



Chatham County, Georgia Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2022 REPORT

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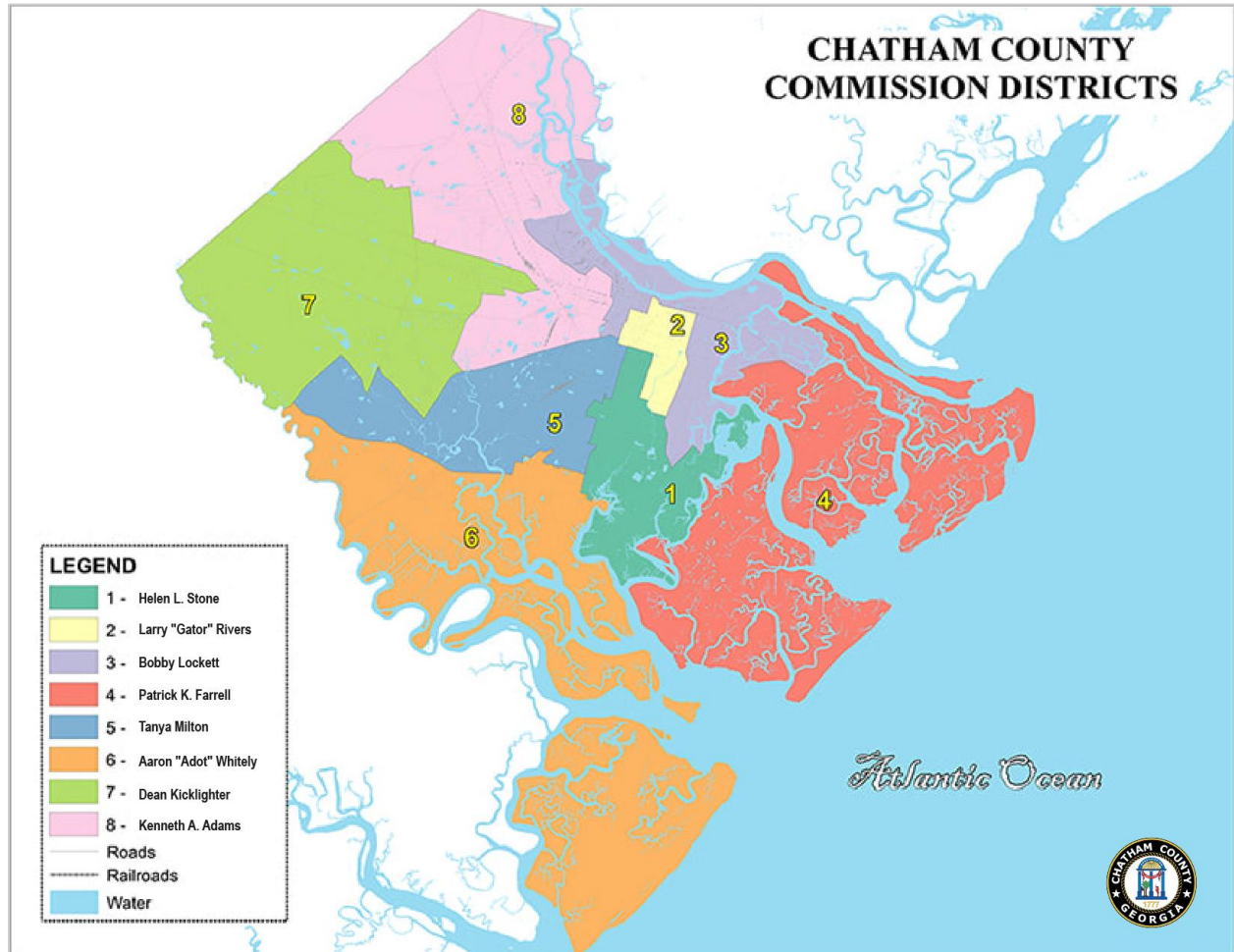
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chatham County is nestled on the Georgia coast along the Savannah River, which borders South Carolina. Its geographical location provides unique access to two major interstates, major rail lines, and shipping ports. With a population of 296,329, representing 109,928 households, Chatham County is the fifth largest county in the State of Georgia and has a median age of 35.6 and a median household income of \$57,739. 15.5% of households live in poverty. Data Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)



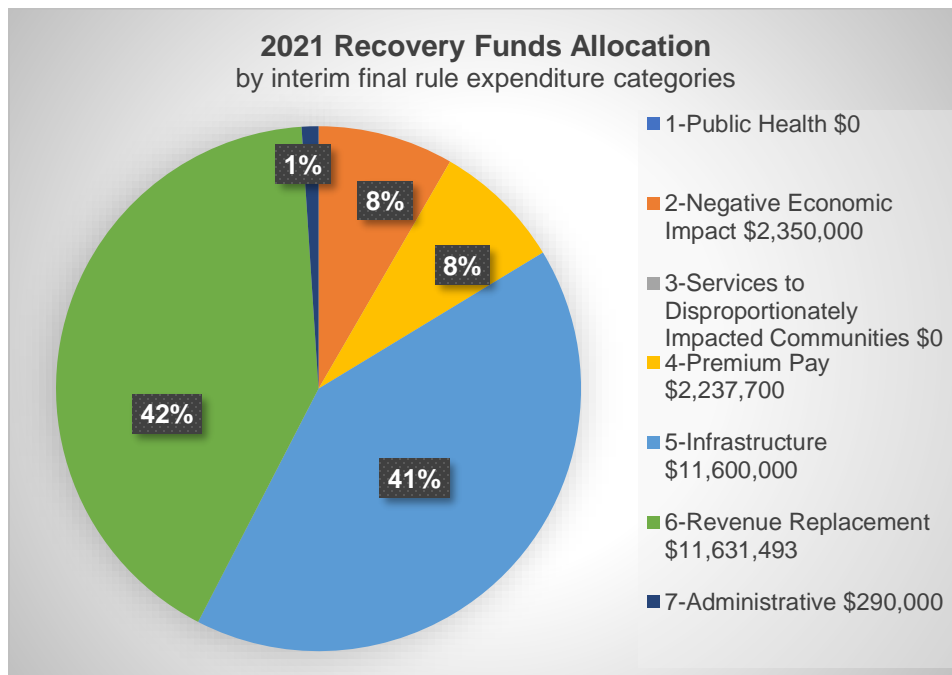
Chatham County Government (County) is governed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners (Board), a leadership body comprised of elected officials representing each of the County's eight districts and a Chairman of the Board.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The U.S. Department of the Treasury (US Treasury) issued the interim final rule implementing the SLFRF program under ARPA on May 10, 2021; the interim final rule went in effect on May 17, 2021. Shortly after the County received the first SLFRF allocation from the US Treasury (Recovery Funds) in the amount of \$28,109,195.50, which represents half of the total County's SLFRF allocation of \$56,218,385.

County staff researched the appropriate and allowable uses for long-term community-wide impact and reviewed qualitative and quantitative data to determine the best use of the Recovery Funds. Finance staff calculated the revenue loss formula while Strategic Planning worked with various units of government and local stakeholders to gather community input.

In August 2021, County staff held workshops with the Board to align the County’s priorities with the eligible uses of the Recovery Funds. The Board prioritized the types of projects and County departments and units of government submitted requests for funding for projects per the SLFRF allowable uses categories that address the needs of the County residents.

The first round of allocations from the Recovery Funds was approved by the Board on August 27, 2021, as follows:

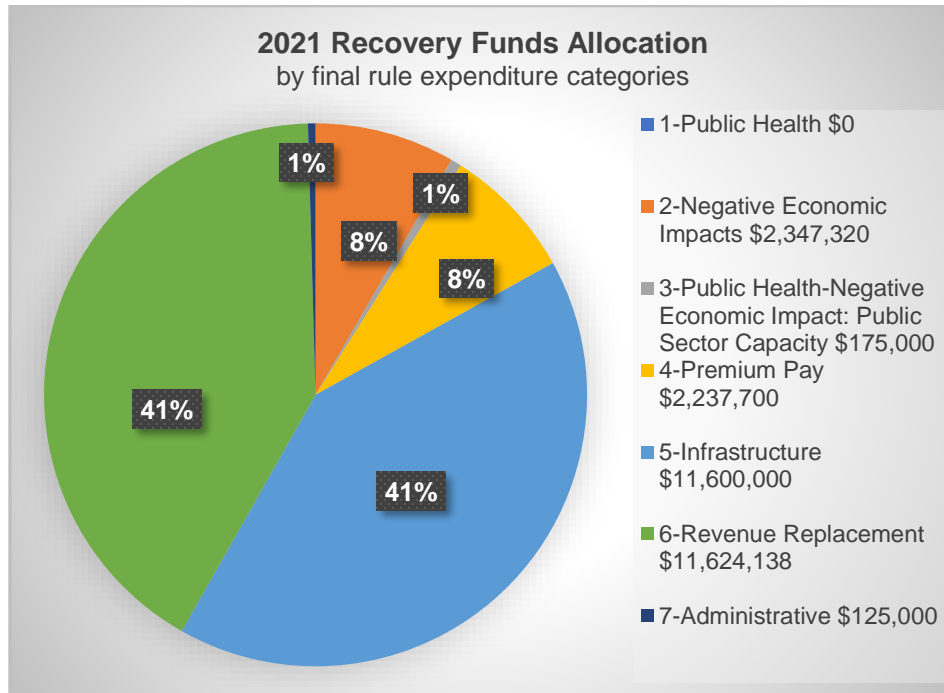


The 2021 Recovery Funds allocation presented in the chart above was categorized per the US Treasury’s interim final rule expenditure categories. On April 1, 2022, the final rule went into effect with a broader set of eligible uses and expanded expenditure categories. As required by the US Treasury, Recovery Funds were recategorized using the new set of categories (see Recovery Funds Allocation chart in the Uses of Funds section).

On June 9, 2022, the County received the second \$28,109,195.50 SLFRF allocation. County leadership and staff are currently soliciting funding proposals for the 2022 Recovery Funds allocation.

USES OF FUNDS

2021 Recovery Funds Allocation: A total of 44 projects were approved by the Board in the first round of allocations from the Recovery Funds, as follows, per expenditure category groups:



In the Negative Economic Impact expenditure category, the Board approved project that benefit impacted and disproportionately impacted groups, namely local nonprofits and those they serve, as well as local small businesses.

Premium Pay was provided to the County's essential workforce to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to build the County's resilience to future crises and be better prepared to serve all County residents.

The Board identified investments in infrastructure as a top priority for the County and allocated the majority of the Recovery Funds to critical water and sewer projects, as well as broadband.

Under the Revenue Replacement expenditure category, funds are being used to reduce the judicial caseload backlog created by the pandemic.

Recovery Funds are also being used to expand and enhance the County's support system at the at the intersection of public safety and behavioral health.

Detailed project descriptions are provided in the Projects Inventory section of this report. Additional information is available at chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/ARPA.

2022 Recovery Funds Allocation: For the second round of Recovery Funds allocation, in keeping with the Board and County’s goal to distribute the Recovery Funds in an equitable manner, funding preference will be given to projects that benefit impacted populations in the following order:

1. Disproportionately Impacted Populations: Populations located/residing in Qualified Census Tracts
2. Impacted Populations: Populations that experienced a negative economic impact because of the COVID-19 pandemic
3. Other Impacted Classes: Populations, households, or geographies that experienced meaningfully more severe COVID-19 impacts than the general public
4. General Public

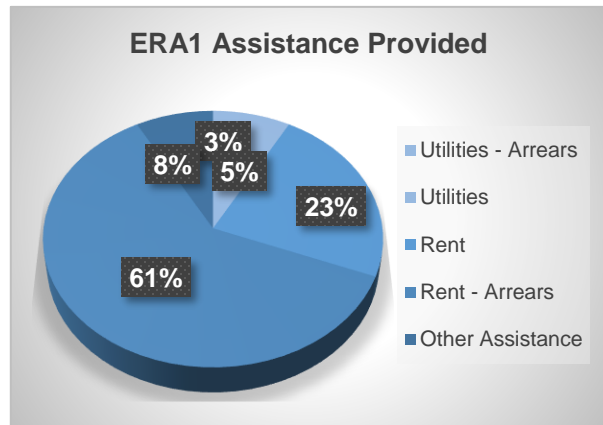
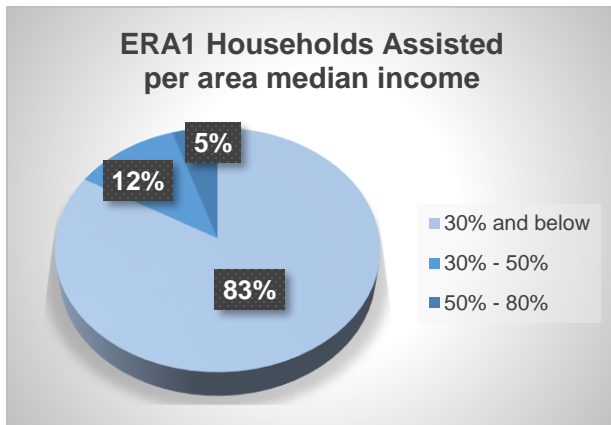
Other Federal Recovery Funds: The County was allocated funds by the US Treasury to assist households that were unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County executed contracts with local nonprofits throughout 2021 and the first quarter of 2022 to assist with the administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

The County has worked to ensure residents have access to the types of assistance available that best meet their needs, in order to reduce evictions and provide services to the most vulnerable. As a result, County executed agreements with nonprofit organizations to provide other housing services and other affordable rental housing for eligible households, youth, and/or those who face homelessness or housing instability due directly or indirectly to COVID-19. These projects include: an apartment shelter program; an emergency shelter for youth ages 11-17; emergency housing for returning citizens from the Chatham County Detention Center.

Chatham County Magistrate Court (Magistrate Court) has been a key project referral partner, distributing information on filed eviction cases to the nonprofits that provide case management to the individuals and households facing eviction in order to initiate and expedite the ERAP application process and prevent evictions. On the other hand, the Magistrate Court shares ERAP information with the landlords prior to their filing an eviction, encouraging them to settle using the ERAP route, instead of the judicial way.

Emergency Rental Assistance Project 1: The Trump administration, under the year-end COVID-19 relief and omnibus spending package, allocated \$25 billion dollars for ERAP. The County’s total allocation in this legislation was \$8,712,086. In May 2022, the County was approved additional funding in the amount of \$9,200,320 from the State of Georgia as a result of the voluntary reallocation process. The funds were received by the County in June 2022.

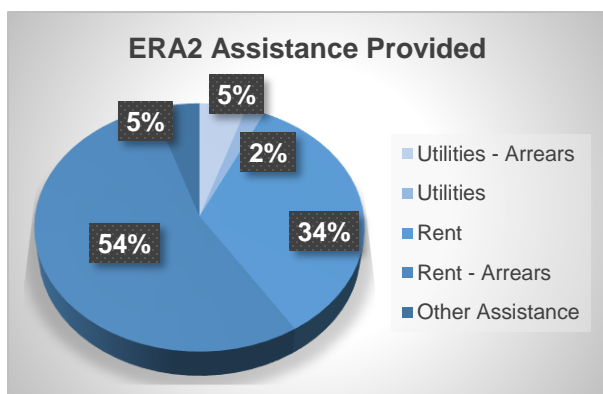
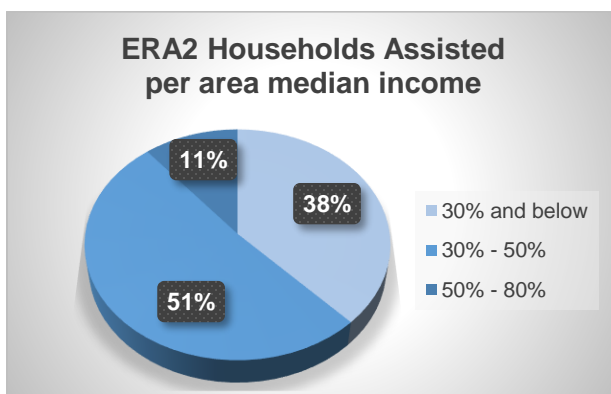
The Chatham County ERA Program¹ (ERA1) provides financial assistance to eligible households for the payment of rent, rental arrears, utilities (electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal), utilities arrears, home energy costs (fuel oil), Internet services and other expenses like relocation expenses, temporary shelter/apartment, among other. As of June 30, 2022, the County has expended a total of \$6,575,539 ERA1 funds on behalf of 2,621 households with the greatest needs: 83% extremely low income, 90% identified as people of color and 80% female headed households. A breakdown of expenditures per area median income and types of assistance is presented on the charts below.



Emergency Rental Assistance Project 2: ARPA was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The legislation allocated \$21 billion dollars for ERAP Phase 2. Chatham County's total allocation from this act is \$6,893,465. The initial payment, representing 40% of \$2,757,386, was received on May 11, 2021.

The Chatham County ERA Project 2 (ERA2), was launched in October 2021 to support households in need of additional financial assistance to pay their rent, utilities, and other expenses related to housing, after exhausting the first round of 15 months under ERA 1. In addition, ERA2 funds are available to households that experienced financial hardship during the pandemic that were not previously eligible for assistance under ERA1.


As of June 30, 2022, all ERA2 funds have been obligated to three vendors in order to expedite the disbursement of the funds to those most in need. Total of \$281,182 of ERA2 funds have been expended on behalf of 82 households with the greatest needs: 51% extremely low income, 89% identified as people of color and 83% female headed households. A breakdown of expenditures per area median income and types of assistance is presented on the charts below.



PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Public Vaccination: Through the support of the Center for Disease Control REACH grant program, the YMCA of Coastal Georgia and Healthy Savannah are working to close the gap in health disparities among racial and ethnic populations with the highest burden of chronic diseases. Healthy Savannah is a public/private partnership seeking to make Savannah-Chatham County healthier place to live, work and play. Healthy Savannah promotes equitable opportunities for residents to engage in physical activity and consume balanced diet through policy, systems, and environmental change. Chatham County supports the goals of Healthy Savannah and the REACH program through contributions to ensure residents have access to healthy food options as well as education and access to health services. As such, the County contracted with Healthy Savannah to provide education about the COVID-19 vaccination program to minimize the hesitancy associated with getting the vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine initiative was a collaborative effort in Chatham County, led by Healthy Savannah with support from the Coastal Health District - Chatham County Public Health, local businesses, and government. Outreach and marketing strategies were created specific for black and Hispanic residents, and populations less likely to have interest in receiving the vaccination. The vaccine was promoted through local faith communities and trusted voices.



Chester A. Ellis
Chairman Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**I did not get this vaccine for me.
I got this vaccine for you, my
community, my family, my friends.**

**know
the facts+
get your
vax**



COVID-19 vaccine banner displayed at Gaines Chapel AME Church in Chatham County, Georgia

Additionally, Chatham County was recently designated as an **Age-Friendly Community** by AARP. Launched in 2012, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities (NAFSC) is an organizational affiliate of the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, a program launched in 2006. Through the age-friendly program, AARP helps participating communities to become more livable and age-friendly by creating safer and more walkable streets, needed housing and transportation options, better access to key services, and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities.

The Age-Friendly Designation aligns perfectly with the Chatham Community Blueprint and the Board of Commissioners mission for Chatham County to be the best place for people to live, work and play. This designation boosts the County's efforts to adopt policies and programs that provide access to an array of recreational opportunities, promotes build environments, connectivity for all residents, and supports community engagement.

Small Business Assistance: The County started a program to assist small area businesses that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Grants of up to \$25,000 are awarded to eligible small businesses that demonstrate a reduction in gross business revenue and/or increase in business costs due to COVID-19. All assistance provided is proportional to the loss demonstrated.

In order to ensure equitable distribution of the monetary assistance, under the direction of the Board, program staff set criteria for prioritizing assistance to smaller local businesses and a geographic focus on areas within the community that historically have not had many opportunities nor access to similar resources. Preference is given to businesses that are located in Qualified Census Tracts, to minority and/or women business enterprises and businesses operating in the hardest hit sectors. The first 90 days of the program only businesses located in unincorporated Chatham were eligible to apply; as rate of applications decreased, program expanded to all businesses located in the County, with the exception of the City of Savannah.

The program application, call line and technical support is offered in English and Spanish. Businesses can get in-person assistance with applying online and a paper-based application is available to ensure access to the program is not a barrier to participation.

While Chatham County's core values support equity and inclusion, the County's leadership team and Board will spend time over the coming year to develop and enhance language in the organization's strategic plan and performance metrics in order to integrate equity, diversity and inclusion principles in the core values and to help guide and implement equity, diversity and inclusion practices in the daily operations of the organization.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Chatham County encourages community engagement through a variety of platforms. Information is distributed through the County's website, social media, government channel, community forums, public meetings, surveys, and a mobile app. County staff is constantly exploring innovative and creative ways to inform, educate and encourage engagement and action. Although the County primarily uses its public information department to build public awareness, it also contracts with organizations such as Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC) to help facilitate community meetings to gather input from its residents.

As the County considered allocation of the SLFRF allocation, the Board solicited input from residents regarding their needs and considered opportunities for long-term strategic projects addressing those needs. The Board and CGIC co-hosted community engagement opportunities to learn what is important to people living in our community. The information has assisted County leaders in prioritization of projects and allocation of resources.

Starting in late August 2021, CGIC began an online marketing campaign to raise awareness of the community engagement meetings. Over three months, the online social media campaign reached a total of 12,665 individuals. There were 658 post engagements, 105 likes, and 82 shares of the posts on Facebook. There were eight in-person community meetings hosted in each of the County's eight districts. CGIC also attended a community event where approximately 100 business cards were distributed that contained the QR code to the online survey. Participation was somewhat less than desired; it was assumed that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected in-person meeting participation and completing the online survey.

Between the online survey and in-person meetings, individuals were given the opportunity to spend \$100 in proposed ARPA categories based on the interim final rule. The priorities of the residents were as follows:

1. Public Health
2. Negative Economic Impacts
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
4. Infrastructure

LABOR PRACTICES

Majority of the Infrastructure projects funded with the Recovery Funds are still in the planning and pre-development phase. Subrecipients are aware of US Treasury's compliance requirements regarding strong labor standards that promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. The County's Strategic Planning and Purchasing Departments have been working together to ensure subrecipients of the Recovery Funds have executed agreements in compliance with the US Treasury's requirements. In the same manner, vendors contracted to perform construction work on the infrastructure projects will be selected using the US Treasury's criteria and the project managers will be monitoring their compliance.

USE OF EVIDENCE

Recovery Funds are being used for the below projects in the Negative Economic Impacts expenditure category group. Based on the actual expenditures of the awarded funds, projects have not used Recovery Funds for evidence-based interventions.

Project Name: Job Training Scholarships

Project Number: 2202121

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

Recovery Funds are being used to cover the cost of scholarships to Emergency Management Technician training program. Scholarshiped participants become certified Emergency Medical Technicians upon completion of program. The use of evidence-based intervention does not apply to this program, due to the fact that the program is certified by the State of Georgia.

Project Name: Blueprint/Nonprofits

Project Number: 2202102

Expenditure Category: 2.13 Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Recovery Funds were utilized for the creation of The Bright House, a court-mandated supervised visitation and family support center for families with children in foster care. The Bright House is the only one center in Chatham County that made it possible to provide family friendly meeting space that is CDC social distance compliant. Funds were not used for direct service delivery, therefore no Recovery Funds were used towards evidence-based interventions.

Project Name: Small Business Assistance

Project Number: 2202091

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

Chatham County Small Business Grant program assists small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 with reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses and general operating costs for businesses experiencing financial hardship. Grant award decision making process does not employ an evidence-based intervention.

Project Name: Blueprint/Nonprofits

Project Number: 2202101

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

Recovery Funds were used to make up for a significant loss of fundraising contributions to the Community Fund, due to the pandemic. Beneficiary nonprofit did not use evidence-based interventions to determine the Recovery Funds redistribution within the Community Fund.

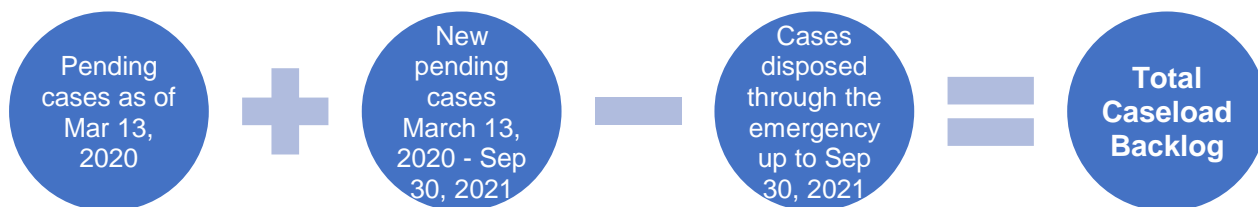
PERFORMANCE REPORT

While the County has had a long tradition of maintaining the area’s historic character and natural resources, traditionally leadership had not focused planning efforts on health and human services. Realizing this shortcoming, in 2015 the Board begun exploring strategies for aligning the County’s budget to the needs of the community by creating, and since then implementing, a long-term community-wide strategic plan known as the Chatham Community Blueprint (Blueprint).

The Blueprint identified four areas of priority: Economy, Education, Health and Quality of Life. The Board adopted the Blueprint and used it as a guide to identify the County’s own priorities that now drive the Board’s actions. Community issues and populations that are priority for the County are: residents living below the poverty line; small businesses and under- and un-employed individuals; early childhood care and education; youth development; healthy lifestyles; healthcare for underinsured populations; food access and food insecurity; and, public safety and crime reduction. For each of the priority areas, progress performance is tracked by both internal departments and for external investments.

Performance measurement is integrated in the County’s operations. Services provided by the County and those funded by the County already use indicators that ensure the County is working in a coordinated manner and meeting the needs of the residents in the community. Majority of Recovery Fund supported projects in the Revenue Replacement category are carried out by County departments and units of government that utilize performance measures to gauge the effectiveness of their provision of services to the public.

Judicial Caseload Backlog Projects: The operations of the County courts have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to the closure of many courtrooms and the adoption of the required protocols to mitigate and prevent the spread of the virus. Hearings and other judicial and legal duties were delayed, cancelled, or stayed, which resulted in the creation of a judicial caseload backlog of 24,513 cases.



The backlog baseline was determined by the number of cases that were pending at the beginning of the public health emergency (March 13, 2020) plus new cases filed during the statewide judicial emergency order (between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2021) minus cases disposed of through the emergency, up to September 30, 2021.

The overarching goal of the judicial caseload backlog group of projects (currently under the Revenue Replacement expenditure category) was collectively set and agreed upon by all

participating judicial units: to reduce the judicial caseload backlog by 20% from 24,513 as documented by monthly reports submitted and tabulated by December 31, 2022.

The Board allocated over \$4 million of the Recovery Funds to address the backlog by providing additional staff, expanding space for jury trials, and the use of innovative technology to promote safe practices and social distancing while continuing daily operations. Projects started working on reducing the backlog in October 2021 and have been reporting on the outcomes on a monthly basis.

As of June 30, 2022, these projects combined surpassed the collective goal by closing/disposing of twice as many backlogged cases than the original goal, achieving a 40% reduction in the judicial caseload backlog created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	2-Negative Economic Impacts
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives
PROJECT NAME	Job Training Assistance
PROJECT NUMBER	2202071
PROJECT BUDGET	\$100,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Help unemployed and under-employed Chatham County residents find or create career paths that offer family-sustaining wages and opportunities for advancement.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	2-Negative Economic Impacts
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers eg job training subsidized employment employment supports or incentives
PROJECT NAME	Job Training Scholarships
PROJECT NUMBER	2202121
PROJECT BUDGET	\$72,320
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$22,600
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Provide full and partial scholarships to Emergency Management Technician training program with recruitment focus on minority populations
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Program will help support the fragile Emergency Medical Services system in Chatham County while concurrently providing an avenue for applicants to improve themselves professionally and financially while also assuring benefits and a secure career path.
PROJECT OUTCOMES	Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 9 Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 6 Goal 1: 80% of unduplicated individuals will complete training (17) Goal 2: 80% of those who complete training will remain employed with Chatham Emergency Services (CES) one year later (13) Goal 3: 80% of those employed with CES for a year (10) will earn at least \$14/hour with benefits
USE OF EVIDENCE	Scholarshipped participants become certified Emergency Medical Technicians upon completion of program. The use of evidence-based intervention does not apply to this program, due to the fact that the program is certified by the State of Georgia.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	2-Negative Economic Impacts
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2.13-Healthy Childhood Environments Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System
PROJECT NAME	Blueprint/Nonprofits
PROJECT NUMBER	2202102
PROJECT BUDGET	\$50,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$50,000
PROJECT STATUS	Completed
PROJECT SUMMARY	Visitation Center for purposes of CDC compliant meeting space to conduct court-mandated family visitation
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Recovery Funds were used for the creation of The Bright House, a court-mandated supervised visitation center that helps address the negative impact of COVID-19 by providing a safe space for families with children in foster care to bond, grow, and heal. The center is key to addressing the barriers created by COVID-19, which include limited visitation, lack of parental coaching, lessened case management. The Bright House will prevent further disruption if another shut down occurs. The center will ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic no longer prevents families from spending important bonding time together and all CDC protocols are followed so that all family members remain safe and healthy. Since only one family visitation occurs at a time, staff is able to properly sanitize the space and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.</p>
USE OF EVIDENCE	<p>Recovery Funds were utilized for the creation of The Bright House, not for providing direct services to the families. No funds were used towards evidence-based interventions.</p>

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	2-Negative Economic Impacts
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2.29-Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
PROJECT NAME	Small Business Assistance
PROJECT NUMBER	2202091
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,500,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$508,630
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Assistance to Chatham County small businesses whose operations have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Grants program to assist small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Businesses must demonstrate costs associated with COVID-19 mitigation activities. For general business assistance applicants must demonstrate a reduction in gross business revenue and provide financial documents to substantiate the loss. All assistance provided is proportional to the loss demonstrated. Preference is given to businesses that are located in a Qualified Census Tract, minority and/or women business enterprises and businesses in the hardest hit sectors.
PROJECT OUTCOMES	Number of small businesses served: 19
USE OF EVIDENCE	Evidence-based intervention is not used in the grantmaking process.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	2-Negative Economic Impacts
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)
PROJECT NAME	Blueprint/Nonprofits
PROJECT NUMBER	2202101
PROJECT BUDGET	\$625,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$625,000
PROJECT STATUS	Completed
PROJECT SUMMARY	Recovery Funds were used to make up for a significant loss of fundraising campaign contributions to the United Way of the Coastal Empire
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>United Way is a community backbone organization that funds more than 80 critical social service programs at more than 50 nonprofits. \$1.25M loss due to the pandemic challenged the organization’s ability to make the grants that nonprofits depend upon to deliver services to Chatham County residents and meet the increased demand for services stemming from the negative effects of the pandemic, as well as the organization’s own ability to provide direct services to respond to needs where gaps exist in the community. Recovery Funds were applied towards the United Way Community Fund to provide program grants to nonprofits and support the organization’s direct services through 211 and volunteer projects in Chatham County, preventing a catastrophic decrease of funding for nonprofits that deliver vital services and allowing the organization to respond to needs of people where there were gaps.</p>
PROJECT OUTCOMES	Number of nonprofits served: 1
USE OF EVIDENCE	No evidence-based intervention was employed to determine the Recovery Funds redistribution within the Community Fund.

**PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT:
PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY
PROJECT INVENTORY**

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	3-Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	3.4-Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
PROJECT NAME	Evaluation and Data Analysis
PROJECT NUMBER	2207021
PROJECT BUDGET	\$175,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$8,001
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Community engagement and data analysis services
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Chatham County will develop agreements for community engagement, data analysis and project evaluation throughout the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds project performance period.

PREMIUM PAY PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	4-Premium Pay
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	4.1-Public Sector Employees
PROJECT NAME	Compensation
PROJECT NUMBER	2204011
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,937,700
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$1,442,318
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Premium pay for Chatham County employees who faced heightened risks performing their duties during the COVID-19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Chatham County provided premium pay to all base wage employees who worked in-person during the period of May 30, 2020, through May 28, 2021. After all eligible employees were identified, a one-time lump sum payment was calculated for payment on October 29, 2021. The lump sum maximum amount of \$1,250 was adjusted pro-rata for eligible work hours in accordance with regulations. Only current employees in active pay status who worked during the defined period were eligible for premium pay.</p>

PREMIUM PAY PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	4-Premium Pay
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	4.1-Public Sector Employees
PROJECT NAME	Compensation 911
PROJECT NUMBER	2204012
PROJECT BUDGET	\$300,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$89,191
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Chatham County adjusted the salary of E911 staff recognizing the department's overall role in the critical workforce necessary for continued operations and provisions of emergency services during the COVID-19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Effective September 4, 2021, Chatham County adjusted the salary of E911 staff amongst the various departmental roles/job class categories in recognition of the department's overall role in the critical workforce necessary for the County's continued operations and provisions of emergency services during the pandemic. The impact of this use of Recovery Funds was the retention of 67 employees.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.1-Clean Water Centralized wastewater treatment
PROJECT NAME	Sewer - Gale Brake Lift Station
PROJECT NUMBER	2205021
PROJECT BUDGET	\$200,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$40,600
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	To update the antiquated lift station and to install diesel-powered by-pass pumps on several sanitary sewer lift stations in order to facilitate the safe and reliable transmission of sewage, and to prevent overflows into public roads, Waters of the State, and private property during periods of power outage or disruption caused by severe weather events
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Gale Brake Lift Station was built in 1976 and has only received moderate upgrades. The system serves approximately 63 residents who reside in the Isle of Hope area. When sewage backs up into homes, it causes conditions that are unsanitary and harmful to human health, as well as property damage. Each home could easily experience significant cost to restore property to pre-damaged conditions. Nationally, the average cost of cleaning up sewage is \$7/sq. foot. In addition, the public cost of cleanup for outdoor sewage spills (such as discharge into public waterbodies or wetlands) could easily be \$2.50/gal. Finally, fines for violating U.S. environmental laws could range from a minimum of \$2,500 to a maximum of \$25,000 fine. From an economic perspective, much of this risk can be mitigated by the installation of additional equipment such as by-pass pumps, to help in mitigating any potential physical and environmental cost resulting from a failure to make improvements.</p> <p>The current status of this project is in the design phase. The engineering firm providing the design services is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.1-Clean Water Centralized wastewater treatment
PROJECT NAME	Sewer - Sallie Mood Force Main
PROJECT NUMBER	2205022
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,100,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Second phase of the replacement of a deteriorated sewer force main
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<p>The Sallie Mood Force Main is approximately 50 years old and this project will replace approximately 2,112 linear feet of the County’s sanitary sewer force main. The initial force main was made with asbestos cement and has begun to deteriorate significantly with several sewer spills occurring in recent years due to ruptures throughout various locations of the force main. The lift station transports an average of approximately 820,000 gallon of wastewater daily to the City of Savannah’s wastewater facilities for treatment and serves over 3,100 homes in unincorporated Chatham County. The project will consist of, but not be limited to, the following aspects and activities: excavation, tracer wire, markers, signs, dewatering, pipe connections bedding, backfill to grade and all other materials necessary for completion of project.</p> <p>The force main is currently in final preparation for the bidding process. The contract engineer Hussy, Gay, Bell is working on the final modification to the project’s design, and once completed, the project will be sent to the County Purchasing Department to bid out for construction.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.1-Clean Water Centralized wastewater treatment
PROJECT NAME	Sewer - Hopecrest Lift Station
PROJECT NUMBER	2205023
PROJECT BUDGET	\$200,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$4,405
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Update to a deteriorated lift station and installation of a diesel-powered by-pass pumps on several sanitary sewer lift stations in order to facilitate the safe and reliable transmission of sewage, and to prevent overflows into public roads, Waters of the State, or private property during periods of power outage or disruption caused by severe weather events
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Hopecrest Lift Station serves approximately 721 Chatham County residing in unincorporated Chatham County. If sewage backs up into homes, it can create conditions that are unsanitary and harmful to human health, as well as property damage. The lift station currently does not have a by-pass pump, therefore, if a power outage occurs, which has happened at various times, a portable generator must be taken out to the lift station to maintain operations. This requires time and labor to get the generator to the lift station before sewage can spill into waterways and residents experience sewer backing up into their homes. This problem has been an on-going concern for the County.</p> <p>The lift station is currently going through the design phase where the County contractor, Atlantic Coast Consultant, Inc., is currently evaluating the lift station to understand what work is needed, and from that initial assessment the contractor will begin the process of designing upgrades and preparing the process to go out to bid for construction.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.1-Clean Water Centralized wastewater treatment
PROJECT NAME	Sewer - Salcedo Lift Station
PROJECT NUMBER	2205024
PROJECT BUDGET	\$150,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Lift station update and an addition of a by-pass pump in order to facilitate the safe and reliable transmission of sewage, and to prevent overflows into public roads, Waters of the State, and private property during periods of power outage or disruption caused by severe weather events
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Salcedo Lift Station was built in approximately 1976 and has outgrown the initial design. The County has previously experienced numerous interruptions in operation of this lift station due to lightning strikes, power outages, etc. When those event occur, staff must obtain a generator and take it to the station to get the station back online. This current arrangement takes time and equipment to implement and increases the chances of an overflow of the lift station. An addition of a by-pass pump will act as a fail-safe in the event the motors at the lift station fail electronically or mechanically, which in turn will help in preventing the an overflow of wastewater that has the potential to create unsanitary conditions harmful to human health and cause damage to properties in the affected area.</p> <p>Hussey, Gay, Bell, Inc. Engineering is currently evaluating the needs and conducting the design of the lift station. This will ultimately lead to the final design and a bid for construction submittals.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.1-Clean Water Centralized wastewater treatment
PROJECT NAME	Sewer - Nancy Place Lift Station
PROJECT NUMBER	2205025
PROJECT BUDGET	\$200,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Update an antiquated lift station and installation of a diesel-powered by-pass pump to facilitate the safe and reliable transmission of sewage, to prevent overflows into public roads, Waters of the State, or private property during periods of power outage or disruption caused by severe weather events
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Nancy Place Lift Station has experienced several power outages including during Tropical Storm Hermine, Hurricane Matthew, and other various storm events throughout the years. This project will increase the overall operational efficiencies of the lift station, prevent overflows, which can cause sewage to back up into residential homes, create unsanitary conditions harmful to human health, and cause property damage. The cost to residents to clean up sewage can be very high as is the cost and fines for water spilling into waterbodies or wetlands, as well as harmful to the environment. Upgrading the lift station will mitigate sewer spills and create a safer place for the approximate 520 residents served by this lift station in the Isle of Hope area located in unincorporated Chatham County.</p> <p>The County consulting engineer, Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. has submitted the design recommendation to the County Engineering Department for review and approval. Once approved by the County, the consultant will implement the recommendations of the County Engineering Department into the final design. It will then be sent to the County Purchasing Department for construction bidding.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.6-Clean Water Stormwater
PROJECT NAME	Stormwater - Willow Lakes
PROJECT NUMBER	2205061
PROJECT BUDGET	\$700,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$272,611
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Drainage improvements to improve stormwater drainage and water quality
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Willow Lakes Subdivision experiences drainage issues during heavy rains with some street and nuisance flooding. The project will lower the existing stormwater pond water elevation providing more storage volume within the pond. In addition to providing flooding relief, the project will improve the quality of stormwater. The increased storage time will allow suspended solids to settle from the discharged stormwater. The increased storage will also reduce the amount of discharged stormwater and allow for infiltration.</p> <p>Approximately 40% of the construction on the improvements to the stormwater system are complete.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.6-Clean Water Stormwater
PROJECT NAME	Drainage - One Chatham Stormwater Program
PROJECT NUMBER	2205062
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,200,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Program will model stormwater across the entire county and identify flood prone areas to determine necessary improvements to prevent flooding
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<p>One Chatham Stormwater / Flood Control Model will gather stormwater modelling data from all municipalities in Chatham County and identify gaps in the data. Better available topographic data will be used to fill data gaps and to update studies as to land use, storm intensity and cross sections. Model will also incorporate predicted sea level rise. The goal of this project is to model stormwater across the entire county to be able to identify flood prone areas and determine the necessary improvements to prevent flooding. Residents of flood prone areas as well as residents impacted by sea level rise will benefit.</p>	
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION	
<p>Chatham County is low lying flat terrain with increasing development that also increase hardened, impermeable surfaces. Development creates more stormwater run off during a rain event and predicted climate changes indicate heavier rain events and hurricane storms are impending. Heavier rains, increased development, and rising sea levels will potentially cause longer and more frequent land inundation with nowhere for water to run. Improving current drainage while planning for increased drainage needs is critical to protecting residents and their properties.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.6-Clean Water Stormwater
PROJECT NAME	Drainage - Hardin Canal
PROJECT NUMBER	2205063
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,500,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Project will improve the quality of stormwater run-off while reducing flooding in Hardin Canal drainage basin
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<p>The County's NPDES MS4 permit requires Chatham to annually evaluate a drainage basin for feasibility of implementing best management practices (BMP) retrofits to reduce pollutant discharges. The County is required to improve the quality of stormwater discharges. The project will implement BMPs to improve water quality and provide stormwater storage to reduce flooding in the basin. The basin incorporates multiple jurisdictions (unincorporated Chatham, Pooler, Bloomingdale, Savannah) in Chatham County and limited portions of Effingham County. The project will provide regional benefits in accordance with the One Chatham initiative. The project will provide interpretive and educative signage to educate the community on the benefits of the project. The signage will satisfy the County's requirements for community outreach and education per the MS4 permit. Residents in the basin will benefit from the stormwater improvements, while all county residents will have access to recreational features to be incorporated into the improvements.</p>	
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION	
<p>This project will provide county-wide benefit to improved drainage and manage stormwater run-off during a rain event and predicted climate change which will bring heavier rain events and hurricane storms.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.6-Clean Water Stormwater
PROJECT NAME	Drainage - Isle of Hope
PROJECT NUMBER	2205064
PROJECT BUDGET	\$900,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	The project will improve the quality of stormwater run off while reducing flooding in Isle of Hope community
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION The County's NPDES MS4 permit requires Chatham to annually evaluate a drainage basin for feasibility of implementing best management practices (BMP) retrofits to reduce pollutant discharges. The County is required to improve the quality of stormwater discharges. The project will implement BMPs to improve water quality and provide stormwater storage to reduce flooding in the area of Barnett Drive in the Isle of Hope. The project will provide interpretive and educative signage to educate the community. Residents of the Barnett area of the Isle of Hope will benefit from reduced flooding, while the Herb River should see an improvement in quality of run-off from the Barnett outfall.</p>	
<p>CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION Chatham County is low lying flat terrain with increasing development in the community. Such development alters land use patterns from grassy to hardened. The hardened, impermeable surfaces include home roofs, driveways, roads, sidewalks, etc. Development creates more stormwater run-off during a rain event. The predicted climate changes include predictions for heavier rain events and stronger, more frequent hurricanes. Heavier rains, increased development, and rising sea levels will potentially cause longer and more frequent land inundation with nowhere for water to run. Evaluating the Isle of Hope/Barnett drainage system will assist County in making necessary modifications to improve current drainage while planning for increased drainage. This action is critical to protecting residents and their properties.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.9-Clean Water Nonpoint source
PROJECT NAME	Septic Education Awareness Program
PROJECT NUMBER	2205065
PROJECT BUDGET	\$350,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Education and awareness program to reduce the number of leaking and failing septic systems
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Septic systems in coastal Chatham County fail due to lack of education, lack of upkeep, and lack of residential dollars to maintain correctly and update when needed. Program will provide educational resources for residents currently on septic highlighting ways in which they can identify working systems or failing systems. Program will also allow the County to evaluate the feasibility of connecting properties to sewer system and provide financial assistance to septic homeowners to inspect, repair, or replace leaking systems when connecting to a sewer system is not feasible. Reducing the number of leaking and failing septic systems will reduce or eliminate fecal coliform levels in municipality waters and along the coast. The program will assist with Chatham County's MS4 permit requirements and reduce nonpoint source pollution. Many residents of Chatham County will benefit with improved water quality and ecological improvements from reduced impacts from failing septic systems.</p>
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION	<p>Research has shown that increasing sea levels are causing septic systems to be compromised or fail due to ground saturation from inundation and subsurface flow. Project will identify septic systems in a FEMA Flood Zone and direct efforts and resources to connect residents in flood prone areas to sewer. Project will also be able to identify issues faced by disadvantaged communities as septic systems and drain fields can be costly to repair and replace. Program contributes to efforts that address issues arising with climate change and advances the Justice40 initiative by serving disadvantaged communities with the use of Recovery Funds.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.18-Water and Sewer Other
PROJECT NAME	Hydrants - Ogeechee Farms
PROJECT NUMBER	2205066
PROJECT BUDGET	\$2,600,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Upgrade existing fire system with installation of hydrants at Ogeechee Farms area
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Chatham County's hydrant infrastructure systems throughout the county are not adequate to meet the needs of current resident capacity nor are the infrastructure systems adequate to address anticipated emergencies that could result from the projected heat or storm events caused by climate changes. Coastal populations in the unincorporated areas have grown from 20,000 in the 1970s to almost 90,000 residents which presents a dire need in protecting these residents should fires occur during storm events or prolonged heat events. Installation of a fire suppression system in the Ogeechee Farms community will bring benefits to the community as there is currently no hydrant infrastructure in place. Without fire hydrant infrastructure, there is grave concern for loss of life and property. With loss of income from COVID-19, residents might not carry adequate insurance coverage and losses from a delayed fire suppression could be financially catastrophic for them.</p>	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	5-Infrastructure
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	5.19-Broadband Last Mile projects
PROJECT NAME	Broadband Infrastructure
PROJECT NUMBER	2205161
PROJECT BUDGET	\$2,500,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not Started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Project will facilitate the completion of broadband services to areas within Chatham County that have no or limited broadband services by working with multiple broadband service providers to jointly install last mile installations for services and in some cases push those services out to areas that were financially unfeasible for the service providers
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Once the Countywide Fiber Optics Master Plan is completed, Chatham County will have comprehensive inventory of current assets in the public right-of-way including antennas, poles, towers, abandoned facilities, active facilities and infrastructure to determine their usefulness for implementing a fiber network within the County. This effort will provide a realistic assessment of assets available for expanding broadband connectivity.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Early Learning Center
PROJECT NUMBER	2206001
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,000,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not started
PROJECT SUMMARY	Chatham County will provide funds to support prep site work of the property for the Early Childhood Learning Center
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Early Childhood Learning Center is designed to provide childcare services to close to 150 children, six weeks to three years of age, living in East Savannah neighborhood, in an area of high poverty. The facility will be licensed by the State and designed to meet all state and national accreditation standards to include the Quality Rated model promoted by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. The Learning Center is one of the cornerstones of the East Savannah Purpose Built Community project, providing quality childcare as part of a holistic and transformational model proven to reduce poverty, substandard education, unemployment, healthy disparities and address the challenges disinvested communities have faced for generations. Recovery Funds are used to support prep site of the property. Building funds have been secured in SPLOST through partnership with the City of Savannah.</p> <p>Intergovernmental Agreement was executed on December 21, 2021; the tentative timeline for completion of the site is Spring 2024.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Youth Mental Health Facility
PROJECT NUMBER	2206002
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,000,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$70,411
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Site preparation work for a new Child and Adolescent Crisis Stabilization Unit that will include inpatient and outpatient services
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The construction of a new Child and Adolescent Crisis Center is in the pre-development phase: creating the building design plan with architectural renderings, site preparation work such as utilities, lighting, fencing, permitting. Recovery Funds are used for the site preparation work. The Crisis Center will serve children and adolescents with mental health issues from the across the Southeast Georgia region, since the closet public crisis center is located in Macon, Georgia.</p> <p>Architect has completed 100% of conceptual cost model, combination plat and topographic survey, zoning and site evaluation, phase 1 ESA and geotechnical engineering services. Architect also has completed 90% of full architectural programming, 95% of site masterplan and 75% of concept design.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Sheriff - Jail Management
PROJECT NUMBER	2206004
PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,183,593
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$140,775
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Jail management system for better communication with local arresting agencies, 911 Center, Clerk of Courts, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders in managing the judicial caseload backlog created by the COVID 19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Chatham County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Jail Management System (JMS) project provides vendor hardware, software, and services, combined with CCSO and County tasks, to implement a new JMS to replace the current Phoenix-based system that is no longer supported. The project's original scope significantly broadened a few months into the JMS tasking, as CCSO learned that JMS must be accompanied by a Records Management System in order for Phoenix to be retired, and that joining the County-wide migration to a new Computer-Aided Dispatch system will enhance county-wide communication, coordination, and reaction. These more modern, more efficient systems will provide better communication with local arresting agencies, the consolidated 911 center, the Clerk of Courts, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders in managing the backlog in the criminal justice system that was created in large part by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Probate Court - NEMO-Q
PROJECT NUMBER	2206006
PROJECT BUDGET	\$26,705
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$15,199
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Scheduling and queuing software to overcome and prevent backlogs to safely bring more people into Probate Court and serve them more efficiently
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Probate Court grew backlogs in part due to uncontrollable traffic consuming all staff time and effort, leaving too little staff and time to process filed matters and track fiduciaries. By using a basic appointments schedule during COVID-19, the Court learned it could effectively serve more people efficiently by using every hour of the day. During COVID-19, more people needed Court services and the backlog grew. The Court is utilizing Recovery Funds to purchase a proven scheduling/queuing software to safely bring more people into Court; every member of the public will be able to schedule their appointment from their phone or computer, arrive for a guaranteed appointment, be served efficiently and leave more satisfied with their task completed. The Court will go live with NEMO-Q at the end of July, 2022.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Clerk of Superior Court - Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206008
PROJECT BUDGET	\$203,628
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$44,742
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing and support for additional court dockets, expanded court hours and use of the Chatham County Jail's two courtrooms for hearings and trials in response to the judicial caseload backlog resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Clerk of Superior Court's Office processes all civil and criminal case filings for Superior Court. In response to the judicial case backlog the Clerk's Office has provided staffing and support for court dockets. The Superior Court Clerk's Office will continue to work to assist the Courts with all matters before the Court while processing all documents and filings with efficiency and accuracy.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	District Attorney - Additional Personnel - Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206009
PROJECT BUDGET	\$231,384
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$68,839
PROJECT STATUS	Completed more than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing to dismiss, divert, and resolve backlog cases resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic in order to eliminate the burden on the court dockets, save judicial resources and devote resources to the most serious and violent offenses
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Since the start of the project in October 2021, the District Attorney Office (DAO) has: 1. filled one of two ARPA positions; 2. completed a comprehensive analysis of the current caseloads office-wide and per Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs); 3. reviewed caseloads with individual ADAs to analyze and identify reduction strategies; 4. reviewed and analyzed at least 5 data reports daily to monitor case reductions in each court; 5. instructed ADAs on the use of prosecutorial discretion which authorizes them to resolve existing cases and decline incoming cases that have low or no prosecutorial value; 6. implemented metric systems to identify non-violent, low-level cases for diversion, dismissal or declination without compromising victim advocacy or public safety; 7. exceeded in reducing the backlog targeted goal.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Jury Relocation
PROJECT NUMBER	2206010
PROJECT BUDGET	\$136,500
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$32,813
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines Grand Jury needs space conducive of conducting meetings. Recovery Funds cover the cost of rental space for Grand Jury trials.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Juvenile Court - Case Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206011
PROJECT BUDGET	\$300,464
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$121,363
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing to meet the increase in need for services
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Due to social and emotional impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic Juvenile Court experienced increase in referrals as schools and other public facilities reopened. Recovery Funds are used for staffing clerks to improve the Court's response times, a Mental Health Specialist to address increased referrals to mental health court or mental health services, and provision of youth family access to technology for tele mental health meetings.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Magistrate Court - Case Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206012
PROJECT BUDGET	\$145,760
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$52,285
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing and equipment to allow the Court to hold virtual hearings for those individuals who are unable to attend due to health reasons
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>To immediately meet the demand of increased case filings coupled with the need to accommodate social distancing requirements, Magistrate Court received Recovery Funds to provide online streaming services of court proceedings and to facilitate multiple dockets.</p> <p>Recovery Funds were used for additional staffing and technology purchase in order to pro-actively prevent a judicial backlog and process filings in a timely manner until consistent with pre-pandemic levels.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Probate Court - Case Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206013
PROJECT BUDGET	\$381,040
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$125,372
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing and engageent of a CPA firm to supervise review of conservatorship reports
DESCRIPTION	Caseload backlog developed and persists in both guardianship / conservatorship cases and decedents' estate cases due to COVID-19 related staff shortage and case overload.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Public Defender - Case Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206014
PROJECT BUDGET	\$266,990
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$110,159
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staffing and equipment to reduce caseload backlog
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Hiring of two administrative assistants and one courtroom technology engineer. The assistants make possible to spread workload among staff. The courtroom tech assists attorney staff with courtroom presentations and with the implementation of best practices in an effort to push the department towards becoming paperless. 30 laptop computers were purchased to allow for more productive remote work away from office and courtroom during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Sheriff - Courtroom Equipment
PROJECT NUMBER	2206015
PROJECT BUDGET	\$175,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$77,278
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Equipment for court proceedings at the Sheriff's Office to stream proceedings in both the physical and virtual courtrooms
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	In an effort to help reduce the judicial caseload backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Recovery Funds were funds for purchasing and installation of courtroom equipment. Installation for one of the courtrooms was completed in May and a training session for operating the equipment took place in June 2022. A docket was held in and live streamed from the courtroom on 06/30/2022.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Indigent Defense - Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206016
PROJECT BUDGET	\$250,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$174,279
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Staff to help search relevant cases and urge attorneys to prioritize them for court dates in order to reduce judicial caseload backlog created due to COVID 19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Activities to dispose of all criminal cases as possible that are assigned to Indigent Defense attorneys representing defendants who have cases in the court system that meet the judicial caseload backlog qualifications.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	State Court - Backlog Arraignments - Jury Trials
PROJECT NUMBER	2206017
PROJECT BUDGET	\$377,880
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$27,219
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Increase and expedite arraignments for backlog of criminal cases on the holding docket due to COVID-19 pandemic and dispose of cases identified as ready for jury trials as of September 30, 2021
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Cases continued to be accused by the District Attorney Office during the judicial emergency while the courts were unable to schedule arraignments. This resulted in a substantial backlog of criminal cases at arraignment. The arraignment is the first step in the case processing. The goal is to provide arraignments for all cases on the holding docket as of 9/30/2021. Concerns over the Omicron variant delayed the scheduling of cases. Arraignments began in April 2022.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Superior Court - Backlog
PROJECT NUMBER	2206021
PROJECT BUDGET	\$811,647
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$164,962
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT SUMMARY	Additional staff to address the judicial caseload backlog resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>A combination of pandemic-related factors, including skyrocketing levels of violent crime such as gun violence and domestic violence and tolled deadlines during the pendency of the judicial emergency, has created an unprecedented backlog of cases. To address the backlog effectively, the Court employs a combination of evidence-based case management practices such as the creation of additional dockets (including late afternoon dockets); the implementation of processes for the early identification and processing of serious violent offenders; the adoption of firm deadlines for rapid resolution (including weekly trial settings); and the increased use of virtual (video) court proceedings and other available technologies. Recovery Funds were used for additional staff such as Sr. Judges, temporary assistance, other judicial officers and additional case managers in order to address the caseload backlog.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Board of Equalization Rental Space
PROJECT NUMBER	2206022
PROJECT BUDGET	\$200,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$21,875
PROJECT STATUS	Ongoing
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and in order to accommodate business practices, Chatham County Board of Equalization moved all hearings to a rented space conducive of conducting public meetings.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Mental Health at Detention Center
PROJECT NUMBER	2206024
PROJECT BUDGET	\$350,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$47,510
PROJECT STATUS	Completed 50% or more
PROJECT SUMMARY	Expand mental and behavioral health services at Detention Center by additional staffing provided by Correcthealth for LPN to RN Swap and mental health positions
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>During the pandemic, individuals detained at the Chatham County Detention Center demonstrated increased separation causing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness. It was noted by our inmate medical contractor that mental health disorders, including anxiety and depression, have worsened. As such Chatham County amended the contract for with Correcthealth to increase additional mental/behavioral health staffing along with treatment and resources. The revision defines that the contractor should have 1 FTE Mental Health Director, 1 FTE Licensed Professional Counselor/Licensed Clinic Social Work and 1 FTE Mental Health Case Manager. In addition to the positions that were approved, it was agreed upon that at least one of these individuals would be on site 24 hours/7 days per week.</p> <p>With Recovery Funds three additional staff, specific to mental health, were added to the staffing matrix. The team implemented a mental health screening at intake to better assess needs of the detainees and make more immediate referral to services and treatments while housed at the Detention Center. These resources and programmatic changes have resulted in individuals with mental illness being connected to resources more effectively, both internally and externally, resulting in reduced length of stay.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Employee Vaccination Incentive
PROJECT NUMBER	2206025
PROJECT BUDGET	\$900,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$777,496
PROJECT STATUS	Completed
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	In order to reduce the incidence of COVID-19 in the community and among the Chatham County workforce, the County implemented a voluntary program to provide a cash incentive to current employees who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	HVAC at Courthouse
PROJECT NUMBER	2206027
PROJECT BUDGET	\$800,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Not started
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Improve air quality at the Judicial Courthouse to prevent spread of COVID-19 as well as other potentially harmful pollutants that affect both the public and courthouse staff.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Future COVID Response
PROJECT NUMBER	2206028
PROJECT BUDGET	\$268,5547
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0
PROJECT STATUS	Ongoing
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Recovery Funds to help meet unexpected COVID-19 related expenses.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Public Vaccination
PROJECT NUMBER	2206029
PROJECT BUDGET	\$82,727
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$53,470
PROJECT STATUS	Completed
PROJECT SUMMARY	Creating a vaccination marketing strategy promotion and evaluation of Chatham County's COVID-19 Vaccination Program to encourage vaccine acceptance among Chatham County's Black and Hispanic communities especially younger residents who are less likely to have interest in receiving a vaccine
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The purpose of the campaign was to educate the public and increase the rate of vaccination within Chatham County. The goal was to combat COVID-19 and vaccine misinformation, provide health resources, and encourage residents to get vaccinated. The campaign kicked off in April 2021. Throughout the year, Healthy Savannah worked with key partners to roll out the communications campaign including social media and other media marketing efforts to increase the vaccination rate and increase awareness of COVID-19 and vaccination options within the community.</p>

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	CEMA - MEOC Upgrades
PROJECT NUMBER	2206030
PROJECT BUDGET	\$73,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$2,643
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50 %
PROJECT SUMMARY	Upgrade of the Chatham Emergency Management Agency's Mobile Emergency Operations Center to enhance response capabilities and support field operations for mobile vaccination sites, testing sites and other emergency field based operations
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Upgrade of Chatham Emergency Management Agency's Mobile Emergency Operations Center by installation of new Wi-Fi repeater to extend Wi-Fi coverage by nearly an acre, ergonomic seating for staff and upgrade to radio patching system in order to enhance response capabilities and support field operations for mobile vaccination sites, testing sites and other emergency field based operations.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	6-Revenue Replacement
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	6.1-Provision of Government Services
PROJECT NAME	Tax Commissioner - Software
PROJECT NUMBER	2206032
PROJECT BUDGET	\$42,273
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$42,273
PROJECT STATUS	Completed
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Scheduling and queuing software to overcome and prevent backlogs to safely and more efficiently serve residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT INVENTORY

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY GROUP	7-Administrative
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	7.1-Administrative Expenses
PROJECT NAME	Administrative Expenses
PROJECT NUMBER	2207011
PROJECT BUDGET	\$125,035
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$52,673
PROJECT STATUS	Completed less than 50%
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Additional staff to assist with the Recovery Funds administration and compliance as required by the US Treasury.