant to the implications of climate change for Nebraska. A team of authors across educational institutions are developing the content, which will be peer-reviewed. The update will be posted online and presented to the Nebraska Legislature on December 1, 2024.
- The climate report update will provide Nebraska agencies, local jurisdictions, communities and the public with an assessment of the implications of climate change. Sector-based information will be provided, along with adaptation and mitigation strategies. Furthermore, climate-related resources will be included. Specific sections on environmental justice issues and indigenous and rural communities are included.

Use of Evidence

- Evidence-based content of the report will come from peer-reviewed literature, statistical analysis of climate data, downscaled climate models, and science-based surveys. All information will be appropriately documented in references.

Performance Report

- A timeline of deliverables has been developed by the project team. Monthly meetings are conducted by team members to ensure tracking of progress.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a dramatic increase in the need for behavioral health services, and with providers already in short supply, many people experienced long wait times or a complete inability to access behavioral health care. In 2022, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB1014, which allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to various entities across Nebraska. The University of Nebraska Medical Center's (UNMC) Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) was allocated \$25.5 million to address the shortage of behavioral health professionals, initiating the BHECN ARPA Awards Program.

This one-time funding was disbursed in 2022–2023 through a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process according to the 4 major areas of need outlined in LB1014: 1) behavioral health training opportunities, 2) telebehavioral health expansion in rural areas, 3) funding for workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 4) funding for the supervision of provisionally licensed providers. Any organization/provider in Nebraska was eligible to apply, and awards were allocated until funding was exhausted.

This report contains information and updates from 2023 and 2024, as the 2023 report from BHECN was not included in the final State of Nebraska State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2023 Report.

Uses of Funds

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program has supported the public health emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic by addressing various behavioral health care needs. Also, the Program has addressed the negative economic impact of the public health emergency by assisting nonprofit organizations and small businesses. The entities impacted by this ARPA funding are behavioral health providers and organizations, such as nonprofits and small businesses.

Behavioral health providers and organizations have experienced revenue loss because of an inability to hire and fill positions and the increased operational costs resulting from the pandemic (e.g., personal protective equipment for providers). In a survey of 69 providers conducted by BHECN and the Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations (NABHO), 85% of respondents indicated the pandemic increased the severity of issues seen in their organizations/practices, 68% indicated that the number of people seen in their practices had increased, and 42% indicated that the number of clients on their waitlists had increased. The top 3 provider stressors identified by the survey respondents were behavioral health workforce shortages, increased behavioral health concerns for clients and providers, and spikes in the pandemic (e.g., fear of getting sick or the stress of a reduced workforce).

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program has supported more than 100 internships/fellowships and provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals who could not fully bill insurance for their services. It has also helped behavioral health providers and organizations train the future workforce. The funds for these training opportunities have expanded the behavioral health workforce, reduced the burden on current providers, and provided training and support for telebehavioral health services, an essential service people have utilized during the pandemic. Furthermore, these internships and fellowships have provided needed education and outreach

to recruit and retain the current workforce. With the behavioral health workforce already experiencing stress because of the increased need for behavioral health services, this response has helped reduce the burden and retain Nebraska's current behavioral health workforce.

BHECN ARPA Awards Program Goals:

1. Expand training opportunities for behavioral health trainees (including internships, fellowships, and post-graduate training) to increase the workforce of trained behavioral health professionals within 3 years (2023–2025).
2. Increase access to telebehavioral health services in rural areas to address increased mental health needs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Recruit, retain, and build resilience among the behavioral health workforce and support projects conducted by students and behavioral health providers that address or research behavioral health effects caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Expand support for behavioral health organizations or behavioral health providers that supervise provisionally licensed behavioral health providers to increase the number of licensed behavioral health providers within 3 years (2023–2025).

Requests for proposals, reviews of proposals, and award dissemination occurred between fall 2022 and spring 2023, when funding was entirely allocated. Independent review committees evaluated all applications, and applications were ranked based on predetermined criteria. The highest-ranking applications were awarded funding. An organization could apply for multiple award categories and re-apply if an application was not initially awarded. The 4 award categories were as follows:

- **Behavioral health training and education opportunities.** Projects in this award category focused on providing training and clinical experience opportunities for behavioral health students, trainees, and professionals, such as
 - psychology internships
 - licensed mental health practitioner internships and practicums
 - advanced practice provider fellowships
 - psychiatry fellowships
 - executive fellowships
 - psychiatric nursing training opportunities
 - certificate programs
 - other time-limited training opportunities
- **Telebehavioral health support in rural areas.** Projects in this award category focused on increasing access to behavioral health care through telebehavioral services, such as
 - telebehavioral health equipment
 - technical assistance
 - establishment of a statewide telebehavioral health network
 - telebehavioral health training and certification
 - behavioral health consultant networks
- **Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Projects in this award category focused on providing educational programs, recruitment and retention projects, and research related to the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as

- behavioral health effects of COVID-19
- resiliency training
- wellness initiatives
- provider burnout
- trauma-informed care
- caregiver burnout
- **Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers.** Projects in this award category focused on supporting the supervision costs of organizations/providers supervising provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals, such as
 - stipends for supervision
 - support for licensure application requirements
 - other support to enhance the path to licensure

BHECN provided administrative oversight of the award process but did *not* function as the decision-maker in the selection of projects. BHECN managed the RFP solicitation, administered the RFP process and online award management platform, communicated with the awardees, communicated and collaborated with review committee chairs and committee members, disseminated awards and tracked award funds, provided training and technical assistance for awardees, and collected and analyzed evaluation and performance data from awardees for state and federal reporting. BHECN worked closely with UNMC’s Compliance Office and Business and Finance Office to ensure that the overall project complied with ARPA and state guidelines and to provide fiscal monitoring and compliance.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Access to behavioral health care is vital in eliminating health disparities. Despite major changes in the structure of the behavioral health care system in the United States (US), underserved populations still report difficulties accessing behavioral health services. Approximately 95% of Nebraska counties (88 of 93 total counties) have a shortage of behavioral health professionals, and 29 of the 88 counties do not have any behavioral health professionals.¹⁻² All 88 counties are rural or frontier counties outside of the Omaha and Lincoln metro areas. Beyond underserved geographic populations, additional underserved Nebraska populations include (but are not limited to) racial and ethnic minorities,³ LGBTQIA+ individuals,⁴⁻⁵ and youth.⁵ Compared with White Nebraskans, Nebraskans who are African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian/Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander, or another race have higher rates of postpartum depression, substance and alcohol use, suicide or suicidal ideation, depression and anxiety, and drug-related deaths.⁶ These racial and ethnic minority groups also report higher rates of unmet mental health and behavioral health needs.⁶ Furthermore, Nebraska youth and LGBTQIA+ Nebraskans have unmet behavioral health needs and higher rates of mental health conditions.⁴ These needs can be met through increased screening, enhanced behavioral health workforce capacity, and implementation of integrated care models.⁷⁻⁹

The COVID-19 pandemic further impacted the well-being of people and communities in Nebraska. Medically underserved and socially marginalized populations, along with frontline health care workers, were at greatest risk for mental health trauma because of the public health emergency. The long-term mental health effects of the pandemic on health care workers further

exacerbated the maldistribution and shortage of mental health providers across Nebraska.¹⁰ Efforts to address the pandemic-related maldistribution and lack of mental health providers across Nebraska must focus on expanding capacity, training the behavioral health workforce, enhancing telebehavioral health efforts, and investing in education and resilience building among current and future behavioral health providers.^{9, 11-12} The BHECN ARPA Awards Program was designed with these aims in mind and has endeavored to promote equitable outcomes among underserved Nebraskans who receive, seek, or need care and among underserved Nebraska health care workers.

To achieve equitable outcomes, a variety of modalities were used to promote the BHECN ARPA Awards Program to organizations and individuals across Nebraska:

- social media posts (e.g., Twitter and Facebook)
- [Informational webinar](#)
- [ARPA grant writing webinar](#)
- [BHECN ARPA request for proposal toolkit](#)
- press and news releases
 - [Press release 1](#)
 - [Press release 2](#)
- direct outreach to behavioral health, community health, universities, and other organizational networks

Targeting potential organizations and individuals through these various modalities extended the promotional reach of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program and ensured that individuals and organizations had numerous opportunities to learn about the program.

In addition to promotional reach, it was important that the BHECN ARPA Awards Program was accessible and inclusive of all types of organizations and individuals serving various populations. The application was designed in a structured, straightforward way to ensure that all organizations could complete the application, regardless of grant-writing experience. The application was also open to all organizations or private practices in Nebraska. The BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team hosted 8 two-hour “Office Hours” across the 2 award cycles.

During these office hours, applicants could ask questions, seek technical assistance, or confirm that their application was submitted.

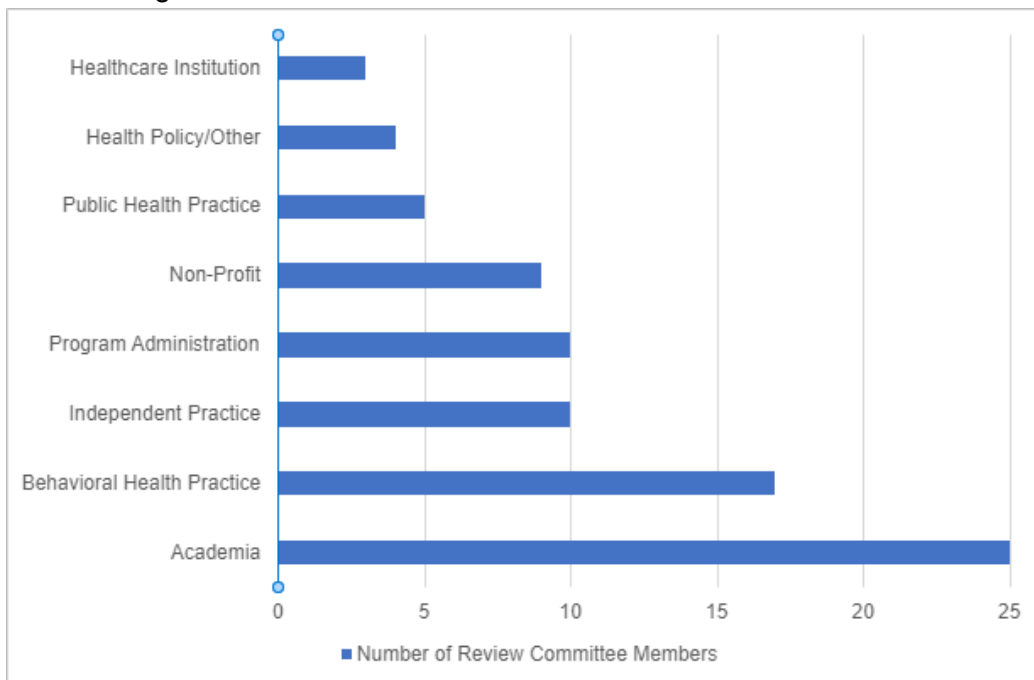
The BHECN ARPA Awards Program was also designed to ensure that the scoring and review process after the close of the application cycles were equitable for all applicants. To ensure equity for organizations with limited to no grant writing experience, applications were not scored based on budget, evaluation methods, or sustainability plans. Both the Technical Review Committee and ARPA Review Committee were instructed to score applications based on a predetermined set of [criteria and guidelines](#). The application review process was as follows:

1. Each review committee member independently completed the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity’s [implicit bias training](#) prior to application review and review committee meetings.
2. Each application was reviewed by one Technical Reviewer (i.e., an external expert) and the technical reviewer determined the strengths and weaknesses of each application.

3. A Technical Review Committee for each award category met and used the Technical Reviewers' recommendations to determine which applicants would move forward to full ARPA Review Committee meetings.
4. The ARPA Review Committees were then assigned between 4-8 applications. Each application had a primary and a secondary reviewer. Applications were discussed during the full ARPA Review Committee meetings and then scored anonymously by all reviewers.
5. The Funding Review Committee then used the scores from the Technical Review Committee and ARPA Review Committees in combination with cut-off parameters to inform decisions about awards.
6. The applications, budgets, and budget justifications were sent to UNMC Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) for a review of allocable expenditures.

The ARPA Review Committee was selected to ensure representation of a variety of expertise in behavioral health workforce development and service delivery, telebehavioral health, health systems leadership, non-profit leadership, academic research and teaching, and behavioral health practice. Fifty individuals served as ARPA Review Committee members in cycles 1 and 2. Figure 1 presents a breakdown of the organization types represented by the ARPA Review Committee members. Many members represented multiple organization types. For example, a member may have given 60% of their effort to behavioral health practice, 30% to research and academia, and 10% to program administration.

Figure 1. Organizational Breakdown of BHECN ARPA Review Committee Members for Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 Funding



For both cycles, the BHECN Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair, Dr. Alison DeLizza, oversaw the entire review process and attended all rounds of review meetings. Reviewers who had conflicts of interest with applicants were excused from the discussion and recused during

scoring. During the process, there was a concerted effort to award at least half of all projects to rural and frontier areas, as these communities are some of the most underserved and under-resourced communities in Nebraska.

Cycle 1 of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program closed on October 14, 2022. Nearly 200 applications were received, and the amount of requested funds across the 4 award categories totaled more than \$49 million, more than double the amount available (~\$22 million). Table 1 presents the details of the funding in cycle 1.

Table 1. Cycle 1 Funding Requested and Awarded by BHECN ARPA Awards Program Award Category

Award Category	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Number of Applications	Number of Applications Awarded	Percentage of Applications Awarded
Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities	\$27.8 million	\$11,350,348	84	32*	38%
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	\$12.3 million	\$4,775,095	24	11	46%
Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic	\$5.1 million	\$1,790,635	47	21	45%
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	\$3.7 million	\$1,538,331	39	19**	49%
Total	~\$49 million	~\$19.5*** million	194	83****	43%

* Includes 3 applications moved from the Training/Education category to the Funding for Supervision category.

** Includes 3 additional applications moved from the Training/Education category to the Funding for Supervision category.

*** Final award amounts are subject to change upon UNMC SPA review of allocable budget items.

**** Five applications across 2 categories were awarded funding from BHECN general funds instead of ARPA funds. Eighty-eight applications were awarded: 83 funded from ARPA and 5 from BHECN general funds.

Cycle 2 of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program closed on April 10, 2023. 150 applications were received. The requested funds totaled over \$25 million across the 4 award categories, but only approximately \$3.3 million was available for awards. Table 2 presents the details of the funding in cycle 2.

Table 2. Cycle 2 Funding Requested and Awarded by BHECN ARPA Awards Program Award Category

Award Category	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Number of Application Submitted	Number of Applications Awarded	Percentage of Applications Awarded
Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities	\$4,654,000	\$400,000	47	6	12.5%
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	\$16,533,000	\$2,200,000	35	8	23%
Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic	\$2,009,000	\$400,000	40	10	25%
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	\$2,180,000	\$300,000	28	3	11%
Total	~\$25 million	~\$3.3* million	150	27	18%

* Final award amounts are subject to change upon UNMC SPA review of allocable budget items.

We received 344 applications requesting approximately \$74,276,000 in funding from both Cycles 1 and 2 and awarded \$22,754,000 to 110 applications. Approximately 30% of submitted applications were chosen by the review committees to receive awards. This proportion of awarded applications was consistent across all four categories. Two-hundred-and-four applications were submitted from urban organizations and 140 from rural organizations, with 55 urban and 55 rural organizations receiving awards. Table 3 depicts the rural and urban breakdown of all awards and amounts across the four award categories and two application cycles.

Table 3. Rural and Urban Breakdown of the BHECN ARPA Awards across Award Categories and Cycles

Category	Cycle 1+2 Applications Awarded Urban	Cycle 1+2 Amount Awarded Urban	Cycle 1+2 Applications Awarded Rural	Cycle 1+2 Amount Awarded Rural
Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities	20	\$7,131,478	18	\$4,618,870
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas*	8	\$3,854,306	11	\$3,120,288
Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic	18	\$1,245,974	13	\$944,650
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	9	\$863,953	13	\$974,378
Total	55	\$13,095,711	55	\$9,658,186

* All projects in the Telebehavioral Health category contained a rural component.

To ensure equity among the 110 awarded projects, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team provides ongoing technical assistance to smaller organizations, those with less experience in grants management, and/or those with limited experience in project implementation. The BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team also provides evaluation and invoicing tools for all awarded projects. This includes an [evaluation webinar](#), evaluation tools for each category (Appendix B), an [invoicing webinar](#), and an invoice template. These resources ensure organizations with less experience or capacity properly implement their projects and helps to standardize the process for awardees.

Beyond supporting the behavioral health workforce, a core tenet of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program is to promote equitable outcomes among behavioral health consumers and Nebraskans. To support this aim, the application collected information on the counties and client demographics served by the organizations. Additionally, all telebehavioral health projects were required to have an embedded rural or frontier component. Awardees complete a required evaluation to follow equitable outcomes among the following underserved client demographics:

- Age
- Language spoken
- Race and ethnicity
- Insurance and payment categories
- Geographical location

- Additional underserved communities (e.g., LGBTQIA+, veterans, justice-involved individuals, pregnant or postpartum individuals, etc.)

For organizations that do not collect this information, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team provides technical assistance and resources to ensure awardees can track and monitor these data as they implement their projects. Across all projects, each underserved population or demographic group is represented or served by one or more organizations. This will impact the access and use of behavioral health services among underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected populations.

The baseline evaluation data indicate that the funded organizations currently have clients from diverse and underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minorities (approximately 80% of organizations), non-English speaking clients (45%), and clients who use public insurance (72%). Many organizations currently have clients who are LGBTQIA+ (59%), involved in the justice system (43%), pregnant or postpartum (43%), veterans (34%), experiencing homelessness (38%), or have intellectual or developmental disabilities (30%).

Community Engagement

A behavioral health stakeholder group comprising diverse professionals from across Nebraska contributed to the overall conceptualization of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program from its inception. This group provided feedback on barriers to recruiting, training, and retaining behavioral health professionals across the state, including issues specific to providing care to immigrants, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and communities of color. Across the 2 application cycles, BHECN provided 8 two-hour-long “office hours” that gave community-based organizations and individuals opportunities to ask questions about and receive assistance with their applications. Small, community-based organizations and providers were often apprehensive about applying for the awards, and the office hours helped to alleviate some of their anxiety. In addition, the office hours gave BHECN information on what parts of the process were challenging and how to improve the process during cycle 2.

As part of the review process, BHECN’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair provided feedback on factors that diversity review committee members should be cognizant of when rating applications and making funding decisions. The review committees represented various demographics and perspectives and comprised behavioral health providers, public health professionals, and behavioral health advocates from across the US.

In 2023, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team offered virtual networking sessions, newsletters, one-on-one meetings, and office hours to ensure the awarded organizations engaged with other organizations and with BHECN. In the networking sessions and newsletters, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team highlighted projects, facilitated discussions on assistance and information sharing, and welcomed feedback on additional needs that the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team could address. For example, one awardee shared the need for additional recruitment efforts for their project, and the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team connected this organization with additional organizations who might benefit from a partnership. This connection led to a new partnership, and the 2 organizations now communicate regularly. During annual meetings, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team met with each awardee to discuss any needs they might have, provide technical assistance, and

discuss the annual progress report. These meetings were conducted in November and December 2023, with a few meetings taking place in January 2024.

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program manager and financial analyst host open office hours each week. During these office hours, awardees are encouraged to join and ask questions about their projects, invoicing, and any other needs. These open office hours are integral to relationship building and community engagement among the BHECN ARPA Awards Program awardees.

Labor Practices

SLFRF funds are not being used for any infrastructure projects with hiring requirements. All organizations in Nebraska were encouraged to apply for BHECN ARPA Awards. The award program's core mission is to train, educate, grow, recruit, retain, and expand the behavioral health workforce in Nebraska. A larger, more diverse, and equitably distributed behavioral health workforce will more adequately serve the needs of the community, contributing to a stronger and faster economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Evidence-based, credentialed, and longstanding intervention and training programs

BHECN is dedicated to improving access to behavioral health care across Nebraska by developing a skilled and passionate workforce. To grow the workforce, BHECN strives to introduce prospective behavioral health professionals to the workforce and engage, recruit, prepare, train, retain, and support behavioral health professionals throughout Nebraska. The BHECN ARPA Awards Program was designed to incorporate evidence-based interventions and program evaluations to achieve the overarching goal of growing the behavioral health workforce in Nebraska. The specific goals of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program are as follows:

1. Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities: Expand training opportunities for behavioral health trainees (including internships/practicums, post-graduate training, and fellowships) to increase the workforce of trained behavioral health professionals within 3 years.
2. Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas: Increase access to telebehavioral health services in rural areas to address increased mental health needs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Workforce Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19: Recruit, retain, and build resilience among the behavioral health workforce and support projects by students and behavioral health providers that address or research behavioral health effects caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers: Expand support for behavioral health organizations or behavioral health providers that supervise provisionally licensed behavioral health providers to increase the number of licensed behavioral health providers within 3 years.

These 4 goals were developed as evidence-based interventions or practices to grow the behavioral health workforce. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation,⁹ increasing telebehavioral health, reimbursing or funding care delivered by trainees or license-eligible behavioral health professionals, engaging in outreach efforts to recruit and retain new providers,

removing administrative burdens for providers (e.g., streamlining behavioral health documentation through electronic health records), and incentivizing behavioral health professional participation are key state and local strategies for addressing behavioral health workforce shortages. The 4 BHECN ARPA Awards Program goals fall within these promising strategies for growing Nebraska's behavioral health workforce.

Beyond the 4 evidence-based interventions of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program, each awarded program utilizes training and/or programs that are evidence-based, nationally credentialed, and/or longstanding with a history of success. A list of the evidence-based, credentialed, or longstanding programs used by one or more projects is provided in Appendix A.

Program evaluation

The BHECN ARPA Awards Team is responsible for completing program evaluations using a mixed-methods approach. The primary components of the program evaluation are baseline and annual follow-up surveys for each project. The baseline surveys for the 4 award categories are presented in Appendix B. Each awardee submits annual follow-up surveys, with the final survey being submitted within 6 months of project completion. The program evaluation model used by the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team to guide the development of the evaluation survey is presented in Appendix C.

Information from the baseline and follow-up surveys will be compared to determine the impact of the BHECN ARPA Awards. Qualitative methods will be used to further evaluate and highlight the BHECN ARPA Awards' impact. These will include awardee spotlight conversations and presentations, site visits, focus groups, and key informant interviews. This mixed-methods approach will allow the BHECN ARPA Awards Team to gather important information and extensively evaluate the awarded projects and their impacts.

Baseline survey findings indicate that the Behavioral Health Training and Education projects will support at least 117 new trainees. The Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers projects will add 25 new supervisors across Nebraska, enabling at least 31 additional provisionally licensed providers to be supervised. The Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas project awardees report that the BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding will allow them to address technology and infrastructure barriers that have previously limited telebehavioral health services in their organizations and communities. The Workforce Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19 project awardees report that BHECN ARPA projects will enable them to conduct new research and implement training, recruitment, and retention programs that will support the behavioral health workforce.

Performance Report

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team utilized feedback from the Review Committees to determine which organizations would benefit from ongoing technical assistance. About half of the awardees receive assistance with setting evaluation measures, invoicing monthly payments, and implementing programs. Those organizations identified as needing technical assistance are required to submit itemized invoices monthly to BHECN ARPA and UNMC SPA, while the remaining awardees submit their invoices at least quarterly. All awardees submit quarterly financial reports for review to BHECN ARPA and UNMC SPA. Both the BHECN ARPA Financial

Analyst and UNMC SPA representative monitor invoices and allocable expenditures against project scopes of work and budget proposals. All 110 projects submit annual financial reports.

As noted above, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team is responsible for gathering program evaluation data on the BHECN ARPA Awards Program and from all 110 awarded projects. The BHECN ARPA Awards Team is responsible for completing the program evaluation of the BHECN ARPA Awards Program. The baseline evaluation questionnaires for each award category can be found in Appendix B.

In addition to financial reports and evaluation questionnaires, the BHECN ARPA Awardees submitted performance narratives (Appendix D). The performance narratives included a project overview, current expenditures, project activities, barriers, and any technical assistance needs. Organizations were provided the performance narrative in early January 2024 and were required to submit completed reports by January 31, 2024. Appendix E presents summaries of the individual projects and their progress.

In 2023, all 110 projects conducted project activities, although not all projects incurred expenses. Due to the time required to secure funding and execute subcontracts, projects awarded during cycle 1 did not begin invoicing until late May 2023. Projects awarded during cycle 2 were established by July 2023, and the first project invoiced in early August 2023.

Among the 38 Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities projects, approximately 17% of the total obligated funding was spent in the first year of project activities, and 88 interns and 138 licensed providers received training, funding, and/or support from BHECN ARPA Awards Program funds. One awardee shared that “it is evident that the program is working because it has made completing an internship more accessible for our students.

Approximately 22% of the obligated project funds for the 19 awarded Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas projects was spent in year 1 of project activities. Through this funding, at least 20 new sites, organizations, providers, or practices were able to offer telebehavioral health, and awardees are reporting success in implementing and expanding telebehavioral health.

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program supported 31 projects in the Workforce Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19 category; within this category, 31% of obligated funds were expensed in year 1. Over \$450,000 was given to providers and staff for hiring, retention, and recruitment bonuses. Approximately 300 community members have engaged in at least one ARPA project in this category, and 15 new providers or staff members were hired through hiring bonuses.

Twenty-two projects were funded in the Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers category; across these projects, 37% of the obligated funds were spent in year 1 of the project. Through these projects, 65 interns, students, or provisionally licensed providers received supervision, and many organizations expanded the number of supervisees in their second year.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Funding was allocated to 110 projects in Nebraska across the 2 BHECN ARPA Award Program funding cycles. Table 4 depicts the breakdown of applications received, funds requested,

projects awarded, and total funding awarded across the 4 categories and 2 application cycles. Table 5 presents the expenditures for the BHECN ARPA Awards Program in fiscal year 2023. Table 6 depicts the total expenditures to date (June 30, 2024).

Table 4. BHECN ARPA Awards Application and Funding Breakdowns for Cycles 1 and 2

Category	Applications Submitted in Cycles 1 and 2	Applications Awarded in Cycles 1 and 2	Amount of Funds Requested in Cycles 1 and 2	Amount of Funds Awarded in Cycles 1 and 2
Behavioral Health Training Opportunities	131	38	\$32,454,00	\$11,750,297.33
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	59	19	\$28,833,000.	\$6,972,984.03
Workforce Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19	87	31	\$7,109,000	\$2,260,595.00
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	67	22	\$5,880,000	\$1,838,331.53
Total	344	110	\$74,276,000	\$22,772,207.89

Table 5. BHECN ARPA Awards Program Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditures

Category	Fiscal Year 2023 Cumulative Expenditures
Administrative and Operating	\$499,202.65
Project Subcontracts	\$889,080.70
Total Expenditures	\$1,388,283.35

Table 6. BHECN ARPA Awards Program Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditures

Category	Cumulative Expenditures as of June 30, 2024
Administrative and Operating	\$988,135.10
Project Subcontracts	\$7,691,604.02
Total Expenditures	\$8,679,739.12

In calendar year 2023, total project subcontract expenditures totaled \$4,839,894.37, and approximately 21.27% of obligated funds for project subcontracts were spent. Table 7 provides the breakdown of project subcontract expenditures through fiscal year 2024 by award category.

Table 7. BHECN ARPA Awards Program Funded Project Expenditures Through Fiscal Year 2024

Category	Total Funds Awarded	Cumulative Expenses	Percent Spent Down
Behavioral Health Training Opportunities	\$11,750,297.33	\$3,252,982.17	27.68%
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	\$6,972,984.03	\$2,510,259.11	36.00%
Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic	\$2,260,595.00	\$950,532.66	42.05%
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	\$1,838,331.53	\$977,830.08	53.19%
Total	\$22,822,207.89	\$7,691,604.02	33.70%

As noted above, the BHECN ARPA Awards Program monitors the performance and spending of all awarded projects through evaluation data collected at baseline and annually and through financial reports collected quarterly and annually. To date, all projects have executed their subcontract agreements with UNMC SPA, and nearly all have begun project activities and invoice submissions. All projects are continuously monitored and provide quarterly or monthly updates via invoice submissions and email correspondence. Please see Appendix E for summaries of the awarded projects and their progress.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Evidence-Based Intervention or Training, Credentials, or Program Name

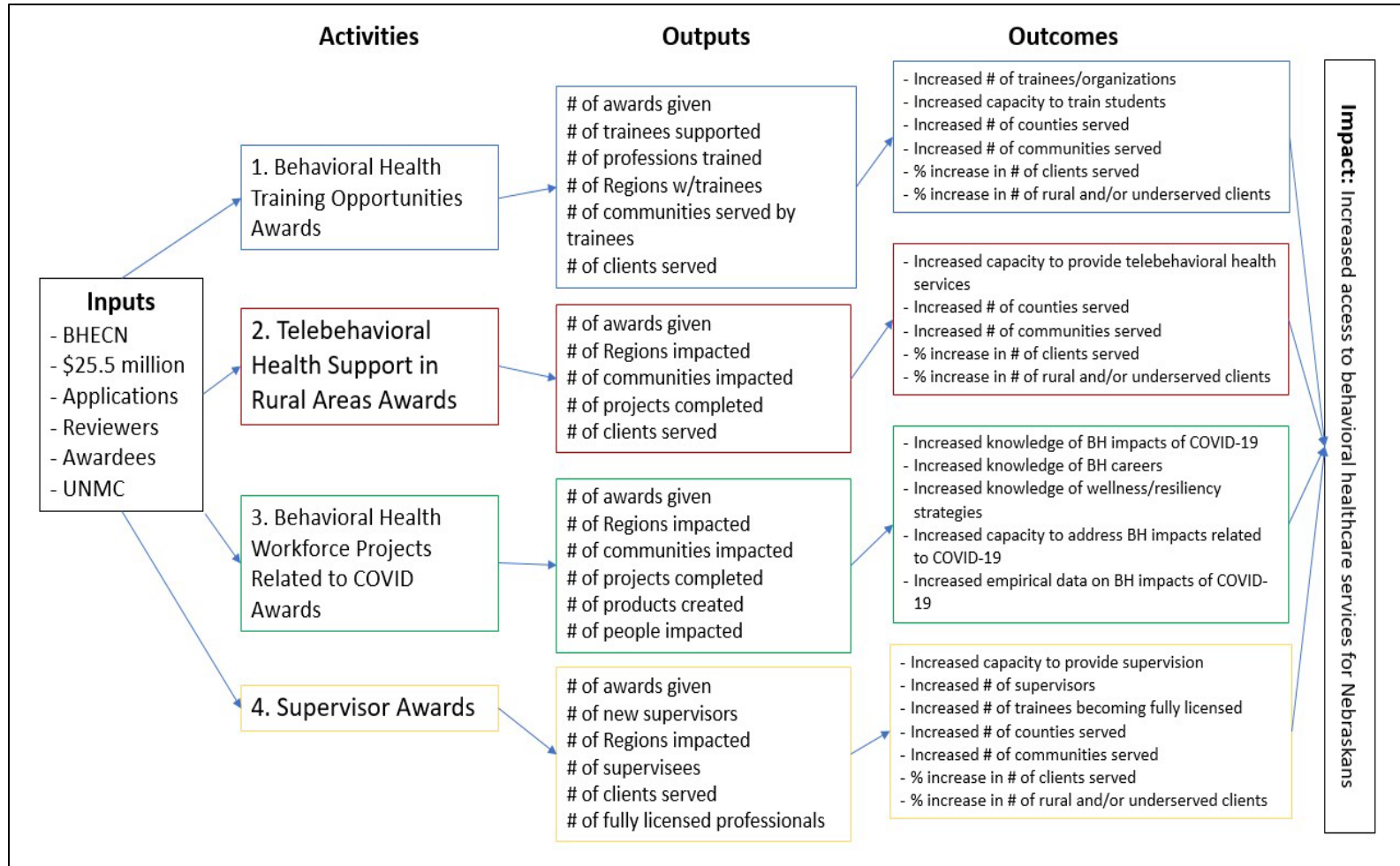
Behavioral Health Training Opportunities	
American Psychological Association Accreditation Psychology Internship (APA)	Evidence-Based Behavioral Health Interventions in Primary Care, University of Washington AIMS Center
RELIAS	HeartMath Certification Interventions Program
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)	High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium (HPPIC)
Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)	Integrative Development Model of Supervision (IDM)
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)	International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (IAEDP) Core Courses
Behavioral Analyst Certification Board Accreditation (BACB)	Joint Commission Accreditation
Bio-Psycho-Social Model of Integrated Care	National Association of School Psychologists Approval
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS)
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	Nebraska Department of Education Accreditation for School Psychology
Commission of Higher Learning	NeuroOptimal Professional Training
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
Council on Accreditation Services for Families and Children	Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) Project
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	Prairie Nebraska
Culturally Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Certification
Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) I and II Training	
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACNE)	Council on Accreditation Services for Families and Children (CoA)
Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)	The Great Plains Telehealth Resource & Assistance Center (gpTRAC)
American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation (ANCC COA)	Healthy Communities Movement Program
American Certification Agency for Healthcare Professionals (ACA)	High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium (HPPIC)
Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (AAPIC)	The HUB Situation Table Model
Collaborative Care Model	The Joint Commission
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs Accreditation (CAAHEP)	National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) Accreditation
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
Continuing Medical Education Accreditation (CME)	Project TEACH (Training and Education for the Advancement of Children's Health)
Funding for Workforce Projects Related to COVID-19	

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)	High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium (HPPIC)
Advanced Telemental Health Training	The Joint Commission
American Psychological Association Accreditation Psychology Internship (APA)	Mental Health First Aid
Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (AAPIC)	Nebraska Center on Reflective Practice (NCRP) Training
Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)	Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	Project REST (Reflect and Explore in Supervision Training)
Council on Accreditation	Reflective Practice Facilitating Attuned Interactions (RP FAN)
Council on Accreditation Services for Families and Children	Risking Connections
Crisis Prevention Intervention Training (CPI)	Safe and Together Train the Trainer
Healthy Minds Program	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training
Higher Learning Commission Accreditation	The Vital Hearts Program and Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training
<i>Funding for the Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers</i>	
Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)	Crisis Prevention and Intervention
American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation (ANCC COA)	Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
American Psychological Association Accreditation Psychology Internship (APA)	High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium (HPPIC)
Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy	Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Clinical Supervision Foundations
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)	PESI Supervision
Capella Supervision	Positive Youth Development
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	Rent Wise
Continuing Medical Education Accreditation (CME)	Transition to Independence Process Model
Council on Accreditation	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	Trauma Informed Care

Appendix B: Links to BHECN ARPA Awards Program Baseline Evaluation Surveys

1. [BHECN ARPA Awards Program Behavioral Health Training Opportunities Evaluation Survey](#)
2. [BHECN ARPA Awards Program Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas Evaluation Survey](#)
3. [BHECN ARPA Awards Program Workforce Projects Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Evaluation Survey](#)
4. [BHECN ARPA Awards Program Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers Evaluation Survey](#)

Appendix C: BHECN ARPA Awards Program Evaluation Model



Appendix D: BHECN ARPA Award Program Mid-term Performance Narrative

Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska American Rescue Plan Act Annual Performance Narrative January-December 2023		
Project Overview		
Application Number:		
Subcontract/WBS Number:		
Organization Name:		
Organization address:		
Project lead:		
Project description:		
Project Category:		
Budget:		
Project initiation date:		
Estimated project completion date:		
Current Expenditures		
Please list your expenditures as of 12/31/2023. The current and cumulative expenditures will be the same in the 2023 award period.		
	Amount	Description
Personnel		
Fringe		
Travel		
Equipment		
Supplies/materials		
Consultants		
Subawards		
Other direct costs		
Current period expenditures		
Total cumulative expenditures		
Unencumbered Balance		
Use the space below to answer the following questions: 1) Do you anticipate spending your award in the timeframe described in your scope of work? Please provide justification. 2) If you do not anticipate spending your award, please indicate how much you anticipate will remain at the end of your award period.		
Project Activities		
Please list up to 10 project activities, the progress you've made toward completing the activity (Not Started, In Progress, or Completed), and a description of the activity.		
Activity	Progress	Description

Barriers

Using the space below, please describe any barriers you have encountered during your project implementation, intended solutions, and needs for technical assistance.

Appendix E: BHECN ARPA Award Program Project Performance Table

Behavioral Health Training and Education Opportunities	
Project Number	31
Organization	Doane University
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$94,129.51
Percent Spent Down	19%
Project Overview	This project creates a behavioral health training opportunity titled “Master of Arts in Counseling Rural Partnerships Program”. Twenty-five Master of Arts in Counseling student trainees serve 10 eastern Nebraska counties: Clay, Dodge, Fillmore, Gage, Hamilton, Platte, Saline, Seward, Thurston, and York. In this project region, only 143 behavioral health providers serve a total population of 166,882. These counties experience provider shortages and higher mortality and hospitalization rates for mental illness and substance abuse, demonstrating the clear and urgent need to expand the project region’s behavioral health workforce. Beyond supporting the students and trainees, the project supports supervisor stipends, professional development, and consulting services. Through the project, individuals who serve as practicum and internship supervisors receive stipends at a rate of \$55 per hour, 1 hour per week, for 16 weeks. To support professional development, Doane University will purchase individual student memberships to the American Counseling Association for each trainee.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project accomplishments in 2023-2024 include developing and disseminating promotional materials, recruiting student trainees for travel to practicum and internship sites, administering stipends and mileage reimbursement to student trainees, supporting supervisor stipends, and providing faculty supervision.
Project Number	34
Organization	Lutheran Family Services
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$33,284.02
Percent Spent Down	7%

Project Overview	This project supports 22 behavioral health interns throughout the project period. The interns benefit from a robust training program relying on the experience, expertise, and supervision of senior behavioral health professionals, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) management, and working therapists. The goal is to provide an experience that attracts top talent and inspires well-trained interns to work for LFS when their schooling is complete. Paid internships can help reduce barriers to completing training and expedite additional behavioral health providers into the workforce. Interns have 20 hours of onboarding with the human resources department during their first week of work. Onboarding includes orientation to LFS, a behavioral health program-specific training module through the training platform RELIAS, case management and clinical documentation training on CREDIBLE electronic health records, and tips on working in an interdisciplinary team behavioral health care system. Upon completion of the onboarding requirements, interns begin their clinical experience. LFS provides supervision for interns in person and via telehealth. LFS provides at least 3 hours of supervision per week and expects the student to commit to 10 hours per week. The supervision hours include a minimum of weekly 1-hour individual supervision sessions (with additional hours scheduled as needed) and group supervision for some programs. Interns are expected to attend weekly clinical team meetings.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In 2023-2024, LFS identified and hired an internship coordinator and began hiring interns.
Project Number	35
Organization	University of Nebraska Medical Center collaboration with University of Nebraska Kearney Integrated Care
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$492,191.00
Current Expenditures	\$96,299.64
Percent Spent Down	20%
Project Overview	The program trains 16 trainees in integrated behavioral health care across the following professions: 1) psychiatry resident/fellow, 2) psychiatric nurse practitioner, 3) physician assistant, and 4) mental health counselor. There are 2 types of trainees: student trainees and postgraduate trainees. Regardless of trainee type, the training experience is a supplemental learning opportunity designed to expose learners to integrated care methodology and implementation. The training experience's requirements for student trainees are in addition to those for certification and licensure.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In 2023-2024, UNMC established a contract with the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), established its EHR contract, hired a new behavioral health provider and training coordinator at the UNK site, developed training assessments, recruited the first cohort of trainees, and began to evaluate the trainees' training and contact with patients.

Project Number	42
Organization	University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$499,895.00
Current Expenditures	\$202,776.50
Percent Spent Down	41%
Project Overview	This project's main aim is to support training current advanced practice nurses (family nurse practitioner and pediatric nurse practitioners) living in rural areas to obtain a post-graduate certificate in psychiatric mental health. The students will then be psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNPs) dual certified to treat primary care patients for primary care and behavioral health needs. UNMC College of Nursing also trains students on practicing within the integrated behavioral health care model with the goal that the PMHNPs will serve as consultants to the other primary care providers in their clinic of employment. The secondary aim is to increase opportunities for undergraduate nursing students to receive quality inpatient psychiatric experiences during their training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center - Omaha campus. Currently, not all undergraduate nursing students have access to inpatient clinical experiences. This grant supports an additional undergraduate clinical instructor who provides training to students in an inpatient setting of diverse patients.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee recruited 4 students for the fall 2023 PMHNP program, recruited a psychiatric faculty for the undergraduate program, increased the number of undergraduate psychiatric nurses receiving psychiatric training at UNMC, provided tuition stipends for 5 PMHNP students, completed an integrated primary care case study, and recruited and admitted 5 rural students for the fall 2024 semester.
Project Number	48
Organization	Chadron State College
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$490,500.00
Current Expenditures	\$150,456.59
Percent Spent Down	31%

Project Overview	This project awards 45 clinical mental health internship students a \$10,000 training stipend. Students must be enrolled in and currently completing an approved internship. In addition to meeting internship requirements, students are required to attend or view the annual Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Core Webinar Series, the BHECN Panhandle webinar series, the BHECN Panhandle Conference, and 5 additional trainings, webinars, or meetings. The project intends to fund internship student stipends. Students receive group supervision and individual site supervision. Site supervisors are selected from agencies within the counties in which the interns are placed. Supervisors must be fully licensed and have practiced for at least 2 years. They are required to be in good standing with the licensure board. Direct individual supervision occurs a minimum of 1 hour per week, with an additional average of 1.5 hours of group supervision weekly. Students must have at least 2 observations during their internship experience.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$1,808 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee has completed all initial advertising and marketing efforts for the wellness initiatives and continues to recruit students to engage in campus-wide wellness activities and to evaluate programs.
Project Number	52
Organization	Great Plains Health
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$33,860.00
Current Expenditures	\$12,785.00
Percent Spent Down	38%
Project Overview	This project seeks to support one licensed independent mental health professional (LIMHP) in their completion of a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certification course. The project also covers the cost of tuition for the Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) project for 2 behavioral health clinicians. The 2 clinicians completing the PLAY Project training receive consultative and live supervision, in addition to funding for travel to Kearney, Nebraska, for fieldwork to meet the course requirements. The first 2 staff members who are trained as PLAY Project “coaches” receive consultative supervision and then become live supervisors for the rest of the team through a “train the trainer” approach. In addition, they train and supervise parents in implementing the interventions at home. The LIMHP completing the BCBA certification works towards this certification over 18 months. During this time, they receive the necessary intervention through the course agency. After completion of the BCBA certification, the LIMHP supervises 1-2 technicians to become trained in working with children with autism.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$3,386 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee has enrolled 3 employees in the PLAY Project consultation certification program. They completed the intensive workshops and have enrolled in the 6-week implementation course.

Project Number	71
Organization	Silver Sun Mental Health dba Nebraska Mental Health Centers
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$168,943.08
Percent Spent Down	34%
Project Overview	This project supports 6 psychology interns as they complete their supervised internship with Nebraska Mental Health Centers (NMHC). Weekly, each intern receives the following: 1) 2 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision, 2) director observation and supervision of clinical development, 3) 2 hours of group supervision, 4) 1 hour of multidisciplinary clinical group supervision, and 5) 2 hours of group didactic training. NMHC also adheres to an open-door policy whenever possible to encourage questions and collaboration among all staff, foster clinical consultation, and provide readily available support. A supervisor or senior staff/psychology resident is physically available at each clinic office to ensure that interns have direct access to consultation and supervision.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee has supervised 3 interns and provided them with rural clinic experience twice weekly. The interns have also received up-to-date testing and materials.
Project Number	75
Organization	Heartland Family Services
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$491,680.00
Current Expenditures	\$67,944.95
Percent Spent Down	14%

Project Overview	<p>This pilot project oversees the hiring of 1 full-time lead therapist/intern coordinator to function as the training coordinator for all clinical internships for Nebraska Behavioral Health (NBH) programs. This employee’s primary responsibility is to address the training needs of each student. All new NBH clinician internships are long-term investments at Heartland Family Services (HFS) because HFS facilitates the development of quality clinical skills to best serve its clients. HFS hires its interns upon completion of their internships, which improves access to quality care for clients by reducing turnover and pairing of clients with new clinicians. This ensures continued high-quality behavioral health programming at NBH. This position also provides training for new clinical staff, creating greater consistency among staff trained for improved client care. In short, adding this position to NBH improves service delivery by streamlining the training process, improving the consistency of instruction and mentorship provided to interns, and increasing staff retention. HFS expects the project to encourage more interns to become full-time clinicians at HFS upon completion of their internships by improving the internship experience. The therapist/intern coordinator is also assigned tasks depending on program needs, including crisis availability at NBH, documentation review and compliance, clinical program change projects, monitoring program fidelity, and QI reports. The therapist/intern coordinator is also expected to oversee the orientation of new staff alongside supervising interns.</p> <p>The project also includes expenses for supervision time carried out by HFS’s clinical and lead therapists. It is essential that trainees receive instruction from multiple therapists during their time at HFS. However, this supervision time is not billable to Medicaid because it does not provide a direct service to clients, resulting in significant forfeited revenue for lead therapists who train interns for future service delivery in the community. Funding from BHECN helps reimburse HFS’s programs for supervising interns and coordinating communication with the university systems from which HFS draws interns. Supervision time for the onboarding of newly hired provisionally licensed staff is also included in this expense.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$49,168 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee used the funding to hire a full-time coordinator, who is completing training and education, clinical supervision training, and in-agency training on clinical tasks. The awardee has begun to train new clinicians on completing evaluations and EHR, is interviewing graduate interns, and has built a library of training materials.</p>
Project Number	79
Organization	Autism Care for Toddlers Clinics, MMI
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$416,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$19,229.70
Percent Spent Down	5%

Project Overview	This project supervises 75 trainees in certificate, credentialing, or specialized training programs: 1) registered behavior technicians, 2) board-certified assistant behavior analysts, 3) board-certified behavior analysts, and 4) trainee shadowing and internship opportunities. Trainees receive high-quality, consistent, ongoing supervision provided by a credentialed supervisor. Supervision is primarily provided in person, but there is the ability to provide supervision via telehealth as needed (e.g., HIPAA-compliant programs such as Zoom). The trainees' supervision and experiences are tailored to the needs of their academic programs, certification requirements, or personal preferences as much as possible. The supervision model has been used successfully at the Autism Care for Toddlers Clinics for the last 9 years.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team used funding to begin documentation of clinic and training materials, continue partnership meetings with the Fremont community, identify and tour possible locations in Fremont, and establish a list of primary care providers in Nebraska.
Project Number	83
Organization	Northeast Community College
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$343,299.05
Current Expenditures	\$49,346.46
Percent Spent Down	14%
Project Overview	This project supports 5 mental health counselors and 1 one full-time licensed behavioral health provider over the proposed project period. These individuals receive 1 hour of supervision each week. The supervision includes a review of activities, discussion of any problems or concerns, review of logged hours, and discussion of the services provided. As part of this project, internship students are also supervised by their program faculty as required by their program during individual and group sessions. Supervision includes midterm and final reports, including Counseling Competencies Scale-Revised (CCS-R). The final report follows guidelines provided by the student's institution and includes skills, professionalism, and ethics, among other components.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team hired a mental health counselor, completed an internship program description, enrolled an employee in supervision training through the American College Counseling Association, enrolled 2 employees in continuing education courses at the American College Counseling Association, and observed an increase in the number of students seeking mental health counseling since August 2023.
Project Number	92
Organization	University of Nebraska at Omaha Counseling Department
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00

Current Expenditures	\$153,484.80
Percent Spent Down	31%
Project Overview	This project supports the expansion of the UNO Counseling Department by hiring a clinical supervisor to oversee a second section of practicum students. This allows UNO to double the number of student counselors from 6 to 12 each semester. In addition, the project supports living stipends for 36 practicum students completing their practicum training experience in the Community Counseling Clinic. Beginning practicum students in the training clinic follow the UNO Counseling Department's current practicum supervision plan and program. These students are supervised by a licensed faculty member who serves as an on-site supervisor and an academic educator. This is an experiential teaching model of education where students obtain applied clinical experience under rigorous supervision. Students receive weekly triadic supervision for review of session recordings and weekly group supervision for clinical training and case consultation/conceptualization. Areas of focus for practicum supervision include building strong skills in intake and risk assessment, diagnosis, theoretical conceptualization, and treatment planning.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team recruited, interviewed, and hired a new in-house clinic coordinator; facilitated onboarding and training of the in-house clinic coordinator; recruited, interviewed, and hired a new clinical supervisor; facilitated onboarding and training of the clinical supervisor; and facilitated the translation and adaptation of the clinic webpage to Spanish by a bilingual student and bilingual graduate assistant. In-progress activities include establishing diversity-oriented community and campus training experiences; developing protocols for collecting demographic, quantitative, and qualitative data on practicum students receiving stipends; and providing stipends to practicum students.
Project Number	93
Organization	University of Nebraska at Omaha Counseling Department
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$112,084.10
Percent Spent Down	22%

Project Overview	<p>This project supports 2 clinical internship experiences for counselors in training. The first internship, Internship I, is offered through a course, COUN 8250, and provides opportunities for students to demonstrate competence with an increasingly complex and diverse client caseload. The second internship, Advanced Internship, is offered through the COUN 8260 course and provides opportunities for students to continue to demonstrate competence with increasingly complex and diverse client caseloads. The Advanced Internship is intended to allow for more specialization and refinement of skills to move into the workforce. The counseling interns in both clinical experiences provide direct and indirect counseling services under the supervision of UNO Counseling Department instructors and licensed mental health professionals at their respective internship sites. The internship experiences build upon practicum experiences and focus on both personal and professional development. Students in the internship courses receive at least 2 hours a week of course instruction and group supervision with a PhD-trained supervisor/counselor educator. In these supervision sessions, the students present video/audio recordings for review in class and complete all accompanying written documentation. The students also receive on-site weekly supervision with a licensed clinician who has at least 2 years of experience in the field and who has been trained in supervision modalities. Supervision sessions focus on the intern's clinical skills, case conceptualization skills, documentation, and refinement of theoretical orientation and intervention competency. The interns are formally evaluated by the academic and site supervisor twice in the semester and given both constructive and corrective feedback regarding counseling skills. The on-site supervisor and academic supervisor coordinate the clinical experiences and communicate any necessary information to each other to ensure the students' success.</p> <p>The project also supports clinical mental health counselors and substance use disorder counselors enrolled in the graduate counseling program at UNO. The funds support the students in completing their advanced training in clinical mental health counseling and opportunities for specialized telebehavioral training provided by a trained UNO faculty member. This enables the students to provide telehealth services effectively during their internship and in their future practice. They are also trained and receive a certification for suicide intervention skills (ASIST) from a certified UNO faculty member who has completed the train-the-trainer model for ASIST and offers the certification during their internship courses. There have been over 30 peer-reviewed studies supporting the efficiency of the ASIST program, including how it improves trainees' skills and readiness to support suicidal clients. Currently, there are no ASIST trainings in the state of Nebraska.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team used funding to purchase materials, hire and train the student worker, initiate stipend distribution to trainees, and collect data from training participants. In-progress activities include analyzing data from the project participants' training experiences.</p>
Project Number	96
Organization	University of Nebraska at Omaha Grace Abbott School of Social Work
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00

Current Expenditures	\$143,189.10
Percent Spent Down	29%
Project Overview	<p>This project targets students interested in practicum opportunities in rural/frontier agencies in Nebraska. Of the proposed budget of \$500,000, \$200,000 is requested for supportive stipends of \$10,000 per year for participating students. 20 participants will receive stipends: 5 students in year 1, 7 in year 2, and 8 in year 3. The budget allocates funds for practicum educational supervision by a qualified licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in Nebraska. Funds will also be used for evaluation purposes. The goals and objectives of the proposed Broader Nebraska Social Work Sustainability (BNESWS) project are to 1) increase the number of practicum students in rural or frontier settings/agencies in Nebraska, 2) increase the number of clients seen in rural or frontier settings, 3) decrease the financial stress of practicum students, 4) increase student engagement in self-care practices while in practicum, and 5) establish sustainability practices and procedures for graduates of the UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work (GASSW) program located in rural or frontier Nebraska. Students will receive individual and/or group educational supervision for at least 1 hour per week throughout their practicum. This supervision will be provided by an LCSW who has experience supervising students and has completed GASSW's online practicum supervisor training and application. Additionally, this educational supervisor is a member of the GASSW faculty, lives in a rural community, and has been practicing as a mental health practitioner for 35 years. The educational supervisor's role is to help the student incorporate theory into practice.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team began marketing the program, developed a data-tracking sheet, developed a stipend application, and identified 4 students for the summer stipend. The 4 students completed the program requirements, passed the practicum course, and received their stipends upon completion. Evaluation data were collected from the practicum students.</p>
Project Number	133
Organization	Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$374,934.00
Current Expenditures	\$104,940.96
Percent Spent Down	28%

Project Overview	<p>This project supports 7 graduate students and 3 undergraduate students. Specifically, it supports a master’s-level mental health counselor, master’s-level social workers, bachelor’s-level alcohol and drug counselor, and an associate’s-level alcohol and drug counselor. Each of these interns/trainees receives a stipend for completing Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center’s (R3CC) internship program. The project includes a principal investigator/program director (PI/PD), co-PI/training director (TD), and program evaluator/program coordinator. The PI/PD and co-PI/TD are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the project activities and internal and external coordination, developing materials, and conducting meetings. The program evaluator/program coordinator coordinates project services and activities, assists with training, contributes to communication efforts, and disseminates information; this individual also assists with hiring, supervising, and training staff. Over the next 3 years, R3CC’s goals for growing its behavioral health training program are to increase access and provide opportunities for behavioral health trainees to be trained while gaining exposure to and developing skills for working with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-defined medically underserved areas. R3CC accomplishes this by (1) providing training and a clinical supervisor for 2 graduate-level mental health interns to satisfy their graduate program and licensure requirements; (2) providing training and clinical supervision for one substance abuse counseling student in training to satisfy their educational program and licensure requirements; and (3) partnering with an additional 1-2 hospitals, clinics, and/or community agencies within a HRSA-defined health professional shortage area (HPSA) to provide opportunities for behavioral health trainee job placement.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$37,934 in FY 2022-2023. The project team provided training and clinical supervision for 2 graduate-level mental health interns to satisfy their graduate program and licensure requirements. The interns were trained in multiple therapy modalities. The project team also developed an online platform for onboarding and teaching interns. The project team continues to provide training and clinical supervision for 1 substance abuse counseling student in training. In addition, R3CC continues to develop partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and community agencies in HRSA-defined HPSAs to provide opportunities for behavioral health trainee job placement.</p>
Project Number	136
Organization	Center for Psychological Services dba Live Well Counseling Center, Kearney
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$81,392.00
Current Expenditures	\$43,103.99
Percent Spent Down	53%
Project Overview	<p>This project implements additional supervision for 4 provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals. The project also supports interns in training and professional development activities throughout the grant period. Live Well Counseling Center (LWCC) provides interns with support to attend an annual conference for a state-led organization. LWCC currently supervises behavioral</p>

	health interns/supervisees, and these additional provisionally licensed providers follow LWCC's established supervision plan. The proposed supervision plan includes a minimum of 1 hour of direct supervision per week, with most supervisees completing 2 hours of supervision each week. The project supports a caseload of 8-15 clients per intern, which is aligned with the University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska at Omaha Social Work Program requirements. Supervisors follow the integrative developmental model of supervision (IDM).
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$8,139 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee began advertising open internship positions with UNK and hired 6 master's-level counseling interns. Three of the interns have successfully completed their internship requirements. LWCC retained 2 of these interns as full-time employees.
Project Number	146
Organization	Options in Psychology, LLC
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$398,401.00
Current Expenditures	\$186,918.53
Percent Spent Down	47%
Project Overview	This project supports the supervision of provisionally licensed psychologists and provisionally licensed mental health practitioners. As a freestanding private mental health clinic, Options in Psychology, LLC (OIPLLC) receives no outside funding; its past and current supervisory efforts are done through non-reimbursable time. The project uses funding to continue OIPLLC's internship program. OIPLLC also supports the travel of its interns within the 3-state region of the High Plains Internship Consortium. As part of the project, OIPLLC will train and supervise 1 psychology intern in year 1 of the project and 2 psychology interns in each of years 2 and 3. The supervision plan includes 2 hours of live, face-to-face in-person supervision each week, with additional supervision as needed during the week on a case-by-case basis. Interns also complete 2 hours of live group supervision, delivered in person or via teleconference, each week and 6 hours of monthly didactic training.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$26,417 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee supported 1 psychology intern in their completion of the program, hired 2 additional psychology interns, and interviewed 2 more for the 2024-2025 internship year.
Project Number	151
Organization	Child and Family Therapy Institute of Nebraska, LLC
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$124,048.10
Current Expenditures	\$124,048.10

Percent Spent Down	100%
Project Overview	<p>This project supports 1 behavioral health intern as they complete a supervision and training program through the Child and Family Therapy Institute (CFTI). The project provides support for the necessary supervision and operating costs associated with an intern. The intern has live supervision (individually at least once weekly), biweekly group supervision with all therapists, in-session experiences with at least 1 therapist, and office hours to complete intake and referral processes.</p> <p>The intern can sit with 3 on-site therapists for clinical experiences, attend biweekly staff meetings, connect with community resources and training opportunities, and access daily contact with the office manager and administrative support. Ongoing continuing education hours are discussed and promoted throughout CFTI. CFTI promotes the work of the intern using social media, and once a provisional license is obtained, CFTI provides direction and resources for the intern to develop their networking and insurance panel to maintain a practice in rural Nebraska.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$39,956 in FY 2022-2023. The project team supervised an intern and provisionally licensed therapist, provided the intern with a training stipend, paid for the provisionally licensed therapist through their credentialing, provided support for credentialing of the provisional therapist, and supported a percentage of a grant coordinator's effort to run the program.</p>
Project Number	155
Organization	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$133,704.01
Percent Spent Down	27%

Project Overview

The Prairie Nebraska project partners with Nebraska's Educational Service Units (ESUs) and rural schools to recruit and prepare 10 rural Nebraska residents to be school psychologists. "Rural residents" are defined as those living and working in a Nebraska county that is not Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Washington, or Cass County. Accepted trainees are residents of a rural Nebraska county, have recommendations from an ESU/school administrator, and have a commitment by the school/ESU to provide the experiences and supervision that the trainees will need to complete the program. With ESU/school partners, the UNL Board of Regents identifies trainees who reflect the diversity of their rural communities. The project funds cover trainees' tuition and fees. In the final year of the project, trainees secure a paid school psychology internship and will have completed half of this internship by December 2025. Completion of the paid internship (May 2026) is the trainees' final requirement for an educational specialist (EdS) degree and Nebraska Department of Education certification in school psychology. Prairie Nebraska uses 3 time-tested strategies to foster trainees' continued employment in rural schools: recruiting rural residents, securing commitments from rural ESUs/school partners to co-mentor trainees, and providing financial incentives that support most costs incurred by trainees. Five-year follow-ups in similar programs suggest that 80% or more of trainees are still working in their rural communities. The UNL Board of Regent's own survey of 27 school mental health professionals in rural Nebraska showed that two-thirds had lived and/or had family in their rural community. Prairie Nebraska prepares rural school psychologists who have mastered 11 Prairie Nebraska competencies to promote the behavioral success and psychological well-being of rural students. Trainees are supervised in 3 stages. In stage 1, virtual graduate courses engage trainees in analog practice in discrete psychological services with coaching and feedback from UNL faculty members who are licensed psychologists. The competencies that are coached in stage 1 include mental/behavioral health interventions (applied behavior analysis, evidence-based mental health interventions, consultation and collaboration, multicultural counseling, promotion of psychological wellbeing, and school-wide practices to promote positive and caring school-wide climates); psychological assessment (intellectual assessment, social and emotional assessment, behavioral assessment, and psychological diagnosis); and ethical and legal problem solving. In stage 2, Prairie Nebraska trainees provide 575 hours of school psychological services in their community's schools under the shared supervision of the ESU/district school psychologist, who provides a minimum of 57 hours of individual face-to-face supervision, including direct observations. Trainees receive 1 hour of individual supervision from the ESU/district school psychologist for every 10 hours of practicum placement. In addition, trainees receive 90 minutes of group supervision weekly from the faculty member assigned to the practicum. Each trainee's practicum appointment is negotiated with the rural ESU/district; a written practicum plan specifies their schedule, the school psychological competencies that they will be practicing, the certified school psychologist from the district or ESU who will directly supervise their placement, and the plan and schedule for the evaluation of their practice. These individual plans are signed by the trainee, the certified school psychologist, and the UNL faculty member. The ESU works with the UNL Board of Regents to ensure that practicum supervisors hold the NDE certificate as school psychologists, have at least 3 years of experience as school psychologists, and are respected practitioners in their communities and that supervision is formally recognized as one of their work assignments. In stage 3, the trainees work full-time as paid interns in school psychology under the

	<p>supervision of an ESU/district school psychologist with ongoing oversight by UNL faculty members. A written internship plan specifies the trainee's schedule, assignment for school psychological services, and the certified school psychologist from the district or the ESU who will supervise the internship. Each plan specifies 2 hours of supervision weekly from a certified school psychologist. The faculty member assigned to the internship meets with the trainee and their ESU/district supervisor at the beginning (August), middle (December), and end of the internship (May). Evaluations of the trainees' mastery of the school psychological competencies are documented through signed logs of trainees' practice and supervision hours and mid- and end-of-placement evaluation forms completed by site-based supervisors and reviewed and discussed in evaluation meetings with the trainee, the site supervisor, and the university supervisor. The Prairie Nebraska project meets all requirements of UNL's EdS program in school psychology. In the past decade, the UNL program has graduated 28 students with EdS degrees in school psychology; 91% have received certification in school psychology and continue to practice as school psychologists in Nebraska or nearby states. The project is led by faculty members in the UNL School Psychology program. The faculty are assisted by a graduate assistant who is a teaching assistant for all Prairie Nebraska courses and serves as a familiar person answering all trainees' procedural questions and a communication link between the program, the ESU/schools, and the trainees. The Prairie Nebraska school psychology program uses virtual technology so that it is highly accessible to rural trainees. An advantage of the recent pandemic is that the UNL School Psychology program faculty are highly experienced in the virtual delivery of coursework and supervision. To ensure that Prairie Nebraska has the same high quality of training as the on-campus program, funds are used to hire adjunct faculty to teach on-campus course sections, while program faculty teach and supervise the Prairie Nebraska courses.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee received 45 applications for the 10 available graduate student program openings. Two of the graduate students are bilingual, and 2 are working on or near tribal lands. All 10 Prairie Nebraska graduate students successfully completed the 3 scheduled courses. Tuition stipends were provided to the students to complete the program requirements. The 10 graduate students have continued their coursework in the spring and summer semesters.</p>
Project Number	164
Organization	Morningstar Counseling and Consultation
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$496,681.00
Current Expenditures	\$159,646.60

Percent Spent Down	32%
Project Overview	<p>This project supports the development and operation of an APA-accredited internship/training program. The project also supports travel costs for providing direct behavioral health services to individuals across American Indian reservations located within the state of Nebraska. In addition to travel costs, the project supports operating expenses such as enrollment and credentialing fees associated with the electronic medical records system and telebehavioral health licenses. Throughout the proposed project, Morningstar Counseling and Consultation is following a developmental model of supervision. Prior to seeing clients, supervisees observe their supervisors in session and/or observe their supervisor complete an intake, which is then transferred to the supervisee. When using a developmental model of training, the key is to accurately identify the supervisee's current stage, provide feedback and support appropriate to that developmental stage, and facilitate the supervisee's progression to the next stage. Throughout the process, the supervisee is exposed to new information and counseling skills, and the interaction between supervisor and supervisee will foster the development of advanced critical thinking skills. It is the supervisor's role to continue monitoring the supervisee's current stage of development and provide the support and guidance necessary to move them through each stage.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee initiated monthly seminars to train interns, became an independent training site, continued to collaborate with UNMC for training opportunities, interviewed 10 graduate students to fill internship positions, and hired interns. The project team has begun to collect independent evaluation data and track percentage changes in clients' geographic location, telebehavioral health services, number of interns/trainees graduating from the program, and number of supervision hours.</p>
Project Number	171
Organization	Youth Emergency Services, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$190,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$2,590.00
Percent Spent Down	1%

Project Overview	<p>This project supports the training and education of 12 behavioral health trainees/students over the 3-year grant period. Youth Emergency Services (YES) identified and hired a full-time mental health supervisor to supervise practicum students, provide mental health support, maintain an on-call crisis line, ensure proper documentation and records, collaborate with students' supervising teachers, and provide other supports as needed. YES also provides practicum students with a stipend as they work toward the completion of their degree and licensure. Practicum students complete up to 3,000 hours of clinical services and provide on-site or telebehavioral health services to YES clients. They provide services to clients in YES programs, which include transition living, maternity group homes, emergency shelters, and street outreach. These students are supervised by the mental health supervisor. The mental health supervisor is on site 40 hours per week and provides direct 1-hour supervision to trainees once per week, both in session and on site. Group supervision of trainees is provided once per month. The trainees work closely with their institutions' practicum supervisor, and the mental health supervisor is available for consultation with direct staff who work regularly with youth. All trainees complete YES onboarding procedures, including background checks and interviews. All trainees must adhere to YES staff policies and procedures, along with any policies imposed by their educational institution. In addition to supervision, the project includes support to cover additional expenses associated with licensing and training. The project covers provisionally licensed mental health professional fees for each practicum student, as well as fees for certifications, board fees, and trainings.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team spent approximately \$3,000 recruiting a new staff member but encountered several hiring barriers. The BHECN ARPA Awards Program Team continues to provide the project team with technical assistance.</p>
Project Number	178
Organization	Western Nebraska Behavioral Health
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$438,045.00
Current Expenditures	\$155,480.45
Percent Spent Down	35%

Project Overview	<p>Through this project, Western Nebraska Behavioral Health (WNBH) is creating a 3-year plan for funding postdoctoral and early-career licensed psychologists. This includes funding for postdoctoral fellows and provisionally licensed mental health providers (PLMHPs) to finish their internships with WNBH. In year 1, the organization provides salary support for 1 full-time postdoctoral fellow, who will become a part-time early career psychologist as they become fully credentialed in year 2. During year 2, the project will accept 1 new full-time postdoctoral fellow and support them part-time in year 3 of the project. The project also provides 6 months of salary support for 5 PLMHPs across the project period. This funding provides bridge funding immediately after graduation while new providers are getting licensed and credentialed to become part of the behavioral health workforce. This allows for advanced training time for these clinicians. The trainees receive at least 1 hour of weekly individual supervision from a fully licensed practitioner within the organization's clinic staff and 1 hour of group/peer supervision. The organization has multiple licensed psychologists to aid in supervision and training. They have been actively involved in supervising trainees at various levels for over 15 years. The WNBH area remains quite underserved, and the project will establish additional providers within this underserved area. WNBH captures and reports the required data and measures to support the success of the project. The project allows for the hiring of a part-time administrative assistant to assist with any data collection and reporting, as well as other administrative coverage necessitated by adding these trainees.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$43,805 in FY 2022-2023. One psychologist completed their internship requirements and began a postdoctoral position with the organization. The project team also provided stipends to employees during the credentialing process and will begin supervising another trainee in summer 2024.</p>
Project Number	197
Organization	CEDARS Youth Services, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$254,272.00
Current Expenditures	\$43,076.09
Percent Spent Down	17%

Project Overview	<p>This project supports 3 clinical interns and 3 clinical supervisors during each year of the project period. CEDARS Youth Services also contracts 1 external marriage and family therapist clinical supervisor and 1 external licensed clinical social worker clinical supervisor. To ensure all trainees and clinicians are well equipped to provide clinical services, the project supports additional clinical certification and training opportunities. CEDARS Youth Services interns develop a group curriculum and co-facilitate a group with a licensed mental health practitioner, learning from watching a fully trained expert at work and receiving direct feedback about the sessions. The supervising practitioner supplies live supervision both during and following the session. Practicum students and trainees present cases to their supervisors and other therapists to receive feedback on treatment goals, plans, and interventions while practicing their case presentation skills. Therapists receive individual supervision by an independently licensed therapist once per week, with group supervision added weekly or biweekly as needed. The interns also participate in team case consultations in a multidisciplinary setting weekly.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$25,472 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee developed the necessary paperwork and internal process for contracting with master's-level clinical interns to offer them paid stipends. The awardee also established a partnership with the UNL Marriage and Family Therapy graduate program to serve as an approved practicum and internship site for graduate-level students, began discussions with programs at UNO, NWU, and Union College about the availability of clinical internships, and became an approved internship site for all program types. CEDARS Youth Services successfully contracted 3 paid clinical interns since the beginning of the project. One of the interns was subsequently hired to work as a full-time therapist. In addition, one of CEDARS Youth Services' supervising clinicians completed an AAMFT-approved supervising training course and is now obtaining supervision hours with an expected completion date of April 2025. Finally, 5 of CEDARS Youth Services' 7 therapists have benefitted from additional clinical training opportunities made available through BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding.</p>
Project Number	204
Organization	HopeSpoke
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$499,551.00
Current Expenditures	\$120,096.63
Percent Spent Down	24%
Project Overview	<p>This project supports an internship training and supervision program. This support includes leadership and the personnel costs of HopeSpoke clinicians involved in training and supervising interns. The project will provide interns with stipends, support for training with the Active Parenting Program, and funds for 3 in-person conferences. Interns will also be provided with all necessary operating expenses to be successful in their internship. HopeSpoke's Behavioral Health Training Opportunities Project is multifaceted and focuses on 3 areas of employee</p>

	engagement. Its goals are to 1) increase retention of clinical staff from 63% to 75% by December 2025; 2) increase staff competency specific to their area of expertise, including adding 9 evidence-based practices to clinicians' skill sets by December 2025; 3) expand community training to increase the number of practitioners participating from micropolitan, rural, and frontier/remote areas of Nebraska by 30% (18 annually); and 4) create a recruitment pipeline of direct care staff and clinicians for HopeSpoke.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Of the 81 HopeSpoke staff, 53 attended a day-long training on mindfulness, trauma, and building meaningful relationships with youth. Moreover, HopeSpoke hosted a 2-day conference in May 2024 that focused on building skills for providers who serve teens and adolescents. Three of HopeSpoke's supervising practitioners attended a training conference to build their skills for serving teens/adolescents. To date, HopeSpoke has provided support for 29 trainees in its internship program.
Project Number	250
Organization	Creighton University
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$499,964.00
Current Expenditures	\$157,307.68
Percent Spent Down	31%
Project Overview	This project supports the Creighton University College of Nursing psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) educational track. The project includes funding for the primary grant project manager responsible for its overall implementation. The organization also identifies and funds specialty/adjunct faculty. These faculty members support students in the PMHNP program. The project also leverages an academic student success coordinator to meet with students in individual and group meetings to provide education on student strategies that promote academic success and the attainment of the grades required for successful progress in the program. To support students in the PMHNP track, the project provides financial support to offset the expenses associated with the need to travel to complete direct clinical experiences at various levels of care. The project also covers the costs of textbooks and miscellaneous supplies associated with enrollment in the PMHNP certificate program. In addition, the project supports students with tuition costs, additional psychotherapy training resources, and PMHNP American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification exam preparation. The project relies on PMHNP student clinical placement opportunities. To support this aspect of the training and education program, the project facilitates advanced practice clinical placements and provides stipends and training to providers who are serving as preceptors. Live student supervision is provided by the preceptor at the clinical site. The preceptor serves as a mentor, on-site clinical educator, and professional role model. Their responsibilities include providing timely and direct individual feedback. Students are rated in their performance of specific clinical competency objectives in focused areas, including communication skills, professional behaviors, and clinical skills and knowledge. Performance is rated at the midterm and final points of each

	<p>semester. Students must earn a minimum performance rating for each semester, with increased expectation as the student progresses in the program.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee has developed procedures for recruiting applicants and selecting candidates for the enrollment stipend at Creighton University College of Nursing's one-year, post-graduate PMHNP certificate program. The team selected and enrolled 15 students; 5 students were enrolled in summer 2023, and 6 and 4 students will be enrolled in summer 2024 and summer 2025, respectively. The awardee is creating a preceptor training program designed to maximize the participants' direct clinical experiences. The awardee is also developing a PMHNP post-graduate certificate orientation that will highlight strategies for effectively balancing the expectations of the academic program with the multiple, competing demands of professional and personal lives. Finally, the awardee is integrating student learning activities via simulation and direct clinical experiences to build competency in providing telebehavioral health.</p>
Project Number	252
Organization	Houses of Hope of Nebraska, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$45,300.00
Current Expenditures	\$9,049.50
Percent Spent Down	20%

Project Overview	This project implements a paid internship program for students in a master's-level behavioral health program working towards licensure as provisionally licensed mental health practitioners (PLMHPs) or provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselors (PLADCs) or for students in a bachelor's-level program pursuing their PLADC credential. Houses of Hope of Nebraska houses 2 student interns per year for the project. Student interns are supervised by the program director at the Touchstone Program and clinical director of the Halfway House Program. Student interns have weekly one-on-one live, in-person supervision with their student intern supervisor, attend clinical staff meetings throughout the week, and have monthly or biweekly group supervision. The clinical director and Touchstone Program director have several years of experience supervising behavioral health trainees and provisionally licensed therapists. The supervisors introduce interns to evidence-based practices in a clinical setting, provide training and education on the standardized report format for the state of Nebraska, ASAM criteria and ASAM levels of care for substance use treatment, Columbia screening for suicide risk, and other screening tools for mental health issues.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$1,808 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee supported 1 student intern from Bellevue University.
Project Number	284
Organization	Options in Psychology, LLC
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$44,800.00
Current Expenditures	\$22,444.60
Percent Spent Down	50%
Project Overview	This project uses funding to provide stipends for master's-level behavioral health interns. As a freestanding private mental health clinic, Options in Psychology, LLC (OIPLLC) receives no outside funding; past and current supervisory efforts are done through non-reimbursable time. The project uses funding to continue training and education efforts. The supervision plan includes 1 hour of supervision weekly conducted in person and via telehealth, plus 1 hour per week of document review and consultation. Beyond these formal hours, supervisees receive 1 hour of weekly group supervision during weekly staff meetings, additional consultation when needed or requested, in-house and outside agency team consultation, and opportunities for direct observation of a child therapy group supervision session every 2 weeks. Supervision of the master's-level behavioral health intern is provided by an in-house licensed independent mental health practitioner, with additional hours added by in-house psychologists as needed.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$6,804 in FY 2022-2023. In 2023-2024, the project team provided stipends for 2 interns and their supervisors.
Project Number	298

Organization	Options in Psychology, LLC
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$62,010.00
Current Expenditures	\$60,000.00
Percent Spent Down	97%
Project Overview	This project provides funding for startup salary stipends for postdoctoral psychologists. This funding provides them with income while working after receiving their provisional psychology license. The project also supports exam and licensure fees for postdoctoral psychologists. Each week, the trainees receive 1 hour of face-to-face, in-person supervision, with additional supervision provided as needed on a case-by-case basis. As a freestanding private mental health clinic, Options in Psychology, LLC (OIPLLC) receives no outside funding; past and current supervisory efforts are done through non-reimbursable time. The project uses funding to continue training and education efforts.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$20,000 in FY 2022-2023. In 2023-2024, the project team provided stipends for 3 postdoctoral psychologists.
Project Number	316
Organization	Western Nebraska Behavioral Health
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$81,693.00
Current Expenditures	\$21,149.95
Percent Spent Down	26%
Project Overview	In this project, Western Nebraska Behavioral Health (WNBH) trains 7 psychologists and/or mental health counselors in integrated care. Interns are provided with monthly stipends of \$800. Trainees are supported by 1 of WNBH's 5 fully licensed professionals, who include 3 licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs) and 2 licensed practitioners (LPs). These professionals provide close, direct supervision of the trainees and allow them to shadow sessions, perform co-therapy, and start to see their own clients. The clinic has several clinic spaces between the 7 clinic locations, which helps trainees complete their license requirements. The clinic provides space for studying, including in-person locations and digital rooms for online distance meetings for group study times. The principal investigator (PI) meets with each trainee to set out their exam dates and travel plans and familiarize them with the study materials. These trainees are also able to take on pro bono and sliding-scale clients during this time due to the project's salary support. Any questions that the trainees have are addressed by their supervisor and the PI. The PI provides trainees with the materials to track their time and progress through their 6-month period.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$8,169 in FY 2022-2023. The project team used funding to support 2

	provisionally licensed mental health practitioner (PLMHP) participants in regular study groups and through a year-long subscription to exam preparation materials.
Project Number	332
Organization	Heartland Counseling Services, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$496,074.78
Current Expenditures	\$261,276.35
Percent Spent Down	53%
Project Overview	In this project, Heartland Counseling Services, Inc trains 26 mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, substance use disorder counselors, and/or mental health counselor trainees. Heartland has a robust training program for interns. In fact, Heartland works with local high schools, undergraduate programs, and graduate programs. Each semester, there is capacity for 6 interns encompassing all levels: 2 high school students, 2 undergraduate students, and 2 graduate students. High school and undergraduate students have a different internship coordinator than the graduate students. Heartland has strong ongoing relationships with several graduate programs.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$49,601 in FY 2022-2023. In 2023-2024, the project team offered competitive stipends to 24 interns. The project team also supported supervising these interns in weekly meetings throughout the internship experience.
Project Number	362
Organization	Northeast Community College
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$499,836.00
Current Expenditures	\$84,364.64
Percent Spent Down	17%
Project Overview	This project trains 45 trainees in a drug/alcohol counseling certificate program at Northeast Community College. Trainees are supervised under the following plan: 1) 300-hour practicum (student-driven), 2) a supervision plan managed by the practicum location, 3) possible agreements in place with partner agencies for supervision agreements, and 4) stipends provided for the purchase of a laptop, textbooks, and expenses during the practicum.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In 2023-2024, the project team developed an application, rules governing how the distribution of funding to students, an application scoring system, and a timeline process for the stipends. The project team also coordinated marketing efforts for the stipend program. The project supported 19 students in the licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) program.

Project Number	371/400
Organization	The Well (formerly Women's Empowering Life Line)
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$495,871.00
Current Expenditures	\$122,304.93
Percent Spent Down	25%
Project Overview	In this project, The Well trains 15 mental health counselor and/or substance use disorder counselor trainees. The Well supports clinicians and trainees in various training courses to enhance their clinical experiences. The Well supports mental health counselor and substance use disorder counselor trainees as they work towards licensure. This includes supervision conducted via live supervision, consultative supervision, and individual/group supervision. Each clinician seeking certification must complete supervision activities as needed to complete the certification process. At a minimum, clinicians have 1 hour of supervision weekly. In the program, The Well is supporting 18 provisionally licensed mental health professionals (PLMHPs) or provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselors (PLADCs) through a training and internship program as they reach licensure. In each year of the project, The Well supports 3 PLMHPs and 3 PLADCs in internships. The Well also provides supplemental educational materials and necessary software for each intern to successfully complete their training and obtain licensure. Internship students participate in at least 5 hours of weekly supervision.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project team developed a comprehensive internship program for PLADC and PLMHP interns and provided internship opportunities to 12 students. Four students completed their internship requirements in May 2024 and were retained for full-time employment at The Well.
Project Number	442
Organization	Completely KIDS
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$71,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$26,717.23
Percent Spent Down	38%

Project Overview	In this project, Completely KIDS hosts 4 practicum students per year through their behavioral health practicum and professional training and capacity development. The students conduct therapy group psychoeducational sessions and interface with caregivers in an out-of-school time setting with comprehensive programs to address the whole child. Practicum students serve students ages 5-12, 66% of whom identify as Latino/Hispanic and may prefer to use Spanish in a therapy setting. Practicum students work as part of a diverse, bilingual team of licensed independent mental health practitioners (LIMHPs), licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs), licensed independent clinical social workers (LICSWs), and contractors to serve families with mental health wellbeing interventions, receive supervision, work with an incredibly diverse population of students, learn and become certified in new therapeutic modalities, and gain practical experience in a credit-bearing and rewarding professional experience.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the funding supported practicum stipends for 2 social work students.
Project Number	743
Organization	Mary Lanning Healthcare
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$58,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$9,799.87
Percent Spent Down	17%
Project Overview	Rural areas often struggle with time in filling internship and practicum slots because a lack of local behavioral health educational programs means that students commute from other areas. The travel time for students for on-site experiences can be up to 90 miles. In this project, Mary Lanning Healthcare (MLH) provides stipends to recruit and retain these licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs), nurse practitioners (NPs), and nursing students. The project also reimburses MLH for the cost of precepting the students. Currently, more responsibility is placed on the on-site preceptor at MLH for the educational experience who must fulfill their role on-site and educate the student. The project gives the preceptor a stipend for lunch on the days they are precepting the students.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. Currently, the project team is implementing their program to provide stipends for LMHPs and NPs. The project team is also paying for the time spent supervising.
Project Number	800
Organization	Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$55,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$22,652.92
Percent Spent Down	41%

Project Overview	This project provides stipends to internship students, trains therapists, provides resources in eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), funds training programs within the agency (tuition reimbursement, Relias Training Platform, and National Council conference attendance in 2024), and covers in-house trainer costs for the Mid-Plains Center's director of clinical services (lead agency trainer). The project significantly strengthens the training and retention efforts of the organization.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The project team provided internship stipends to 3 students and enrolled 2 others. A clinical supervisor was supported for their time spent supervising the interns.
Project Number	818
Organization	CenterPointe, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$72,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$8,596.99
Percent Spent Down	12%
Project Overview	CenterPointe utilizes funding from this grant to support its supervision of provisionally licensed mental health practitioners and provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselors. Over the last 3 years, CenterPointe has increasingly relied on the provision of substance use and mental health services by provisionally licensed staff due to significant workforce shortages experienced throughout its system of care. This project supplements the cost of providing necessary supervision for these staff and fully covers the supervisory time for at least 8 provisionally licensed staff throughout the grant period.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the project team created marketing materials to recruit interns at their organization. The project team successfully recruited and onboarded 1 intern and plans to supervise more in future months.
Project Number	849
Organization	AM Counseling and Consulting
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$72,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$50,371.68
Percent Spent Down	70%

Project Overview	This project provides funding for paid internships to support Latino graduate mental health students, who are often economically disadvantaged. Latino students continue to be underrepresented in graduate mental health programs and face financial and institutional barriers that limit their opportunities to gain hands-on experience in the field. This project aims to address this issue by providing financial support for paid internships, which will enable Latino students to gain valuable counseling experience, improve their skills, and increase their chances of securing employment after graduation. The internships include training and professional development opportunities for evidence-based practices, cultural competence training, and education on the unique challenges faced by Latino communities. The training is delivered through workshops, seminars, mentorship programs, and supervision. Internships are offered to students who are enrolled in accredited mental health programs. The students must complete at least 500 hours of counseling services (both direct and indirect) during their internship. The students receive a stipend to cover their living expenses.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the project team identified and hired 8 interns and expects to hire 2-4 additional interns in the coming months. The project team also trained 3 additional supervisors at AM Counseling and Consulting, which increased the organization's supervision capacity and its ability to hire more interns. AM Counseling and Consulting is using funding to establish an internship program, develop a mentor program, and expand its current training program.
Project Number	856
Organization	Siena Francis House
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$72,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$124.74
Percent Spent Down	<1%
Project Overview	In this project, Siena Francis House provides paid internship opportunities to students aiming to become social workers, mental health counselors, and substance use disorder counselors. These internships are completed in the organization's Miracles Addiction Treatment & Recovery Program. The Miracles program provides free residential chemical/alcohol addiction treatment and mental health services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness and suffering from addiction and dual-diagnosed illnesses. Program participants must complete 35 hours of programming each week; interns gain clinical experiences, largely focused on substance use disorder treatment, in individual and group settings.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the project team developed materials to educate students about the paid internship program and posted the job description at local colleges and universities.
Telebehavioral Health Support in Rural Areas	
Project Number	30
Organization	Bryan Telemedicine

Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$998,388.00
Current Expenditures	\$409,412.94
Percent Spent Down	41%
Project Overview	This project between Bryan Telemedicine and Boys Town implements telebehavioral health workstation locations at Boys Town and their satellite clinics through the creation of the Nebraska Rural Telebehavioral Health Consortium. More specifically, Bryan Telemedicine, Boys Town National Research Hospital, and Bryan Health are expanding their historical relationship and the use of telebehavioral health by placing 2 Bryan Telemedicine provider workstations at Boys Town National Research Hospital and 48 Bryan Telemedicine endpoints in rural communities. At Boys Town National Research Hospital, both workstations are in dedicated behavioral health spaces; one of the workstations is in the hospital, and one is in the adjacent Boys Town medical office. The workstation located in the hospital is easily accessible to providers working in inpatient services, and the workstation in the medical office building will be used by outpatient providers seeing patients at this site. The locations of both stations on the campus are critical because they allow providers to easily see virtual and in-person patients in an efficient manner.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee established agreements with 10 of the 14 rural site locations and ordered and installed telebehavioral health equipment at the sites. Provider credentialing is complete in 2 locations and in progress at the remaining 8. Staff telebehavioral health training is complete at 2 sites. In addition, mental health triage is live in 7 locations, and pediatric outpatient psychiatry (where provider credentialing is completed) is live in 2 locations.
Project Number	56
Organization	Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$900,478.00
Current Expenditures	\$129,832.40
Percent Spent Down	14%

Project Overview	Lutheran Family Services (LFS) utilizes a multipronged approach to telehealth services that includes behavioral health education for communities, access to services, and direct assistance staff to help navigate services and assistance. LFS hired a director of telehealth services to create the infrastructure for a successful program in sections of the state that lack care. The director is responsible for ensuring that the telehealth services align with in-person services and that everyone who needs access to timely, high-quality behavioral health care receives it. The director collaborates with partners in targeted areas to gain public trust. Prior experience indicates that partnering with existing trusted facilities leads to more successful programming. LFS has also learned that service must go beyond merely placing telehealth equipment in the rural area; there must also be care coordination and public education programs. The director is responsible for coordinating and/or creating behavioral health-focused presentations using a speaker's bureau approach to help normalize behavioral health and decrease the stigma of getting help. LFS also offers mental health first aid programming to communities that it works closely with.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee created program flyers, established a location, and procured the necessary equipment to implement the program. Promotional efforts through the Community Impact Network are in progress, and the project team continues to establish partnerships with local organizations.
Project Number	97
Organization	Blue Elephant Counseling, LLC
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$436,237.00
Current Expenditures	\$214,540.83
Percent Spent Down	49%
Project Overview	Blue Elephant Counseling's project supports the addition of 4 part-time providers to its clinical team and expansion of its current clinical team. The project supports the salaries of 2 provisionally licensed part-time clinicians, 2 independently licensed part-time clinicians, and increased capacity of the owner/clinician and support staff member. The funds do not go toward any fringe benefits. In addition to expanding Blue Elephant Counseling's organizational capacity, the project funds start-up costs associated with providing telebehavioral health services (i.e., technology, HIPAA-compliant office supplies). This telebehavioral health funding will give Blue Elephant Counseling access to individuals in counties that have shortages of behavioral health providers. To ensure that its providers are well equipped to provide telebehavioral health services, Blue Elephant Counseling completed a telebehavioral health certification training program. Combined with the increase in Blue Elephant Counseling's organizational capacity, this training program greatly impacts access to behavioral health services in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023.

	The awardee spent \$55,906 in FY 2022-2023. The project team expanded the number of clinicians and support staff by hiring 2 provisionally licensed part-time clinicians, 1 independently licensed clinician, and 1 support staff. Funds were used to purchase telebehavioral health equipment for new staff, establish electronic health records and a HIPAA-compliant email platform, and market the telebehavioral health services.
Project Number	109
Organization	Howard County Medical Center
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$200,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$95,447.92
Percent Spent Down	48%
Project Overview	This project expands Howard County Medical Center’s clinical operations to include the use of telebehavioral health services. The project will expand the health care team to include 2 full-time mental health clinicians, who will dedicate approximately 20% of their efforts to providing telebehavioral health. The project also increases the support of the medical center’s provisional clinical social worker, rural health clinic manager, and chief financial officer. Additionally, this project includes the start-up costs associated with providing telebehavioral health services and outreach efforts to introduce the community to the organization’s expanded services. Howard County Medical Center is upgrading its current behavioral health technologies to include telebehavioral health services targeting patients in rural communities. The expansion of these services helps reduce factors (i.e., financial, physical, and transportation) that patients have reported as barriers to accessing behavioral health services. This project also supports the addition of telebehavioral health services at the organization’s satellite clinic in Greely, Nebraska, which will give patients located at or near this clinic location access to telebehavioral health services. Howard County Medical Center is also updating spaces within its clinics to include office space for a therapy room for its behavioral health providers. This project ensures these spaces are well-equipped for telebehavioral health services.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee utilized funding to provide telebehavioral health services to clients who were unable to meet in person. The awardee collaborated with a fellow awardee, Bryan Telehealth, to conduct screenings in the emergency department using telebehavioral health services.
Project Number	129
Organization	Evals By Eck, LLC
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$59,225.00
Current Expenditures	\$37,110.09
Percent Spent Down	63%

Project Overview	This project comprises 3 components with the primary objective of engaging individuals in substance abuse treatment services and 1 component with the primary objective of intervening in substance use treatment using a community health model. Component 1 has the objective of increasing access to substance use evaluations by criminal justice-involved adults via telebehavioral health services. Component 2 has the objective of increasing access to substance use evaluations by rural hospital patients via telebehavioral health services. Component 3 has the objective of increasing access to substance use evaluations by individuals with one or more access barriers via telebehavioral health. Component 4 has the object of intervening with individuals with complex problems, including substance use, using a community health approach. This approach requires a telebehavioral health platform to engage coordinated and integrated responses among multiple stakeholders in the Panhandle.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$6,814.20 in FY 2022-2023. In 2023-2024, the awardee provided over 80 clients with substance evaluations.
Project Number	130
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$121,943.00
Current Expenditures	\$67,176.13
Percent Spent Down	55%
Project Overview	This project provides funding for much-needed technology infrastructure at Wholeness Healing Center to sustain its ability to provide telebehavioral health services to clients in greater Nebraska. Funds will support the purchase of computers, headsets, digital landlines, and other technology systems, including Zoom and electronic health records. Additionally, funds are being used to create 1 dedicated telebehavioral health therapy office at each of Wholeness Healing Center's existing in-person sites (Ord, Broken Bow, Kearney, and Grand Island). Wholeness Healing Center believes that the changes inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic have forever altered the model of mental health services delivery in greater Nebraska. The telebehavioral health delivery model allows people to access services that they have never been afforded the opportunity to access before. Additionally, it offers mental health providers work/life balance and flexibility.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$30,074.96 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee purchased and set up telebehavioral health equipment, utilized funding to establish and maintain electronic health records and telebehavioral health platforms for electronic consent, maintained existing HIPAA-compliant telehealth therapy rooms, and established telehealth therapy rooms in 2 satellite locations.
Project Number	234

Organization	Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center, LLC
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$63,100.00
Current Expenditures	\$35,125.90
Percent Spent Down	56%
Project Overview	This project expands Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center's (MECC) telebehavioral services by creating and supporting a clearly defined telebehavioral health team, including a telebehavioral health coordinator. This new role, supported by the project, helps ensure that all MECC's telebehavioral health equipment, training, clinicians, and interns are appropriately supervised and monitored. To successfully expand MECC's ability to provide high-quality telebehavioral health services to the rural and frontier communities that it serves, new equipment is needed. The agency used funding to purchase new Apple iPads and associated equipment to improve the quality of telebehavioral health services and ensure the longevity of these services. The items purchased are among the highest rated in the field for use with telebehavioral health and will remain as such for a minimum of 10 years. In addition to Apple iPads, MECC purchased Apple Pencils for use with clients; aluminum iPad stands to enable appropriate vantage points for telebehavioral health sessions; Apple keyboards and mice to support engagement during telebehavioral health sessions; and a new laptop and monitor to provide increased capacity for training and certifying clinicians and interns on telebehavioral health best practices. MECC also dedicated a portion of this proposed project to purchasing lifetime access to the most up-to-date and evidence-based training in telebehavioral health care. This training not only advances the quality of care provided by current clinicians but also permits MECC to create a position for a dedicated telebehavioral health provider and grant access to interns and trainees to acquire and develop their telebehavioral health care skills.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In 2023-2024, the awardee purchased telebehavioral health equipment. The awardee is engaged in providing telebehavioral health services in rural areas of Nebraska.
Project Number	253
Organization	Center for Psychological Services PC dba Live Well Counseling Center, Kearney
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$73,774.00
Current Expenditures	\$65,074.83
Percent Spent Down	88%

Project Overview	<p>The goal of this project is to improve access to behavioral health services in rural Nebraska. Live Well Counseling Center (LWCC) hopes to achieve this goal by improving their current telebehavioral health technologies to provide more seamless telehealth services and mental health education. The project strives to meet the following objectives and goals: 1) increase remote service access through existing programs (school-based program and employee assistance program [EAP]) by updating the computer equipment, connectivity, and telehealth platform that are used by all LWCC service providers and clients over the next 3 years; 2) update LWCC's existing switchboard to keep up with the connectivity needs of its electronic health records and telebehavioral health platform; 3) purchase computers for each service provider with updated speed and RAM to provide telebehavioral health services; 4) purchase mobile hotspots for all providers who travel to provide on-site school services to enhance connectivity for telebehavioral health services and online access to electronic health records; 5) increase the accessibility of mental health education and wellness resources through LWCC's EAP over the next 3 years; 6) create monthly presentations and a registration process to register for live wellness presentations; 7) create monthly short videos on wellness tips that can be accessed through LWCC's website and social media; and 8) support the telebehavioral health services of 22 behavioral health therapists who are able to provide telebehavioral health services. This includes purchasing and obtaining all necessary equipment for telebehavioral health services, licenses for the Zoom telebehavioral health platform, and a mobile hotspot/modem.</p>
Project Performance	<p>The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$27,172.37 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee upgraded its telebehavioral health platforms and purchased 16 devices for providers to use at remote sites where internet access is not secured, such as schools. The awardee continues to upgrade telebehavioral health equipment and ease service delivery and productivity with electronic health records.</p>
Project Number	314
Organization	Children's Hospital & Medical Center Foundation
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$121,583.46
Percent Spent Down	24%

Project Overview	<p>This project will support the launch of Project TEACH (Training and Education for the Advancement of Children’s Health) to address access and training gaps for the state’s pediatric primary care providers (PCPs). Project TEACH launched in Nebraska statewide in 2023 to provide rapid consultation, education and training, and referral and linkage to services. Project TEACH aims to leverage the state’s primary care workforce of approximately 4,000 providers to address mild to moderate behavioral health conditions within youth and children by partnering with Cohen’s Children’s Hospital in New York and New York’s Office of Mental Health. Established in 2010, Project TEACH is an evidence-based model with a goal of supporting and strengthening the critical role of pediatric PCPs in the early identification and treatment of behavioral health concerns in children and youth. Pediatricians, family practice physicians, and other primary care providers are trusted health care experts, and parents often seek their help with a children’s emotional or behavioral health. Yet Nebraska’s shortage of child psychiatrists makes referrals extremely difficult if not impossible. Additionally, PCPs often feel ill-prepared to treat behavioral health concerns. Studies have documented the discomfort that PCPs experience when diagnosing behavioral health conditions due to inadequate training and lack of confidence. Project TEACH was developed to enhance those skills, and PCPs completing the training report increased confidence, competency, and self-efficacy for addressing the mental health concerns of their patients and reducing barriers to care by providing services in their own PCP practices.</p>
Project Performance	<p>This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee collaborated with Project Teach, which completed a site visit to the organization and conducted a virtual training, met with local stakeholders, and shared the lessons it has learned about providing telebehavioral health. The awardee identified project stakeholders, began promoting the project, and hired a program manager to implement the project. In addition, the project team identified a program platform to be used for tracking participation and outcome data. The awardee continues to provide a monthly webinar series where experts share their best practices.</p>
Project Number	319
Organization	Quality Healthcare Clinic, LLC
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$688,500.00
Current Expenditures	\$257,864.99
Percent Spent Down	37%
Project Overview	<p>Due to the absence of licensed independent mental health practitioners (LIMHPs) at Quality Healthcare Clinic, patients have not received the behavioral care they need due to travel costs and access issues. The goal of this project is for Quality Healthcare Clinic to provide behavioral health therapy again by utilizing a telebehavioral health provider. Quality Healthcare Clinic anticipates that by hiring a telebehavioral health provider, it will broaden its search for a licensed professional who may not live nearby but will be accessible in its office via telebehavioral health services. The organization plans to offer telebehavioral health therapy via both in-</p>

	house telebehavioral health and therapy from clients' homes. The project covers licensing fees and continuing education for the new behavioral health provider, in addition to a sign-on and retention bonus for this provider. To ensure the behavioral health provider is well equipped to provide telebehavioral health services, Quality Healthcare Clinic will obtain all necessary equipment, office supplies, communication services, and practice spaces for the rendering of telebehavioral health services.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$68,850 in FY 2022-2023. The awardee used funding to hire one full-time mental health provider and 2 part-time providers, to purchase and establish its telebehavioral health equipment, and to continue to market the availability of telebehavioral health services to community members.
Project Number	333
Organization	Heartland Counseling Services, Inc
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$731,339.00
Current Expenditures	\$533,794.94
Percent Spent Down	73%
Project Overview	This project provides iPads and internet services to clients to allow them to utilize telebehavioral health services. Clients complete a short application to receive the device and internet services. Internet services are limited to 6 months for intensive treatment with Heartland Counseling Services (HCS) and can be extended if clients choose to do so. HCS works with a local provider to ensure the devices are ready for the client, and staff works with the clients to train them on how to use the devices and service. HCS also provides new computer systems for all new employees. This allows HCS to expand its staff and practice capacity and prevents potential strain from expanding telebehavioral health services. To successfully implement an expanded telebehavioral health program, HCS relies on care coordinator assistants, community and care support staff, and life center day rehab case managers. Each of these individuals plays a role in ensuring clients have adequate access to telebehavioral health services and/or are aware of the services being offered.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The awardee spent \$116,670.02 in FY 2022-2023. In 2023-2024, the awardee purchased and established telebehavioral health technology. Providers then began engaging in telebehavioral health services.
Project Number	433
Organization	Silver Sun Mental Health dba Nebraska Mental Health Centers
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$13,911.00
Current Expenditures	\$5,651.97

Percent Spent Down	41%
Project Overview	<p>Telepresence, which includes remote access, teletherapy, and other technological resources, went from being a useful tool to a vital component of Nebraska Mental Health Centers (NMHC) when the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic hit. NMHC has an established rural outreach thanks to 3 satellite clinics in Beatrice, Fremont, and Wahoo, and service locations in Wymore, Fairbury, and Grand Island.</p> <p>Telepresence gives providers in these areas remote access to the organization's electronic health records (EHR), email, and collateral documentation, as well as the ability to conduct teletherapy sessions via applications like Zoom and Doxy.me. Telepresence also allows providers to conduct psychological assessments in micropolitan/rural areas where previously the client/family would have been required to come to the office. Additionally, NMHC would like to provide telebehavioral health training to its clinicians to help increase their comfort and effectiveness with the technology. The aim of this proposal is to enhance technological resources to maximize their efficiency and reliability, thereby using them to expand services into areas of greatest need. These enhancements will give NMHC's clinicians and administrative staff greater flexibility and reliability both in telebehavioral health sessions and in using remote access while seeing clients in micropolitan and rural areas.</p>
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the awardee purchased laptops and iPads and added additional Zoom accounts to provide telebehavioral health. The awardee began using telebehavioral health for psychological assessments.
Project Number	635
Organization	Banisters Leadership Academy
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$141,657.27
Percent Spent Down	28%
Project Overview	Banisters Leadership Academy offers 630 clients (youth and parents) mental and behavioral health services in 14 counties in rural Nebraska. Clients receive support via telehealth using Zoom Healthcare Vision in CivicCore software. Youth and parents can access telehealth services at public school sites and nonprofit partner sites to remove barriers to internet access and technology. This project contributes to Banisters Leadership Academy's mission of strengthening youth and families through leadership.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The awardee recruited therapists and advertised to potential interested clients about the availability of telebehavioral health services. The awardee created provider and family interest forms, recording sheets for providers' information, qualifying forms, onboarding and tracking sheets, and insurance and license forms. The awardee also created a database management system and continues to recruit and hire providers.
Project Number	649

Organization	CEDARS Youth Services, Inc
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$114,965.12
Current Expenditures	\$34,829.89
Percent Spent Down	30%
Project Overview	<p>CEDARS uses funding from this project to improve telebehavioral health resources in rural areas to more adequately support the behavioral health needs and mediation management of the youth and families it serves. Funding is used to purchase telehealth equipment for CEDARS' cottages for pregnant young women, CEDARS' Omaha office, and CEDARS' Early Childhood Development Center. Each bundle includes a laptop, a GoPro camera, an internet hotspot, and an additional Zoom license. In addition to the 3 sited bundles, 3 bundles will be assembled for checkout by clients and families. Per week, 10 hours (.25 FTE) of CEDARS clinician and therapist/clinical consultant's time are paid for by this grant. To complete staff requirements, an advanced practice registered nurse/psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (APRN-NP) tracks clients as they move throughout the state. This professional has made a commitment to CEDARS to support additional health care needs that may be beyond the capacity of CEDARS' therapists. Finally, funding for appointment fees, office supplies, and additional technology support this project's success.</p>
Project Performance	<p>In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The awardee has partnered with Arbor Wellness to create a contract to support responsive and timely telehealth services for populations receiving services from CEDARS. The awardee purchased telebehavioral health equipment and created and distributed technology packs for clinicians. Finally, the awardee communicated the availability of telebehavioral health to rural clients.</p>
Project Number	652
Organization	Health Center Association of Nebraska
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$800,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$44,228.77
Percent Spent Down	6%

Project Overview	The development of a Nebraska Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) statewide telebehavioral health network makes specialized behavioral health services, including medication management, counseling, and care coordination, available to underserved populations across the state. The Health Center Association of Nebraska (HCAN) oversees and directs the planning, contracting, staffing, and management of its own statewide multidisciplinary telebehavioral health service, which is available to all Nebraska community health centers. The network provides telebehavioral health services to selected HCAN pilot sites and will eventually be extended to all interested HCAN members. The network initially provides a multidisciplinary team of 5 clinicians: 2 licensed mental health therapists (psychologists or licensed clinical social workers), 2 pre-license, provisionally licensed, or license-eligible provider-trainees, and a half-time psychiatric nurse practitioner to provide medication management. This team provides services according to an evidence-based collaborative care model. The timeline for this project includes a 6-month planning phase, a 1-year implementation phase, and a 1-year transitional phase. During the planning phase, HCAN convenes interested health centers and guides them in designing, specifying, and documenting the services, administrative processes, and anticipated costs of the program.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The awardee established a project steering committee that includes representatives from both behavioral health and leadership teams from all 4 FQHC partners. The awardee partnered with an expert on billing and coding to compile telebehavioral health billing best practices for Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. The awardee continues to select the telebehavioral health provider team.
Project Number	667
Organization	Boone County Health Center
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$44,200.00
Current Expenditures	\$38,607.95
Percent Spent Down	87%
Project Overview	Boone County Health Center (BCHC) uses funding from this project to implement an electronic health records (EHR) system and purchase additional iPads and their associated cellular services for its mental health department. With additional equipment, BCHC can conveniently serve patients in its rural 5-county area. Additional iPads allow all mental health therapists to offer telehealth simultaneously. BCHC currently has an EHR system that does not include the mental health sector. Adding the mental health EHR enables patients to access their records more easily, including automatic appointment reminders and electronic signatures. BCHC has the staff to execute the project but needs the tools to serve its rural patients better.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The project team has used funding to purchase equipment for telebehavioral health services.
Project Number	745

Organization	Pender Community Hospital District
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$556,326.91
Current Expenditures	\$202,473.84
Percent Spent Down	36%
Project Overview	Pender Community Hospital is using funds from this project to expand the telehealth services that it offers in Northeast Nebraska. This opportunity provides Pender Community Hospital with the ability to expand its telehealth therapy services, structured outpatient senior behavioral health treatment program, telehealth mental health triage for the emergency department, and transportation services to the facility for telehealth appointments with specialty telehealth providers.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. In 2023-2024, the awardee purchased numerous pieces of equipment for telebehavioral health service delivery. The awardee has begun using the new equipment to conduct behavioral health evaluations of patients presenting to the emergency department with mental health complications.
Project Number	759
Organization	Compass
Category	Telebehavioral Health
Award Amount	\$145,645.00
Current Expenditures	\$39,961.68
Percent Spent Down	27%
Project Overview	Compass's outpatient therapy program is committed to providing accessible services to rural and underserved communities in central and western Nebraska. Because 75% of Compass's clients live in rural areas, the traditional telehealth model is no longer sufficient. To address this challenge, Compass plans to add 2 telehealth-specific offices and provide telehealth equipment and IT support to its clients, including delivery to rural homes when needed. The organization also offers sliding-scale fees to ensure that low-income and uninsured clients can access its services. Additionally, Compass aims to recruit and financially support practicum students to gain experience in telehealth and hopefully continue employment to meet the growing demand.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The awardee ordered equipment for telebehavioral health services. It purchased and installed a telebehavioral health pod solely for the use of this modality. The organization developed policies and procedures for telebehavioral health service delivery.
Project Number	828
Organization	For All Counseling Services, Inc
Category	Telebehavioral Health

Award Amount	\$24,952.00
Current Expenditures	\$16,644.29
Percent Spent Down	67%
Project Overview	For All Counseling is a nonprofit that provides mental health evaluations via telehealth to asylum seekers and immigrants. It provides sliding-scale services and uses funding from this project to increase its capacity to serve low-income individuals located outside of the major metropolitan areas of Nebraska. This funding is used to develop and support contracted therapists to provide mental health evaluations to immigrants and asylum seekers who qualify for its sliding scale and live outside of Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy counties. For All Counseling is a fully remote organization, and all services are offered in Spanish and English.
Project Performance	In 2023, the project was awarded, and a subcontract with UNMC was established. The awardee used funding to create and establish a contract to work with 2 additional bilingual therapists to provide telebehavioral health services in immigrant evaluations. The organization created a sliding-scale structure for its telebehavioral health program and began marketing it in rural and frontier communities with high immigrant populations. The organization has begun providing mental health evaluations to clients with limited financial resources and developed an interpreter partnership.
Workforce projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic	
Project Number	29
Organization	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$139,360.00
Current Expenditures	\$49,357.02
Percent Spent Down	49%
Project Overview	This project reimburses child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) clinicians for activities not reimbursable by Medicaid and private insurance and will evaluate whether CPP capacity increases across Nebraska. The Nebraska Resource Project for Very Young Children (NRPVYC) reimburses the following activities at a rate of \$80 per hour: 1) initial assessment (including interviews, completion of checklists, screenings and other evaluative tools recommended by CPP, and a written assessment) at a maximum reimbursement of 3 hours per case; and team meetings (including meeting with a group of individuals who work with the family [examples include caseworkers, attorneys, school personnel, and early childhood education staff]) at a maximum reimbursement of 1 hour per month per case; 2) parent-only therapy session (including meeting with caregivers without the child present to work on therapeutic goals) at a maximum reimbursement of 2 hours per month per case; 3) progress reports/updates (including writing a progress report or letter at the request of another party for the purposes of updating the other party on the progress of therapy) at a maximum reimbursement of 2 hours per month per case; 4) consultation with NRPVYC or a CPP trainer (including reflective consultation and case-specific consultation but excluding required consultation calls in the CPP training program) at a maximum reimbursement of 1 hour per

	month; and 5) CPP trainee supervisor consultation with NRPVYC or a CPP trainer (including consultation required by CPP training and case-specific consultation) at a maximum reimbursement of 1 hour per month.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In May 2024, this project was awarded an additional \$39,360.00 in BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding. This will allow the project to extend through 2025. To date, this project has created a CPP Work Reimbursement Form to simplify documentation work for CPP clinicians, a new website , and an instructional video on how to invoice for CPP activities. Additional project activities include outreach and technical assistance to CPP clinicians to encourage them to participate in the reimbursement program and to answer questions about eligibility and invoicing.
Project Number	57
Organization	Lutheran Family Services
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$29,500.00
Percent Spent Down	29%
Project Overview	In this project, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) offers a retention and recruitment program designed to compensate behavioral health care workers for their dedication to the organization and its clients. LFS also endeavors to recruit new behavioral health professionals by offering hiring bonuses. Staff shortages, especially in underserved, low-income parts of metropolitan areas and rural/frontier areas, need to be resolved to meet the ever-growing demand for care.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. To date, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) has offered \$28,000 in retention bonuses and hired 9 new staff through hiring bonuses.
Project Number	64
Organization	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$150,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$82,440.80
Percent Spent Down	55%
Project Overview	This project, Project REST (Reflect and Explore in Supervision Training), was proposed by the Grace Abbott Training and Supervision Academy (GATSA). This evidence-based training opportunity reduces burnout and increases emotional attunement. Project REST mitigates the effects of the emotionally intrusive work brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Project REST increases behavioral health workforce retention by using the "facilitating attuned interactions" (FAN) model

	developed by the Erikson Institute, delivered through a dynamic collaboration between rural community stakeholders and a multi-campus university partnership. Through this unique training opportunity, GATSA is recruiting 20 master's-level behavioral health supervisors currently supervising provisionally licensed mental health practitioners in rural Nebraska. Project REST trainers are certified in reflective practice by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Center for Reflective Practice (NCRP), with consulting provided by the Erikson Center in Chicago, IL.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Project REST was awarded an additional \$50,000.00 in BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding in July 2023 and \$50,000.00 in May 2024. The additional funding will allow Project REST to continue and expand through 2025. The first cohort of students included 20 individuals, and the second cohort included an additional 10 students.
Project Number	106
Organization	Chadron State College
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$25,251.27
Percent Spent Down	25%
Project Overview	This project will establish a campus wellness program at Chadron State College (CSC). The campus wellness program provides an avenue to promote wellness initiatives occurring across campus and to implement events to increase stress management, sense of belonging, and individual and group wellness practices. This project addresses the increased need for support services and opportunities to practice well-being. The project lead will work specifically with CSC counselors and the co-director of the Behavioral Health Education Center of the Nebraska Panhandle to implement events that will address the current and relevant behavioral health issues that affect CSC students as the behavioral health professionals see fit.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. CSC created and hosted "Coffee with Counselors" events on campus to reduce behavioral health stigma. The wellness program hosted additional events across campus (i.e., restorative yoga, COVID and flu shot clinic, wellness week), and a behavioral health provider spoke with the athletics department about performance anxiety and other support strategies for wellness and wellbeing, an event that was attended by more than 300 students and community members.
Project Number	107
Organization	Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Inc dba Tri Valley Health System
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$35,005.00
Current Expenditures	\$23,424.48

Percent Spent Down	67%
Project Overview	In this project, Tri Valley Health System will enroll 3 employees in the Crisis Prevention Intervention course to become certified instructors. These employees will then train all employees of Tri Valley Health System. Tri Valley Health System recognizes that even non-clinical staff may encounter someone with a mental health condition in its facilities. The course provides staff with an effective framework for preventing, de-escalating, and safely responding to crisis behavior and looks at this core content through the lens of mental health. The program focuses on what's happening from 2 perspectives: the person in distress and the staff person. Participants gain a broad range of tools to help them manage their own emotional responses and identify escalating behaviors in others.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In the first year of project activities, Tri Valley Health System supported 3 employees in the Crisis Prevention Intervention course, and these individuals will be up for renewal in 2025. Tri Valley Health System purchased workbooks and other training materials for additional staff to received Crisis Prevention Intervention training.
Project Number	114
Organization	Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$42,788.00
Current Expenditures	\$37,437.65
Percent Spent Down	87%
Project Overview	This project creates an online training platform that aims to equip and give Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center's (R3CC) workers tools to decrease feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression over 1 year. When levels of stress decrease, life and job satisfaction increase, leading to worker retention and longevity within their respective fields. The resources will be in the form of writings, video training, tutorials, and podcasts.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. To date, R3CC has completed 1 training on compassion fatigue for first responders and is finalizing 1 additional training to be hosted online. R3CC developed content for 4 training courses on the mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the organization developed an intranet platform to host the trainings. This platform is being tested internally, and following testing, R3CC will make the trainings, website, and resources publicly available to behavioral health providers in Nebraska.
Project Number	119
Organization	HopeSpoke
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00

Current Expenditures	\$97,698.59
Percent Spent Down	98%
Project Overview	The goal of HopeSpoke's Retention and Wellness project is to increase HopeSpoke's retention of all staff positions from January 1 to December 31, 2023, especially behavioral health clinicians. Increasing clinical staff retention may also decrease therapy disruptions for children, youth, and adults. To meet this goal, HopeSpoke will 1) increase its retention rate of clinical staff from 63% in FY 21-22 to 67% or greater by December 31, 2023; 2) decrease outpatient client therapy disruptions specific to clinician turnover (not due to other circumstances, such as a therapist on parental leave) from 21.7% in FY 21-22 to 15% by December 31, 2023; and 3) achieve 85% participation of full-time and part-time staff members in one or more team-building and/or wellness and self-care activities during 2023.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In the first year, \$14,500.00 in hiring bonuses was given to new employees, and all staff received a bonus. In total, \$60,875 in retention bonuses was disseminated to behavioral health staff. Beyond hiring and retention bonuses, HopeSpoke hosted 4 team-building retreats to reduce burnout and increase retention of behavioral health staff. Staff turnover was 49.48% in calendar year 2022 and decreased to 39.13% in calendar year 2023. In addition to the reduction in the turnover rate, employee terminations decreased by 25%.
Project Number	128
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$96,406.00
Current Expenditures	\$33,650.57
Percent Spent Down	35%
Project Overview	This project provides funding for resiliency training and a training retreat designed to help professionals reset. This retreat will be held outside of rural areas, where everyone knows everyone. This funding includes paid time off for Wholeness Healing Center (WHC) providers to feel full financial support while accessing intensive secondary and trauma training. It also provides additional costs that the therapist pays to take this time off outside of vacation time. Additionally, the project provides a stipend for travel, subsistence, and lodging. WHC is utilizing an existing evidenced-based training provided by a nonprofit organization dedicated to combatting compassion fatigue. Vital Hearts is a nonprofit organization that provides 3-day intensive resiliency training for providers experiencing vicarious or secondary trauma or compassion fatigue. This training is meant to provide time away from current work while accessing training and support to cope with the challenges that come with being a mental health practitioner. The Vital Hearts Program and the Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training offer a comprehensive approach to secondary trauma and compassion fatigue.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023, and 2 clinicians

	participated in the 2023 Vital Hearts training. An additional 2 providers participated in the training in February 2024, and Wholeness Healing Center is working with Vital Hearts to offer the training to an additional 14 behavioral health staff.
Project Number	139
Organization	Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center dba BraveBe
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$17,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$3,350
Percent Spent Down	20%
Project Overview	This project of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) includes the following trainings: 1) Mental Health First Aid – Youth-focused, \$2,500 per trainer to be trained; 2) Mental Health First Aid – Adult-focused, \$2,500 per trainer to be trained, total cost of \$5,000; 3) Safe & Together Train the Trainer, \$1,950 per trainer with no travel cost (all online), total cost of \$3,900; and 4) Risking Connections, \$1,200 per trainer and available via zoom, total cost of \$2,400. With the purchase of the above training curricula, training and prevention professionals can help staff identify, understand, and respond to the concerning signs of mental health struggles that they are experiencing in the workplace or that staff bring with them to the workplace.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In year 1, CAC worked to hire and onboard a training and outreach coordinator. CAC is sending the new hire and an additional provider to the Risking Connections Train the Trainer training.
Project Number	149
Organization	Lutheran Family Services
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$25,113.21
Percent Spent Down	25%
Project Overview	In this project, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) is hiring a full-time, trained credentialing specialist whose time is dedicated to credentialing and licensing to ensure that paperwork is filed properly and quickly. The dedicated credentialing specialist completes applications for in-network privileges with all insurance carriers for both initial credentialing and recredentialing. In-network status with an insurance company allows LFS to expand the number of clients that LFS serves because of lower costs to clients. In addition, when there are additions to managed care organizations, all 98 LFS staff must be credentialed with the new additions. Every address where LFS provides physical services and the staff who provide services there must be explicitly credentialed at each site to get paid for the services delivered. Due to payer filing deadlines, LFS cannot bill the payer for

	services when credentialing is not completed promptly, resulting in a write-off and loss of actualized revenue.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In the first year of the project, LFS worked with its practice management system to store all provider credentialing files and is in the process of developing a reporting system to ensure all provider recredentialing is completed every 3 years.
Project Number	152
Organization	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$99,999.00
Current Expenditures	\$16,367.58
Percent Spent Down	16%
Project Overview	In this project, University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) will create a Mental Health Literacy course to be offered at UNK and taught by an adjunct instructor who is a licensed mental health counselor. The course will be 3 credit hours for students. The curriculum includes mental health (MH)/behavioral health (BH) and life skills trainings that promote health/MH wellness while emphasizing inclusiveness. Pre and post measures of academic plans, career plans, and MH literacy will be completed to determine the impact of this curriculum in those areas. Some trainings include certifications: 1) Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) - Youth & Adult versions; 2) Question Persuade Refer (QPR) - Gatekeeper; 3) basic suicide awareness; 4) communication skills; 5) Trauma 101 - basic information on trauma and its impacts on medical and mental health; 6) compassion fatigue and resilience; and 7) de-escalation training.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project planning activities began in June 2023, and the Mental Health Literacy course was first offered in the fall 2023 semester. UNK offered 2 sections of the course in the fall semester and an additional 2 sections in the winter/spring semester. In addition to the Mental Health Literacy course, this project is hosting a conference/workshop in October 2024. Recruitment for attendees began in June 2024, and registration will open in August 2024. This conference will be available to students, professors, and professionals across the state of Nebraska.
Project Number	184
Organization	Miller and Micek Consulting, LLC
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$99,721.00

Current Expenditures	\$33,613.55
Percent Spent Down	34%
Project Overview	This multi-stage project will foster resilience among students by using assessment tools, group training on trauma and tools to build resilience, one-on-one personalized coaching in a virtual format, and follow-up assessments to identify the most effective techniques for building and/or improving resilience among program participants. Work will be conducted with students at Wayne State College (WSC), including both undergraduate and graduate students. Miller and Micek Consulting will work with the WSC Student Health and Counseling Center to facilitate referrals and to conduct quarterly update meetings regarding project implementation and outcomes.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Miller and Micek Consulting successfully recruited participants, and individuals are engaging in resilience coaching. Through the ARPA funding and networking with ARPA awardees, Miller and Micek Consulting is expanding its recruitment efforts to additional schools and colleges that are experiencing an increased need for behavioral health services. Miller and Micek Consulting has begun reviewing data from baseline and follow-up surveys and will continue to offer resilience coaching to various college campuses.
Project Number	199
Organization	Scottsbluff Public Schools
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$0.00
Percent Spent Down	0%
Project Overview	In this project, Scottsbluff Public Schools (SBPS) will pay for 2 staff members per year for 3 years to obtain their licensed drug and alcohol counselor (LDAC) license by paying for their classes and providing them an opportunity to meet the internship hours within the district. In addition, SBPS will hire a navigator (or social worker) to work with students to decrease the potential need for services in the future. The school district currently has a Family Success Center that addresses these needs but continues to have gaps in support due to the intense needs of families, particularly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families continue to need access to community resources and support, which will be addressed through the support of the social worker/navigator.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In year 1, SBPS identified 1 staff member to take college courses to become an LDAC and identified 1 coordinator who is currently taking coursework to become a school counselor and licensed mental health practitioner (LMHP).
Project Number	233

Organization	Howard County Medical Center
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$45,000.00
Percent Spent Down	45%
Project Overview	In this project, Howard County Medical Center (HCMC) will pay retention bonuses to 3 current behavioral health staff. Bonuses of \$5,000 are paid out every 6 months for 3 years, totaling \$90,000. All these individuals are full-time employees (FTEs). The current staff members are the only providers in the newly established behavioral health program at HCMC and thus play a vital role in the program's continuance. These individuals collaborate to provide both individual and group counseling for all ages in the community and surrounding areas. Additionally, \$10,000 is available for the recruitment of 2 FTEs, to be paid out at \$2,500 after completion of one year of service and \$2,500 after the second year.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In year 1, this project awarded 4 retention bonuses to behavioral health staff, and 1 intern completed their internship at HCMC. This individual accepted a position with HCMC and will begin full-time employment in 2024. Throughout 2024, HCMC will continue to offer additional retention and recruitment bonuses.
Project Number	237
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$44,948.42
Percent Spent Down	45%
Project Overview	This project aims to retain members of Wholeness Healing Center's (WHC) clinical team by providing necessary career growth opportunities that are often given freely to other professionals in the health care industry but are frequently not afforded to mental health providers. The project provides an annual professional development budget to assist with retaining and recruiting quality clinical staff. Full-time clinical team members receive a professional development annual budget of \$1500.00. This funding can be spent on continuing education units, specialty training or consultations, and licensure renewal. Additionally, this project funds an annual clinical training budget for all-staff training over the next 3 years. All-staff training is critical for professional development and building connections among co-workers. WHC will utilize \$8,000 per year for a total of \$24,000 for 3 years. Finally, this project provides a one-time \$500.00 therapy supply stipend for each full-time provider and a one-time \$250.00 therapy stipend for each part-time provider. Much like teachers, therapists purchase therapy supplies with their own money.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Since the start of project activities, WHC has provided therapy supply stipends to 16 providers and

	professional development funds to 12 providers, offered in-house training opportunities, and covered the cost of license renewal for 14 providers. All activities are intended to improve retention and decrease burnout. In year 1, 19 therapists participated in 10 two-hour training sessions, and additional in-house trainings are planned for the remainder of 2024.
Project Number	239
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$73,500.00
Current Expenditures	\$51,483.12
Percent Spent Down	70%
Project Overview	This project provides funding for a competitive hiring stipend for new-hire psychiatric providers. Wholeness Healing Center (WHC) will hire at least 1 psychiatric medication provider and 5 additional full-time mental health practitioners to join its clinical team. This project offers a competitive stipend to those who agree to fulfill a 2-year commitment to serve WHC clients in its existing offices (Ord, Broken Bow, Kearney, and Grand Island). The \$10,000 stipend matches competitive sign-on bonuses and higher wages being offered locally and in other states in which the organization is directly competing. Additionally, WHC is utilizing a budget of \$10,000,00 to develop promotional materials that feature WHC's communities, its people, and its beautiful side of the state.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. WHC hired 1 part-time and 3 full-time telebehavioral health therapists through support from sign-on bonuses and 1 additional full-time in-person therapist located at the Grand Island and Kearney clinics. In addition to hiring 5 new individuals, the project supported the promotion of an existing telebehavioral health clinician from part time to full time; this individual provides in-person and telebehavioral health services. Through these efforts, WHC successfully recruited 2 clinicians from urban areas to work in rural Nebraska, hired 1 bilingual provider, and retained a Nebraskan who moved from the state but is still providing telebehavioral health services. Finally, WHC recruited a resident nurse practitioner who will complete part of their residency at WHC's Grand Island office and whom WHC hopes to retain through a sign-on bonus at the completion of their residency.
Project Number	309
Organization	University of Nebraska Medical Center - Wellness Center
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$150,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$81,680.66
Percent Spent Down	54%

Project Overview	This project will determine the efficacy of resiliency coaching of students delivered in group sessions versus individual sessions. Students enrolled in behavioral health graduate programs in Behavioral Health Region 6 are offered a resiliency coaching program either in groups or individually. Resiliency coaching is delivered in 12 sessions over 12 weeks during the spring and fall semesters. It is anticipated that 56 students (28 per semester) will be recruited. Students complete pre- and post-intervention questionnaires to measure changes in selected outcomes: resiliency, stress, optimism, and burnout. Students' participation and satisfaction and staff time and effort in program delivery are obtained as secondary outcomes. The overall goal of this study is to provide students with practical, efficient resiliency-based coaching to increase their professional ability to cope with (1) stress and vicarious trauma in current health care settings and (2) stressors they may experience in their personal lives. The group and individual formats are compared to determine if there is a difference in efficacy between the 2 types of coaching delivery.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The project required institutional review board (IRB) approval, and due to the lengthy time to receive approval, the project design was modified. The coaching sessions were originally 12 sessions over 12 weeks, but the project team modified the schedule to 10 sessions over 10 weeks. The first cohort included 6 individuals in the group coaching session and 5 participants in the individual coaching sessions and completed their training sessions in March 2024. The second cohort began in April 2024 and will complete their sessions in summer 2024. Project activities will continue into the fall 2024 academic calendar.
Project Number	322
Organization	The Bridge Behavioral Health
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$99,186.00
Current Expenditures	\$24,550.08
Percent Spent Down	25%
Project Overview	To enhance employee retention and to reward employee longevity, The Bridge Behavioral Health is adding a new benefit for all employees: a day of paid leave on the anniversary of their employment with the organization. The total amount for the 3-year grant request is \$31,686 and covers the expense of a paid day off for all employees based on their salary or rate of hourly pay. The amount is \$10,251 for year 1, \$10,559 for year 2, and \$10,876 for year 3; the increases are based on expected cost-of-living adjustments to employee pay. The budget request also includes \$52,500 to fund flexible spending accounts for all 50 employees of The Bridge Behavioral Health for each of the 3 years of the grant project. Each employee is receiving \$350 in a flexible spending account to help promote healthy habits and overall well-being. This type of benefit enhances physical and emotional wellness and has been shown to improve employee recruitment and retention.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Since the start of the project, The Bridge Behavioral Health has provided monthly stipends to

	behavioral health staff, including recovery advocates, clinicians, behavioral health nurses, case managers, and additional non-clinical staff.
Project Number	350
Organization	Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$47,250.00
Current Expenditures	\$47,250.00
Percent Spent Down	100%
Project Overview	In this project, the Nebraska State Colleges are contracting with the JED Foundation and Healthy Minds to participate in JED's 18-month Campus Fundamentals program to conduct a comprehensive assessment of each of its 3 colleges to determine the current and anticipated mental health needs of their students post-COVID-19; the current programs, support, and resources available in each of the colleges and communities; and additional needed resources for support, provision of services, outreach and education to positively impact the mental health of its current and future students. In partnership with JED, the State Colleges are conducting a Healthy Minds study of students on each campus to collect necessary and updated data regarding student mental health needs and are working with a cross-operational team from each campus to complete an internal assessment of campus programs and resources. Based on the collected data, JED will consult each campus, assist with developing a strategic plan, and provide support for implementing it.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The JED Foundation completed the initial survey of students in year 1 of project activities, and the Nebraska State Colleges received the initial report. After the initial report was received, each campus began compiling resources and working with a JED Foundation consultant to develop strategic plans.
Project Number	360
Organization	Completely KIDS
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$99,750.00
Current Expenditures	\$31,675.20
Percent Spent Down	32%

Project Overview	This project is centered on responding to the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Completely KIDS' mental health services staff. The project aims to increase staff retention, morale, and long-term professional capacity and wellbeing in the behavioral health field. It incorporates the following actions to reduce work-associated stress: 1) contracting with an outside mental health professional to provide bimonthly support groups for staff; 2) conducting stress tests of all staff to identify and address any heightened anxiety or stress issues staff are facing that they may not be communicating or may not see themselves; 3) working with the mental health team to plan and execute monthly formal team-building activities; 4) providing each mental health team member nearly \$3,000 for professional development; and 5) incentivizing training completion with \$15/hour per training cost recovery for staff.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Completely KIDS provided monthly self-care support to behavioral health professionals to reduce burnout and increase retention. The project also supported monthly team-building activities, which also worked to reduce burnout and improve retention. Seven staff have used their professional development funds to engage in professional development activities such as eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) training, PESI training, and supervision support.
Project Number	380
Organization	OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$82,241.94
Percent Spent Down	82%
Project Overview	This project addresses the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic on 2 primary fronts: 1) supporting OneWorld's existing mental health professionals with retention bonuses and professional opportunities to increase their potential to continue work as behavioral health professionals and 2) bolstering OneWorld's extensive recruitment and outreach planning and implementation to attract behavioral health professionals to the state and the organization.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. OneWorld disbursed 9 retention bonuses and 4 recruitment bonuses to behavioral health professionals working at OneWorld clinics. In addition to providing recruitment and retention bonuses, OneWorld hosted 6 staff retreats to increase retention of behavioral health providers.
Project Number	434
Organization	Silver Sun Mental Health dba Nebraska Mental Health Centers
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$50,000.00

Current Expenditures	\$10,772.00
Percent Spent Down	22%
Project Overview	Since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nebraska Mental Health Centers (NMHC) has had difficulty recruiting and retaining clinicians to treat its ever-growing client base. This is hampering efforts to grow NMHC's rural and micropolitan presence in Fremont, Beatrice, Wahoo and surrounding service areas. This project aims to help retain NMHC's current clinicians, recruit new clinicians, and provide compensation to NMHC clinicians traveling to micropolitan, rural, and remote clinics.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in late July 2023. Through this project, NMHC provided quarterly rural clinic stipends to 7 providers, 6 retention bonuses, and 1 recruitment bonus for a newly hired licensed independent mental health practitioner.
Project Number	706
Organization	Options in Psychology, LLC
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$20,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$12,000.00
Percent Spent Down	60%
Project Overview	This project aims to increase the recruitment and retention of doctoral-level clinicians in frontier areas of Nebraska by reducing financial barriers faced by relocating psychology interns. Most applicants to the organization's APA-accredited doctoral psychology internship program must relocate from other states, and recent interns needed to obtain loans to relocate from West Virginia, Missouri, and Ohio.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in August 2023. Through this project, Options in Psychology recruited 3 doctoral interns and supported costs associated with the hiring of these interns. When new interns start in fall 2024, Options in Psychology will pay their fees.
Project Number	783
Organization	Midtown Health Center
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$19,898.95
Current Expenditures	\$6,117.81
Percent Spent Down	31%

Project Overview	This project allows for 2 behavioral health providers to be trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid. These trainers will then provide training to public and private school employees in local school districts and parochial schools. Funding these training programs will help train school personnel in supporting children and adolescents with mental health needs and help adults better understand where to direct youth for additional mental health support.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023 and a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023. Project activities began in August 2023. Two providers at Midtown Health Center completed the “train the trainer” Youth Mental Health First Aid course, and these individuals have begun coordinating training dates for school staff. The individuals at Midtown Health Center began developing a questionnaire and database to collect data from training participants. Midtown Health Center will train additional staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid to expand its reach across the state.
Project Number	785
Organization	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$50,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$3,724.93
Percent Spent Down	7%
Project Overview	This project will develop a student ambassador program to recruit students from the 4 counties in Nebraska with the largest Hispanic communities to a career in social work/behavioral health. This focus on recruiting students from underserved communities addresses the shortage of mental health practitioners of color. It promotes access to mental health providers who recognize the lived experiences of their community members and enhances help-seeking behaviors. Additionally, project funds are used for internship stipends for students who choose placements in underserved communities that were impacted by COVID. Both efforts may increase the number of behavioral health professionals who then choose to return to historically underserved communities.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in August 2023 with the start of the academic year. Since August 2023, 3 student ambassadors were hired, and these individuals piloted their self-care presentation at a local high school. After receiving feedback and modifying their presentation, the student ambassadors presented the self-care presentation at a Nebraska high school. In addition to the student ambassadors, 2 students completed their internships in the target counties during the spring 2024 semester.
Project Number	793
Organization	Heartland Counseling Services, Inc
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$50,000.00

Current Expenditures	\$20,833.38
Percent Spent Down	42%
Project Overview	This project places practitioners in schools so that students and families do not have to worry about finding time outside of school to seek care. The program has no out-of-pocket cost for families so that all have access to services, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. The funding allows Heartland to recruit and retain 2 full-time school-based provisionally licensed mental health practitioners (PLMHPs) to serve rural schools seeking support.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began shortly thereafter. Heartland Counseling Services hired 2 PLMHPs and placed these individuals in their rural school-based program. In addition to these 2 PLMHPs, Heartland Counseling Services hired certified peer support specialists to work in the rural-based schools, but these individuals were not included in the grant funding.
Project Number	847
Organization	Lincoln Medical Education Partnership
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$17,500.00
Current Expenditures	\$6,250.00
Percent Spent Down	62%
Project Overview	The Lincoln Medical Education Partnership's (LMEP) project offers substantial hiring bonuses for fully licensed or provisionally licensed mental health practitioners. Recruitment of additional therapists is difficult in the current hiring environment, and having funding to offer hiring bonuses helps level the playing field. The goal is to hire 2 more therapists over the next year.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in late July 2023. LMEP hired 2 part-time therapists in July 2023 and August 2023 and 2 full-time therapists in October 2023 and May 2024. Additional therapists are being recruited, and these individuals will be eligible for the sign-on bonus. In May 2023, LMEP was awarded additional funding through the BHECN ARPA Awards Program, which will allow LMEP to recruit and hire additional therapists.
Project Number	859
Organization	Heartland Family Services
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$50,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$24,800.40
Percent Spent Down	50%

Project Overview	This project's main purpose is to offer 14 Nebraska Behavioral Health clinical staff members retention bonuses to incentivize their continued employment at Heartland Family Services (HFS) and decrease burnout symptoms.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in August 2023. HFS has provided yearly bonuses to promote retention and a sense of being valued within the organization. In January 2024, HFS began offering monthly bonuses to incentivize performance; these incentives are offered monthly to clinical staff who meet their direct service standards. Since the beginning of project activities, 3 additional clinical staff were hired, and these individuals are eligible to receive yearly and monthly bonuses.
Project Number	862
Organization	Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
Category	COVID-19
Award Amount	\$50,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$0.00
Percent Spent Down	0%
Project Overview	The Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) is increasing access to mental health services for children and families affected by child abuse and neglect across the state of Nebraska. The program ultimately benefits 2 groups: 1) children and caregivers served by CACs in Nebraska and 2) therapists providing services to CAC clients. There is a lack of support and training for mental health professionals who are doing the difficult work of responding to abuse, violence, and trauma. Local therapists who are skilled, comfortable, or trained in serving special populations are not always available.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began shortly thereafter. The Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers hired a mental health coordinator (MHC) in late 2023; this individual is a licensed clinician with extensive experience serving the intended population. The MHC works to establish a network and process for statewide telebehavioral health referrals, provides and coordinates training and support for clinicians, creates resources for clinicians and CACs, offers technical assistance as needed, and participates in statewide efforts to improve mental health access for children and caregivers. The MHC has increased linkage agreements statewide by 194%, has developed and disseminated resources to CACs to develop or expand their current mental health programs, and manages NebraskaMentalHealth.com . NebraskaMentalHealth.com is a resource that strives to expand knowledge about mental health terminology and help connect those in need with mental health information, treatment, and services. In addition to those tasks, the MHC engages and advocates for mental health providers who are linked to CACs to ensure they continue to receive training and support.
Funding for Supervision of Provisionally Licensed Providers	
Project Number	26
Organization	Father Flanagan's Boys' Home

Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$100,000.00
Percent Spent Down	100%
Project Overview	The project supports additional supervision of doctoral interns and postdoctoral fellows. More specifically, the project supports 3 clinicians and their supervisory efforts.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Father Flanagan's Boys' Home identified 4 providers who provided supervision to 7 postdoctoral fellows, 1 pre-doctoral fellow, 4 doctoral interns, and 1 provisionally licensed staff psychologist.

Project Number	115
Organization	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$42,914.19
Percent Spent Down	43%
Project Overview	This project improves behavioral health access for University of Nebraska, Omaha's (UNO) student athletes; however, the proposed project is not limited to UNO student athletes. UNO students will have access to appointment times if appointment times remain available and are not being filled by student athletes. The project is embedded in a behavioral health trainee program in the athletic department. As part of the project, trainees participate in weekly supervision to review cases and discuss high-risk cases. Supervisees participate in outside trainings and professional development activities as determined by the supervisee and supervisor based on trainee needs and goals. Supervisors and supervisees participate in group supervision to review cases and work among a collaborative team.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. The provisional therapist began in August 2023 and worked to increase their caseload. Beyond providing services to student athletes, the provisional therapist sees general students on Fridays.

Project Number	120
Organization	Cirrus House, Inc
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$181,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$78,734.85
Percent Spent Down	44%

Project Overview	This project supports supervisory efforts by the supervising staff therapist at Cirrus House. The project supplements the supervising therapist's salary so that she can dedicate efforts to recruiting master's-level interns and provisionally licensed therapists to keep up with the community's needs. The project also includes travel from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to Sidney and Kimball, Nebraska, to assist in recruiting therapists in this area and treating clients at these offices. Additional funding supports the development of additional supervising therapists(s) who can supervise master's-level and provisionally licensed individuals to help Cirrus House better expand in underserved communities.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023, and in July 2023, Cirrus House was awarded additional funding through the BHECN ARPA Awards Program. This project successfully recruited a new supervising therapist in October 2023, and the supervisors at Cirrus House are overseeing multiple interns and provisionally licensed providers.
Project Number	127
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$44,335.07
Percent Spent Down	44%
Project Overview	This project includes supervision for 6 provisionally licensed professionals. Wholeness Healing Center (WHC) is in a unique position to provide supervision for these provisionally licensed mental health clinicians. WHC has a strong history of providing supervision, and the supervision plan is well supported by the clinic's structure and passion for the behavioral health workforce. The 6 provisionally licensed professionals are supervised by the clinical director. During the grant's administration, 3 individuals at WHC will phase out of provisional status. When these individuals are no longer provisionally licensed, the project will fill these spots. The supervision plan includes group supervision, individual supervision, and on-site crisis management supervision. The project incentivizes supervisors to participate in supervisory activities so that WHC can support up to 6 provisionally licensed supervisees. Either the clinical director or a designated member of the WHC clinical team provides weekly 1-hour individual supervision to each provisionally licensed provider and a weekly 1-hour group supervision session to the provisionally licensed providers.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023; WHC provided 246 individual supervision sessions and 40 weekly group supervision sessions. Four supervisors received supervisor stipends and are continuing to offer supervision to the provisionally licensed providers practicing at WHC.
Project Number	134
Organization	Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center
Category	Funding for Supervision

Award Amount	\$64,660.00
Current Expenditures	\$64,415.86
Percent Spent Down	99%
Project Overview	This project increases the supervision capacity at Restore Rebuild Reconnect Counseling Center (R3CC). The project includes a principal investigator/program director (PI/PD), co-PI/training director (TD), and program evaluator/program coordinator. The PI/PD and co-PI/TD are responsible for overseeing the implementation of project activities, internal and external coordination, developing materials, and conducting meetings. The program evaluator/program coordinator coordinates project services and activities, assists with training, contributes to communication efforts, and disseminates information. This individual also assists with hiring, supervising, and training staff. The project proposal also includes supervision that is person-centered, solution-focused, and developmental. This supervision is supported by a contractor who ensures all interns and provisionally licensed counselors receive individual supervision. The contracted supervisor follows the R3CC supervision plan.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. Eight provisionally licensed mental health practitioners completed their supervision program through R3CC, and an additional 6 are currently receiving supervision. Furthermore, this project supported 2 training and learning opportunities for individuals wanting to open their own private practices. In May 2024, R3CC was awarded an additional \$114,660 through BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding. This additional funding will allow R3CC to extend this program for 1 additional year.
Project Number	147
Organization	Options in Psychology, LLC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$72,600.00
Current Expenditures	\$26,890.00
Percent Spent Down	47%
Project Overview	This project supports the supervision of provisionally licensed psychologists and provisionally licensed mental health practitioners (PLMHPs). As part of the project, Options in Psychology, LLC (OIPLLC) supervises 1 provisionally licensed psychologist and 1 PLMHP. The supervision plan includes 1 hour of supervision weekly conducted in person and via telehealth, plus 1 hour weekly of document review and consultation. Beyond these formal hours, the supervisees receive 1 hour of weekly group supervision during weekly staff meetings, additional consultation if needed or requested, in-house and outside agency team consultation, and opportunities for direct observation of clinical hours at other clinics. Postdoctoral psychologist supervision is provided by the 2 psychologist owners, and the provisionally licensed master's-level clinician is supervised by an in-house licensed independent mental health practitioner.

Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023 and supported 2 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners, with a third currently being recruited. In May 2024, OIPLLC was awarded an additional \$15,000 in BHECN ARPA Awards Program funding to continue the program for 1 additional year.
Project Number	235
Organization	Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center, LLC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$31,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$29,100.00
Percent Spent Down	94%
Project Overview	The project supports 2 provisionally licensed therapists over the project term as the provisionally licensed providers progress toward the completion of their licensure requirements. The supervision involved in this project includes 1 hour of weekly individual supervision of each provisional clinician through telebehavioral health or live in-person sessions. Provisional providers may also participate in group supervision or external consultation.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. In the 2023 academic year, Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center supervised 3 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners. One supervised intern graduated and accepted a position at a local practice, and 2 are practicing with Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center. In May 2024, this project began supporting 1 social work intern.
Project Number	240
Organization	Center for Psychological Services PC dba Live Well Counseling Center, Kearney
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$51,255.00
Percent Spent Down	51%
Project Overview	The project implements additional supervision for 4 provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals. Live Well Counseling Center (LWCC) currently supervises behavioral health interns/supervisees, and these additional provisionally licensed providers will follow LWCC's established supervision plan. The proposed supervision plan includes at least 1 hour of direct supervision weekly, and the supervision plan follows the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Best Practices in Clinical Supervision. The proposed project requires each supervisor and supervisee to sign and adhere to a supervision contract that outlines expectations and standards of supervision. Prospective supervisees and supervisors will follow Nebraska state statutes and licensing requirements to ensure all successfully complete their supervision

	expectations. The project will ensure that each supervisee successfully completes the required 3,000 hours of supervised experience.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. LWCC began project activities in June 2023, and this project is currently supervising and supporting 3 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners and 1 licensed mental health practitioner.
Project Number	243
Organization	Center for Psychological Services PC dba Live Well Counseling Center, Kearney
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$45,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$17,000.00
Percent Spent Down	38%
Project Overview	This project implements additional supervision for 4 provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals, namely, provisionally licensed drug and alcohol counselors. Live Well Counseling Center (LWCC) currently supervises behavioral health interns/supervisees, and these additional provisionally licensed providers follow the organization's established supervision plan. The proposed supervision plan includes at least 1 hour of direct supervision weekly, and the supervision plan follows the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Best Practices in Clinical Supervision. The proposed project requires each supervisor and supervisee to sign and adhere to a supervision contract that outlines expectations and standards of supervision. Prospective supervisees and supervisors follow Nebraska state statutes and licensing requirements to ensure all successfully complete their supervision expectations. The project ensures that each supervisee successfully completes the required 6,000 hours of supervised experience.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023, and LWCC is currently supervising 3 provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselors through this project.
Project Number	258
Organization	AM Counseling and Consulting
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$99,354.00
Current Expenditures	\$79,607.81
Percent Spent Down	80%
Project Overview	This project includes supervision for 12 supervisees during the project period. The supervisors receive adequate training to complement their supervisory roles. Each supervisor is responsible for overseeing 4 supervisees. To match supervisors and supervisees, supervisees complete a group interview, a 1-hour shadow experience, and a review of their degree and training to meet Nebraska licensing

	requirements. Upon completion of this process, supervisees are matched with one of the 3 supervisors to ensure a positive experience for all.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Since the start of project activities in June 2023, AM Counseling and Consulting hired 4 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners and expects an additional 2-4 to start by the end of 2024. The practice also promoted and trained 3 additional supervisors and now has 4 supervisors supervising 11 supervisees. In 2024, AM Counseling and Consulting moved into a larger practice space due to the increase in providers and clients.
Project Number	271
Organization	The Cord: Where Science Meets Connection, LLC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$52,168.49
Percent Spent Down	52%
Project Overview	This project includes the supervision of 8 provisionally licensed mental health professionals and 3 individuals completing their graduate school internships over the funding period. A total of 2,880 hours of supervision are provided in line with the supervision requirements outlined by Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Title 172 Chapter 94 regulations. In addition to these requirements, 40 hours of eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) training and 40 hours of EMDR consultation are provided.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. This project is currently supporting 9 supervisees who receive group and individual supervision. Quarterly, The Cord offers a 3-hour direct instruction training for clinical supervisors, and many interns have chosen to be supervised by The Cord after the completion of their practicum experience.
Project Number	275
Organization	Wholeness Healing Center, PC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$99,975.00
Current Expenditures	\$45,595.46
Percent Spent Down	46%
Project Overview	This project supports provisionally licensed behavioral health providers at Wholeness Healing Center (WHC). The project includes funding for stipends for each provisionally licensed provider at WHC. These stipends cover study materials, practice tests, and exam fees. The project also supports WHC provisionally licensed providers as they work toward licensure. Therapists are provided with mileage reimbursement for their travel related to clinical hours. Finally, the project proposal funds training, certification, and consultation for

	independently licensed supervisors who supervise provisionally licensed providers. The project allows the WHC clinical director to pursue an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) national supervisor credential. This credential requires 3 semester-hour graduate courses in clinical supervision or equivalent courses, or 45 hours in clinical supervision training.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Since 2023, 2 therapists have taken the exam and achieved full licensure, and 3 more will obtain full licensure by the end of 2024. Five provisionally and fully licensed staff members received travel support to provide services across Nebraska. The project also supported the clinical director's participation in the Erikson Institute's FAN Training and gave supervisors practicing at WHC access to 53 hours of consultation.
Project Number	280
Organization	Camie L Nitzel, PhD, LP, LLC dba Kindred Psychology
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$99,939.00
Current Expenditures	\$99,939.00
Percent Spent Down	100%
Project Overview	Kindred Psychology's project supports personnel, equipment, supplies, and contractual costs for the supervision of 6 behavioral health providers. This funding supports the purchase of video conference equipment, voice recording equipment and software, a desktop computer for telehealth and remote supervision, a subscription tool for data management and evaluation, and a Smartsheet subscription for practice management. Direct support of trainees is vital to the success of the proposed program. To better support trainees, this project funds licensure exam and application fees, exam preparation materials, electronic health record subscriptions, and required insurance. The funding also supports licensure renewals for Kindred Psychology's supervisory staff.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Since June 2023, 3 practicum students completed their practicum experiences, and 3 more are receiving the required supervision. Kindred Psychology hired 3 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners and 1 licensed independent clinical social worker and supported 2 providers on their pathway to licensure.
Project Number	281
Organization	Creative Counseling and Studio, LLC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$74,688.24
Percent Spent Down	75%

Project Overview	Creative Counseling has provided quality supervision leading to the successful licensure of practitioners since 2019. All 3 supervisors are experienced in understanding the Nebraska counseling licensure requirements for provisionally licensed mental health practitioners (PLMHPs), licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs), licensed independent mental health practitioners (LIMHPs and PLIMHPs), licensed professional counselors (LPCs), and licensed drug and alcohol counselors (LADCs) and the Nebraska certification process for social workers. Creative Counseling provides supervision for 21 limited licensed behavioral health providers in accordance with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Title 172 Chapter 94 regulations at a minimum.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. In June 2023, Creative Counseling began providing weekly individual and group supervision for all provisionally licensed providers.
Project Number	317
Organization	The Bridge Behavioral Health
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$44,199.50
Percent Spent Down	44%
Project Overview	This project supports 3 supervisors. Each supervisor spends at least 7 hours per week supervising provisionally licensed professionals, social work professionals, or graduate students. Throughout the project period, each supervisor spends at least 1,008 hours supervising.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023 and include monthly individual supervision, weekly group supervision, and daily client staff meetings. The lead clinical supervisor is providing ongoing supervision to 3 provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselors, 1 provisionally licensed mental health practitioner, and 1 student.
Project Number	318
Organization	Four Corners Health Department
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$34,603.53
Current Expenditures	\$0.00
Percent Spent Down	0%

Project Overview	This project supports the supervision of a behavioral health trainee. The proposed supervision plan includes face-to-face supervision and consultation services. In addition to clinical supervision, the trainee participates in administrative supervision and training. Four Corners Health Department's billing and documentation specialist conducts an educational session on coding and financial practices. The proposed project builds upon Four Corners Health Department's partnership with York Medical Clinic, and trainees participate in and provide behavioral health services to integrate behavioral health services into a primary care clinical setting.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. In June 2023, Four Corners Health Department began recruiting to identify 1 behavioral health trainee. In May 2024, Four Corners Health Department identified 1 trainee, who began receiving supervision in summer 2024.
Project Number	326
Organization	Children's Hospital and Medical Center Foundation
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$18,950.54
Percent Spent Down	19%
Project Overview	This project funds postdoctoral psychology fellows. This allows for the expansion of Children's Hospital and Medical Center (CHMC) Foundation's current Psychology Fellowship program in preparation for considerable programmatic and physical growth in 2025 with the opening of the new Behavioral Health & Wellness Center. To meet needed clinical hours and supervision requirements for licensure, fellowship opportunities at CHMC are designed to provide a variety of postdoctoral training experiences for fellows who have completed an American Psychological Association (APA)-accredited doctoral program and an APA-accredited internship program and have previous experience working with children and adolescents.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. CHMC Foundation hired a new psychology fellow in late 2023, and this individual is currently in the fellowship training program. A second fellow will begin in fall 2024.
Project Number	391, 400
Organization	Heartland Counseling Services, Inc
Category	Training and Education
Award Amount	\$125,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$61,821.72
Percent Spent Down	49%

Project Overview	The project supports 6 provisionally licensed mental health practitioners (PLMHPs) as they work toward licensure in Heartland Counseling Services' outpatient supervision program. In the summer months, the school-based PLMHPs participate in the outpatient supervisor program. The PLMHPs are supervised by the clinical director with the intention of becoming licensed independent mental health practitioners (LIMHPs) or licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs). The project supports the PLMHP licensure fees, LIMHP/LMHP licensure fees, and a sign-on bonus as an incentive to continue working for HCS following licensure. The proposed supervision plan includes a 1-hour weekly session conducted in person or through Zoom and weekly group supervision. The clinical director has extensive experience providing supervision and can ensure supervisees are prepared for licensure. In addition to the required supervisory duties, the proposed project requires each supervisor to participate in weekly administrative meetings and a weekly supervisor meeting.
Project Performance	This project was awarded in late January 2023, and a subcontract with UNMC was established in May 2023. Project activities began in June 2023. This project provided weekly supervision for 13 provisionally licensed providers and mileage reimbursement for travel to various sites across the state.
Project Number	646
Organization	Inspirit Counseling, PC
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$34,381.28
Percent Spent Down	34%
Project Overview	This project's goal is to provide productive supervision and training on how to be a successful supervisor. A long-term goal includes providing support to clinicians so that they maintain practices in the Nebraska panhandle to provide services to underserved individuals in rural and frontier areas of the state.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in August 2023. Since August 2023, this project has supported a weekly average of 25 hours of supervision for multiple supervisees. Supervision is provided in a remote modality via telebehavioral health. The project also supported equipment and an electronic health records system to provide supervision.
Project Number	875
Organization	Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc
Category	Funding for Supervision
Award Amount	\$100,000.00
Current Expenditures	\$11,833.07
Percent Spent Down	12%

Project Overview	The Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc is using project funding to support staff time spent in supervision of provisionally licensed professionals within the organization. This includes supervision by the contracted medical director (MD), director of clinical services (LMHP), lead outpatient therapist (LIMHP), and licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC). Supervision across all levels is necessary to promote and maintain licensure across clinical teams. Additionally, funds will be used to establish a licensure study group, including materials and curriculum, to support increased quality and expertise of the workforce.
Project Performance	The project was awarded in early July 2023, a subcontract was established with UNMC in late July 2023, and project activities began in August 2023. The project has supported a percentage of salary for 4 clinical supervisors and their clinical supervision responsibilities.

Activities by the AltEn Health Study Group using ARPA funds by 6/30/2024

The AltEn Health Study Group at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University has conducted a wide range of activities to investigate the effects of the pesticide contamination stored at the AltEn ethanol production plant near Mead, Nebraska, using ARPA funds appropriated by the Nebraska Senate. These funded activities are planned to end December 31, 2024.

The activities to date and plans to complete the studies are summarized below.

Activities at UNL

Judy Wu-Smart, Ph.D., has been studying the effects of the pesticides, predominantly neonicotinoids, on bees and their hives in the vicinity of AltEn. By 2021, hives placed near AltEn completely died off, as the bees were instantly killed when they alighted on plants that had taken up water contaminated with the AltEn neonicotinoids. By 2023, hives near AltEn were able to sustain life, although the behavior of the bees had not returned to normal. In the 2024 studies, Dr. Wu-Smart is determining whether bee behavior is closer to normal and whether honey collected from the hives contains any neonicotinoids. She has published several scientific articles about this work and is completing additional articles.

Elizabeth VanWormer, Ph.D., has been studying redwing blackbirds and tadpoles in the vicinity of AltEn or near fields where solid residue, wetcake, from the plant was used as fertilizer (a practice abandoned by 2019 because the wetcake proved toxic). Dr. Van Wormer has shown that eggs removed from nests closer to AltEn contain higher levels of neonicotinoids than do eggs from nests located further from the plant. In 2024, she has continued these studies of redwing blackbird eggs and also of tadpoles to determine whether those living closer to the plant have higher levels of neonicotinoids. These investigations have involved a number of students and scientific publication of the results is planned once the collected eggs and tadpole tissue have been analyzed for neonicotinoids.

Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Ph.D., has been investigating the levels of neonicotinoids in surface and ground water, as well as soil, in the area east of AltEn. In 2021 her research group found significant levels of neonicotinoids in Johnson Creek, particularly the Reservoir. Multiple samplings each year since then have shown that the levels of neonicotinoids have decreased, but they are still detectable. Soil and groundwater samples taken from the cattle feedlot just south of the AltEn plant, also showed detectable levels of neonicotinoids. The data from the multiple samples of surface water collected in Johnson Creek and Reservoir are being prepared for publication in scientific articles.

Activities at Creighton University

Under the leadership of **John Schalles**, Ph.D., and **Joe Phillips**, Ph.D., the type and health of small amphibious creatures in Johnson Creek as well as other waterways east and south of the AltEn plant have been investigated in multiple samplings. The types of species observed provides information about the toxicity of the water. This information is valuable to identify how the contamination from AltEn was spread throughout the area. In addition, Dr. Schalles has periodically monitored the condition of the wastewater lagoons and wetcake pile on the AltEn property by flying a drone near the property. The results of these studies, as well as an investigation of the possibility of decomposing the neonicotinoids by use of microorganisms are being prepared for scientific publication.

Activities at UNMC

Kaleb Michaud, Ph.D., has developed an online health surveillance system for residents of all ages living in Saunders County, which would track possible health problems associated with exposure to the AltEn pesticide contaminants over the years. The health surveillance system has not been activated because we are still seeking funding for running the system for at least five years, and preferably ten years, to capture possible chronic health effects.

Jesse Bell, Ph.D., conducted a CASPER-like survey of health perceptions of people living in Saunders County in 2021. People's perceptions of how the AltEn contamination affected their health, and related questions, have been analyzed and a scientific article has been submitted for publication. Dr. Bell plans to conduct a follow-up survey in the same area in early Fall, 2024, to complete this work.

Eleanor Rogan, Ph.D, and **Muhammad Zahid**, Ph.D., have conducted studies of neonicotinoids in house dust and air, as well as people. In a pilot study of 11 houses in Mead, Nebraska, as well as six houses in Kennard and Omaha, Nebraska, used as "control" houses, all of the houses in Mead showed significant levels of neonicotinoids in air and dust both inside and outside the houses. The houses in Kennard and Omaha showed significantly fewer neonicotinoids and lower levels. In a pilot study of urine samples from 30 people living in the area surrounding the AltEn plant, approximately one-third of the people had detectable levels of neonicotinoids in their urine sample. The samples were collected at two timepoints, approximately six months apart, and 11 people were sampled both times. Several of them had detectable neonicotinoids at both timepoints. The results of both of these studies have been published in scientific journals. In addition, health data were requested from CynchHealth, and data on hospital and clinic visits for five zip code areas in Saunders County and five zip code areas in Washington County (control area) were recently obtained. The data include more than 124,000 visits from 2018-2023. It is currently being analyzed.