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TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

FROM: Jimmy Gisi, Deputy County Manager
William Volckmann, Chief Financial Officer
Debra Blair, Deputy County Attorney

DATE: February 14, 2023

PURPOSE

To approve an appropriation of funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$23,299,000.00 for support services projects designed to enhance mental, physical, and behavioral healthcare services.

BACKGROUND

Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed into law on March 11, 2021 ("ARPA"), to provide needed relief to state, local, and Tribal governments to enable them to continue to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts. The County has received two equal allocations of \$73,824,239.00 for a total of \$147,648,478.00.

Over the last several months, the County used a multi-step process to engage a broad range of stakeholders, analyze the needs that were identified, prioritize the resulting areas of need, and finalize investment guidance. This Investment Guidance Report was approved by the Board on April 12, 2022. The Guidance prioritizes five areas: community health, support services, economic development, county infrastructure, and public safety with twenty-one subtopics between those prioritized areas. A public application process opened on June 6, 2022 and closed on September 9, 2022. Each submitted application has been reviewed for eligibility and alignment with ARPA Regulations and the approved Investment Guidance Report.

The Support Services Subcommittee reviewed sixty-eight applications and is recommending thirty-five projects for funding that align with the County's Support Services priority area that are recommended for funding. These fall into the Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Rental and Mortgage Assistance, and Food Security subtopics.

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize an appropriation from the funding distributed to Cobb County under this plan, in an amount not to exceed \$23,299,000.00, to benefit support services. Individual project budgets are proposed maximum awards based on information provided by the applicants; only ARPA eligible expenditures will be considered and permitted for funding reimbursements and advancements.

IMPACT STATEMENT

The funding requested does not impact any budgeted Cobb County funds. The allocation will be made from previously awarded and accepted funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FUNDING

Funding Statement Attached

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners approve an appropriation of funds from funding received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$23,298,999.99 for support services to County residents that were negatively affected by COVID-19; authorize the corresponding budget transactions; and further authorize the Chairwoman to execute the agreement and any other necessary documents for said purpose.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Support Services Funding Statement
2. Support Services Project Funding Summary
3. Recommended Support Services Project Summaries

FUNDING

Decrease Expenditure	279	120	SS00	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$23,298,999.99
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS01	6574	Contributions	\$219,880.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS02	6574	Contributions	\$400,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS03	6574	Contributions	\$359,500.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS04	6574	Contributions	\$86,950.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS05	6574	Contributions	\$250,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS06	6574	Contributions	\$502,539.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS07	6574	Contributions	\$4,000,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS08	6574	Contributions	\$284,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS09	6574	Contributions	\$855,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS10	6574	Contributions	\$475,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS11	6574	Contributions	\$725,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS12	6574	Contributions	\$330,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS13	6574	Contributions	\$330,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS14	6574	Contributions	\$1,822,814.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS15	6574	Contributions	\$420,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS16	6574	Contributions	\$36,250.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS17	6574	Contributions	\$2,054,990.45
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS18	6574	Contributions	\$25,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS19	6574	Contributions	\$543,900.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS20	6574	Contributions	\$750,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS21	6574	Contributions	\$55,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS22	6574	Contributions	\$2,704,012.34
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS23	6574	Contributions	\$37,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS24	6574	Contributions	\$35,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS25	6574	Contributions	\$10,670.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS26	6574	Contributions	\$282,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS27	6574	Contributions	\$1,000,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS28	6574	Contributions	\$30,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS29	6574	Contributions	\$2,700,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS30	6574	Contributions	\$637,371.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS31	6574	Contributions	\$630,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS32	6574	Contributions	\$30,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS33	6574	Contributions	\$32,786.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS34	6574	Contributions	\$481,388.20
Increase Expenditure:	279	120	SS35	6574	Contributions	\$162,949.00

Support Services Subcommittee - Recommended Projects			
Organization/Individual Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended	
The Center for Family Resources	CFR Short-term Housing Program	\$219,880	
Reflections of Trinity, Inc.	Team 58 Food Pantry	\$400,000	
The Center for Family Resources	CFR Choice Pantry Program	\$359,500	
The Center for Family Resources	CFR Rental Assistance Program	\$86,950	
MUST Ministries, Inc.	Food Distribution by MUST Ministries, Inc., Cobb Food Fleet	\$250,000	
The Center for Family Resources	Housing Navigation Project	\$502,539	
	Building Affordable Housing for Cobb Residents: An Innovative Partnership Between Trusted Providers (Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta & Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership)	\$4,000,000	
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta, Inc.			
Noonday Baptist Association, Inc.	Food Distribution by NBA Storehouse Ministries, Cobb County Food Fleet	\$284,000	
Cobb County Board of Health (aka Cobb & Douglas Public Health)	CDPH EH Septic System Repair/Maintenance and Public Sewer Connection Assistance Project	\$855,000	
Zion Keepers, Inc	Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA	\$475,000	
Zion Keepers, Inc	Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA	\$725,000	
The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	The Salvation Army Financial Emergency Assistance & Homeless Service Center	\$330,000	
Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Cobb County Lawyer in the Law Library	\$330,000	
LiveSafe Resources, Inc.	Equitable Access to COVID Mitigation for ALL Cobb County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$1,822,814	
The Giving Kitchen Initiative / Amy Crowell	Giving Kitchen Assists Food Service Workers in Crisis in Cobb County	\$420,000	
H O P E Family Resource Center Inc	H O P E Family Resource Center Inc, Cobb Food Fleet	\$36,250	
Ser Familia, Inc.	North Cobb C.A.F.E. (Family Resource Center) Launch to Mitigate Pandemic Impacts	\$2,054,990	
HomeAid Atlanta, Inc.	Cobb County Shelter Development Project	\$25,000	
Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Food Distribution by YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Cobb Food Fleet	\$543,900	
Sweetwater Mission, Inc.	Food Distribution by Sweetwater Mission	\$750,000	
Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.	South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All	\$55,000	
Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Inc.	Home Repairs and Modifications for Seniors, Veterans and Low-Income Homeowners of Cobb County	\$2,704,012	
Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.	South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All	\$37,000	
Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc.	Workforce Development Services and Supports for the Adults and Youth of the Franklin Gateway Area	\$35,000	
Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)	Meals of Compassion Ministry	\$10,670	
First Presbyterian Church of Marietta	First Presbyterian Church Food Outreach Ministry	\$282,000	
Sweetwater Mission, Inc.	Sweetwater Mission's ARPA Housing Program 2023	\$1,000,000	
Latin American Association	Latino Homeless Prevention Program	\$30,000	
Georgia Micro Enterprise Network	Grow Cobb Initiative (GCI)	\$2,700,000	
Urban League of Greater Atlanta (ULGA)	Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance for Black Families in Cobb County Impacted by the Pandemic	\$637,371	
Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.	Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID19	\$630,000	
Latin American Association	Latino Homeless Prevention Program	\$30,000	
Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)	Marcus Mission Center	\$32,786	
Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.	Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID19	\$481,388	
Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)	Restore House	\$162,949	
		\$23,299,000	



Recommended Project Summaries

Applications that passed initial review and were recommended by subcommittees as of December 2022

Considerations

When possible, language and information within this document has been pulled directly from application submissions or from the applicant. For consolidation purposes, language may have been summarized according to information provided in the original application submission or compiled from notes taken during the subcommittee evaluation process. Opinions stated within are not the personal opinions of the author or any member of the Cobb County ARPA team.

ARPA alignment categories indicate which expenditure categories align with the anticipated project costs. These alignments may be refined during the pre-award and reporting processes.






Any questions should be directed to the Cobb County ARPA team at cobbcountyARPA@deloitte.com.

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Template Overview

Outlined below are explanations of the information included in each summary.

Applicant Type	<i>County government department, non-profit organization, Business, etc.</i>
Applicant Name	<i>Name of applicant as written in the original application submission.</i>
County Priorities	<i>County priority and subtopic(s) that the application was determined to best fit within.</i>
Project Name	<i>Deloitte designated project number and name of project as written in the original application submission.</i>
Project Summary	<i>Summary of project using, when possible, language from the original application submission.</i>
Budget	<i>Amount of funding recommended by the subcommittee after evaluating the application.</i> This amount may be different from what the applicant requested on their original application. In parenthesis () is the estimated project duration according to the application submission. In cases where applications have been funded using money from multiple priority areas, multiple budgets may be listed indicating the amounts recommended for each subcommittee for the expenses and project activities applicable to that specific priority area.

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule legislation outlines parameters for expenditure eligibility. Projects that have been determined to be in alignment with the legislation will receive a yes for this question.
Summary of Project Scope:	Using the information provided in the Project Scope section of the original project application and additional information provided in the project submission, the activities in the application have been summarized. When possible, language has been directly quoted from the original application.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	In accordance with the Final Rule, potential expenditure categories (e.g.; 1. Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention – 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7) have been identified to determine a project's alignment with the legislation. In addition to the expenditure category, a direct quote from the Final Rule narrative that supports the projects alignment has been provided with a citation, e.g.; (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353). As per the final rule, certain populations including households, individuals, or organizations located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) may be presumed eligible for ARPA.*
Evaluation Considerations:	<i>Subcommittees evaluated projects based on 8 criteria to determine their funding recommendations. Specific criteria definitions are as follows:</i> Equity: The extent to which a project demonstrates advancement of equity to cultivate the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals as defined in Executive Order 13985. Program location: If the project will take place in Cobb County as indicated in the original application submission and where the applicant organization is located. Impact: The extent to which a project has significant return on investment for the Cobb County community. Financial continuity: The extent to which a project's costs will be entirely carried by the program, at no continued cost to Cobb County.

*The Final Rule defines a QCT in alignment with 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I): "The term "qualified census tract" means any census tract which is designated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and, for the most recent year for which census data are available on household income in such tract, either in which 50 percent or more of the households have an income which is less than 60 percent of the area median gross income for such year or which has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent. If the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development determines that sufficient data for any period are not available to apply this clause on the basis of census tracts, such Secretary shall apply this clause for such period on the basis of enumeration districts."

Priority Area: Support Services

Support Services Funding Plan

The funding plan as recommended by the Support Services Subcommittee

Project #	Project Name	Organization	Budget
1.233	Building Affordable Housing for Cobb Residents: An Innovative Partnership Between Trusted Providers	Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta, Inc.	\$4,000,000
1.102	Home Repairs and Modifications for Seniors, Veterans and Low-Income Homeowners of Cobb County	Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Inc.	\$2,704,012
1.196	CDPH EH Septic System Repair/Maintenance and Public Sewer Connection Assistance Project	Cobb County Board of Health (aka Cobb & Douglas Public Health)	\$855,000
Affordable Housing Total Recommended Amount:			\$7,559,012
1.154	Equitable Access to COVID Mitigation for ALL Cobb County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	LiveSafe Resources, Inc.	\$1,822,814
1.116	Housing Navigation Project	The Center for Family Resources	\$502,539
1.109	The Salvation Army Financial Emergency Assistance & Homeless Service Center	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	\$330,000
1.226	Cobb County Lawyer in the Law Library	Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$330,000
1.34	CFR Short-term Housing Program	The Center for Family Resources	\$219,880
1.79	Restore House	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC	\$162,949
1.62.1	South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All	Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.	\$55,000
1.246	Cobb County Shelter Development Project	HomeAid Atlanta, Inc.	\$25,000
Homelessness Total Recommended Amount:			\$3,448,182
1.171.1	Grow Cobb Initiative (GCI)	Georgia Micro Enterprise Network	\$2,700,000
1.185.2	North Cobb C.A.F.E. (Family Resource Center) Launch to Mitigate Pandemic Impacts	Ser Familia, Inc.	\$2,054,990
1.136	Sweetwater Mission's ARPA Housing Program 2023	Sweetwater Mission, Inc.	\$1,000,000
1.26.2	Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA	Zion Keepers, Inc	\$725,000
1.208.3	Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance for Black Families in Cobb County Impacted by the Pandemic	Urban League of Greater Atlanta (ULGA)	\$637,371
1.78.1	Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID19	Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.	\$481,388
1.112	Giving Kitchen Assists Food Service Workers in Crisis in Cobb County	The Giving Kitchen Initiative	\$420,000
1.36	CFR Rental Assistance Program	The Center for Family Resources	\$86,950
1.62.3	South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All	Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.	\$37,000
1.203.2	Workforce Development Services and Supports for the Adults and Youth of the Franklin Gateway Area	Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc.	\$35,000
1.230.1	Latino Homeless Prevention Program	Latin American Association	\$30,000
Rental and Mortgage Assistance Total Recommended Amount:			\$8,207,700

Support Services Funding Plan

The funding plan as recommended by the Support Services Subcommittee

Project #	Project Name	Organization	Budget
1.134	Food Distribution by Sweetwater Mission	Sweetwater Mission, Inc.	\$750,000
1.78.2	Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID19	Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.	\$630,000
1.80	Food Distribution by YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Cobb Food Fleet	Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	\$543,900
1.26.1	Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA	Zion Keepers, Inc	\$475,000
1.30	Team 58 Food Pantry	Reflections of Trinity, Inc.	\$400,000
1.35	CFR Choice Pantry Program	The Center for Family Resources	\$359,500
1.51	Food Distribution by NBA Storehouse Ministries, Cobb County Food Fleet	Noonday Baptist Association, Inc.	\$284,000
1.123	First Presbyterian Church Food Outreach Ministry	First Presbyterian Church of Marietta	\$282,000
1.85	Food Distribution by MUST Ministries, Inc., Cobb Food Fleet	MUST Ministries, Inc.	\$250,000
1.67	H O P E Family Resource Center Inc, Cobb Food Fleet	H O P E Family Resource Center Inc	\$36,250
1.71	Marcus Mission Center	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC	\$32,786
1.230.2	Latino Homeless Prevention Program	Latin American Association	\$30,000
1.55	Meals of Compassion Ministry	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC	\$10,670
Food Security Total Recommended Amount:			\$4,084,106

Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.1 Affordable Housing – Aims to provide affordable housing to residents of the Cobb County.
Project Name	Building Affordable Housing for Cobb Residents: An Innovative Partnership Between Trusted Providers (Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta & Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership)
Project Summary	1.233 Habitat for Humanity is seeking funding to develop 14 single-family affordable homes for homeownership for Cobb families with incomes at or below 65% of the area median income (AMI).
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$4,000,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the construction market is facing unprecedented challenges in supply chain and labor as a result of the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	Habitat for Humanity seeks funding to develop 14 single-family affordable homes for homeownership for Cobb families with incomes at or below 65% of the area median income (AMI). Habitat for Humanity plans on delivering the homes, which will be a mixture of acquisition, rehab, and new construction, at \$362,725.00 each, helping to close the racial wealth gap by creating equity for homeowners. Additional funding will be provided by Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta and Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership to ensure full project funding. Habitat already owns a parcel of developable land, zoned for 12 units, on Hillcrest Drive at Ridgefield Road. Additionally, Habitat has access to a list of parcels in unincorporated Cobb County that are tax blighted, delinquent, or condemned. First-look opportunities will be given to County employees, veterans, teachers, and other essential workers. Moreover, Habitat already has plans when the Pre-construction, Post-construction, and Buy Out steps are reached.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.15: Housing stability services that enable eligible households to maintain or obtain housing, such as housing counseling, fair housing counseling, case management related to housing stability, outreach to households at risk of eviction or promotion of housing support programs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)</p> <p>Development, repair, and operation of affordable housing and services or programs to increase long-term housing security. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4449)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project aims to help close the racial wealth gap by creating equity for homeowners and will bring investment to Cobb County minority businesses.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 4.</p> <p>Impact: Create household wealth and housing stability through homeownership by constructing 14 single family homes for families earning 65% of Area Median Income.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be used for land acquisition, closing costs, predevelopment, construction, and indirect costs. The applicant notes that efforts will be made to see if there are other grant opportunities available to sustain the program past the initial 4-year ARPA funding period.</p>

Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Meals on Wheels
County Priorities	Support Services 2.1 Affordable Housing – Provides free home repair services to members of Cobb County
Project Name	Home Repairs and Modifications for Seniors, Veterans and Low-Income Homeowners of Cobb County
Project Summary	1.102 Meals On Wheels Atlanta seeks to continue providing minor to major home repair services for older adults, veterans, and low-income homeowners at no cost.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$2,704,012 Applicant Requested Funding Amount: \$3,131,884.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the applicant aids in the form of home repairs for low-income households and seniors, who are presumed to have been impacted by the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$3,131,884.00. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$2,461,924.00 in funding was recommended.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels Atlanta (MOWA) requests funds to provide gap services that support residents' independence and healthier living environments. MOWA will offer repairs at no cost to the beneficiary, supporting residents' economic stability and enabling them to focus their limited resources on other living expenses rather than on critical home repairs. The resident can apply for repair services and after a home inspection, MOWA will determine which repair project will be most beneficial for the resident. The project will be carried out by one of 14 contractors and within a tentative timeline of 15 workdays.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.23: Emergency assistance for burials, home repairs, weatherization, and other needs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target communities of color, veterans, seniors, and low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Fulton County.</p> <p>Impact: This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant seeks to serve 180 low-income households over 4 years, with the total cost per home averaging \$17,255. The organization aims to leave at least 90% of the low-income households served satisfied with rehabilitation work. The work enables seniors to age with the comfort and continuity of being in their own homes and communities. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: The project will not impose additional costs to the County. The budget indicates that the funding will be used for outreach/intake, construction, inspection, and management costs.</p>

Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

Applicant Type	County Government Organization
Applicant Name	Cobb County Board of Health (aka Cobb & Douglas Public Health, CDPH)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.1 Affordable Housing – Aims to provide affordable septic system repairs
Project Name	1.196 CDPH EH Septic System Repair/Maintenance and Public Sewer Connection Assistance Project
Project Summary	The Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH) Environmental Health (EH) Septic System Repair/Maintenance and Public Sewer Connection Assistance Project will assist low-income Cobb homeowners by funding the cost of repairing failing septic tanks, pumping septic tanks on a proper septic system, or encouraging owner-occupied properties to have their septic tank pumped by offering a credit on their water bill.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$855,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the applicant states that the low-income population has been forced to neglect household maintenance due to increased financial burden brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	The applicant requests funds to assist low-income Cobb homeowners by covering 100% of the one-time cost for a septic system repair or connecting to the public sewer system up to \$15,000/resident, along with pumping of septic tanks for certain individuals. There are two primary components of this project. The first is to completely fund the cost for low-income homeowners in Cobb County to repair their failing septic system or have their septic tank pumped on a properly functioning septic system. The second is to encourage all other owner-occupied properties in Cobb County that utilize on-site sewage management systems to get their septic tank pumped according to a recommended schedule by offering a \$250 credit (approximately half the cost of a routine septic pumping service) on their water bill once proof of this service is provided to Cobb Environmental Health and/or the Cobb County Water System. Requested funding for the 4-year period would cover the cost of 52 septic system repairs or sewer connections and 200 tank pump services for low-income home-owners. Requested funds for the septic tank pumping incentive would cover 1,200 home-owners over the same time period.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 5: Infrastructure, Water and Sewer – 5.5: Consistent with the CWSRF, the installation, repair, or replacement of private septic units continues to be an eligible use of SLFRF funds under the final rule. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4414)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income homeowners and individuals affected by persistent poverty. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 1, 2, 3, and 4. Impact: 52 low-income homeowners will have their failing septic system repaired, 200 low-income homeowners will have their septic tank pumped in this same time period, and 1,200 residents of any income bracket will have their septic tanks pumped and receive the \$250 water bill credit. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be used for septic system service, repair, or for pumping service credit. Funding will also be used for administrative costs associated with the project.

Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	LiveSafe Resources, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness - Helps underserved populations experiencing abuse to move and set up a new household
Project Name	1.154 Equitable Access to COVID Mitigation for ALL Cobb County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Project Summary	This project will help domestic violence victims escape violence and heal by offering services that will support their ability to move out, find new housing, and access mental health services. This project will provide 350 victims access to free mental health counseling, 23 families access to shelter, and 34 families income-based rental assistance.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$1,822,814.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project responds to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the increase in violence and the inaccessibility for victims of domestic violence to access services.
Summary of Project Scope:	LiveSafe Resources (LSR) is currently unable to retain in-house counseling staff due to salary levels that are far below market rate for qualified individuals. Funds will be used to increase counseling salaries to ensure that LSR can hire two full-time counselors. Funds will be used for medical physician appointments and medications for individuals needing more intensive care. Finally, funding will be used for an additional Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Support Specialist to help process the additional caseload and assist in the provision of more sexual assault examinations. This assistance will help meet excess demand and serve those who are ineligible for LSR's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing programs, which must follow strict U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12: Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4355) 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2, 2.8, 2.16: The pandemic exacerbated the impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; enumerated eligible uses like emergency housing assistance, cash assistance, or assistance with food, childcare, and other needs could be used to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking who experienced public health or economic impacts. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4356)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The project will target victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault from low-income communities and help low-income individuals (and their children) access education, job opportunities, and high-quality programs to rebuild their lives away from violence. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: The applicant states that 350 domestic violence and sexual assault victims receive free, unlimited counseling from licensed social workers, 23 families receive up to 90 days of shelter in a hotel when LSR's shelter is full, and 34 families receive up to 6 months of income-based rental assistance. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County. The applicant budget indicates that funding will expand existing services, supplement current budget gaps due to increased demand from COVID-19 and help create new programs that will operate independently after the 4-year timeframe. The applicant identifies sustainability as a potential risk for increased salaries costs to continue past the ARPA timeline but has campaign goals to stabilize the organization and continue beyond the ARPA stop point.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Center for Family Resources (CFR), collaborative applicant for the Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Helping homeless community members secure lease agreements and find permanent housing
Project Name	1.116 Housing Navigation Project
Project Summary	Funding to support the CFR's existing shelter program for homeless families and expansion to serve the increasing number of homeless families in Cobb County.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$502,539.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless families, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	There is a lack of available, affordable, and accessible housing in Cobb County, creating a challenging environment for homeless service providers. The Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care (CoC) requests funds to contract Open Doors to provide unit location and secure lease agreements for homeless residents participating in housing initiatives sponsored by the CoC agencies and stakeholders. The Open Doors Property Navigation program has a network of public and private partners to help place individuals into permanent, stable housing. Requested funds will be used to contract Open Doors, including unit hold fees, a property navigator, team leader, and portfolio director. Open Doors will utilize the relationship and endorsement by the Atlanta Apartment Association to access over 370 companies managing 400,000+ apartment homes to expand the number of participating rental communities.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.16: Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter). Further, Treasury is clarifying that transitional shelters (e.g., temporary residences for people experiencing homelessness) are eligible capital expenditures. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target homeless families. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: This project will positively impact the Cobb Community by temporarily sheltering families living in unsheltered situations. The applicant expects 200 housing units to be secured for placement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, 450 individuals will be placed in permanent housing and families and individuals will be placed in housing within 60 days of referral. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be used for unit hold fees, staff salaries, fringe costs (including insurance costs), technology fees, and administrative costs associated with the program.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Provides services to mitigate and prevent homelessness
Project Name	1.109 The Salvation Army Financial Emergency Assistance & Homeless Service Center
Project Summary	The Salvation Army is requesting funding to support its Financial Emergency Services program for short-term rental assistance, as well as for its Homeless Service Center in providing food and supplies to homeless clients
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$330,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless families and individuals, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	The applicant has seen an increased need for homeless prevention and homeless services due to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased rent prices and home sale prices. The Homeless Service Center (HSC) helps the Cobb County community by offering day shelter services to the homeless in and around the Marietta Corps location in the heart of Marietta. The HSC works to support the local homeless population, of which 90% of the clients served are African-American men. In addition to serving individuals and families who are currently homeless through the HSC, the applicant provides a robust Homelessness Prevention program, Financial Emergency Services (FES) that seeks to keep individuals and families in their current homes by providing rental assistance. The FES program offers immediate financial assistance to individuals and families living in Cobb County with the mission of preventing homelessness and stabilizing families in crisis and can provide up to three months of rent for individuals needing assistance due to pandemic related hardships like financial strains, unemployment, health issues, and escalation/inflation of rent costs.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2, 2.16: Food assistance (e.g., child nutrition programs, including school meals) & food banks for low- or moderate-income households or communities, households that experienced unemployment, and households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359) Housing stability services that enable eligible households to maintain or obtain housing, such as housing counseling, fair housing counseling, case management related to housing stability, outreach to households at risk of eviction or promotion of housing support programs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360) Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter). (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target the homeless population or those at risk of homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: The applicant expects for that 100 households will receive eviction prevention services, 150 homeless clients will receive services, up to 100 households will receive case management services as part of homeless prevention services, and 100% of homeless prevention clients will be monitored at 30, 90 and 180 days of services to ensure the outcome of 'maintain housing' and this data will be monitored in the HMIS ClientTrack system. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The applicant has previously received funding for this project however the previously received funding must be expended before the end of 2023. The applicant anticipates that rental assistance need in Cobb County will not be met by prior funding and is thus requested additional ARPA funding.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Provide services to Cobb County residents to help them understand their legal rights in civil legal matters
Project Name	1.226 Cobb County Lawyer in the Law Library
Project Summary	Atlanta Legal Aid Society is seeking funding to conduct legal clinics in the law library at the courthouse providing legal advice and consultations in addition to legal information sessions on family law, income maintenance, health, probate, housing and consumer matters.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$330,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the legal advice the project will provide will help stabilize households after COVID-19-related disruptions.
Summary of Project Scope:	In partnership with the Law Library, this project will provide legal consultations each year to conduct monthly legal information sessions and to provide law library visitors with appropriate local resources and referrals including referrals to private attorneys via the Cobb County Bar Association. The applicant will maintain a physical presence at the Cobb County Law Library, coordinate with the Law Library staff to conduct consultations with individual litigants, coordinate with the Law Library staff to conduct regular legal information sessions on family law (areas not covered by the Family Law Workshop), income maintenance, health, probate, housing and consumer matters, provide litigants with referrals to appropriate sources of additional assistance or representation as needed, and coordinate with the law library staff to register Cobb County residents for legal consultations and collect grant eligibility documents.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.18</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Other – 2.37:</p> <p>Recipients may use funds for programs or services to support equitable access to services and reduce racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic disparities in access to high-quality treatment. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4356)</p> <p>Legal aid such as legal services or attorney's fees related to eviction proceedings and maintaining housing stability, court-based eviction prevention or eviction diversion programs, and other legal services that help households maintain or obtain housing. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income residents, and that they will partner with organizations who serve low-income and minority communities.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p>Impact: The applicant states that they will provide 750 half-hour free legal consultations each year for low-income Cobb County resident and 12 free legal information sessions each year, in addition to establishing 1 list of referrals.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be used to compensate for private attorneys' time.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Center for Family Resources (CFR)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Provides shelter services for homeless families
Project Name	1.34 CFR Short-term Housing Program
Project Summary	Funding to support the CFR's existing shelter program for homeless families and expansion to serve the increasing number of homeless families in Cobb County.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$219,880.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless families, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	The Center for Family Resources is requesting funding to support the Center for Family Resources existing shelter program for homeless families and to expand the program to serve the increasing number of homeless families in Cobb County. In 2021, CFR received 2,113 requests for shelter, demonstrating the County population's need for safe, secure housing. This project will expand the shelter from 5 apartment units with 20 beds to 12 apartment units with 48 beds. The goal of the program is to temporarily house unsheltered families, assist them with addressing their issues that caused their housing instability, and to provide them with the skills and resources needed to obtain stable housing. Each family is provided a housing case manager to assist with their needs. Case managers make sure that the families are making progress towards stability, and they also assist with food, transportation, childcare expenses, and referrals to additional outside resources such as mental health treatment. The case manager meets with participants a minimum of once per week to discuss progress in accomplishing goals or to adjust the goal plan as accomplishments are made or whenever an issue occurs. As the housing units are off-site and staff are not present at the housing facility 24/7, the Housing case manager inspects the housing units weekly in order to ensure the property is being maintained appropriately and that only approved persons are living in the units. Additionally, CFR employment case managers assist in finding employment and accessing educational courses. Families may participate in the shelter program for up to 60 days and the applicant expects families will stay for an average of 45 days.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.16: Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter). Further, Treasury is clarifying that transitional shelters (e.g., temporary residences for people experiencing homelessness) are eligible capital expenditures. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target homeless families. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: The applicant expects that 78 households or 234 persons will be sheltered over a 12-month period. Additionally, approximately 70 head of households will have the opportunity to participate in employment and educational opportunities. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be utilized for program case managers, rental apartments, childcare, furniture and other essentials, along with supplies.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Provides temporary housing to those suffering from the impact of domestic violence
Project Name	1.79 Restore House
Project Summary	This funding would reinstate a previously existing program for a transitional house for homeless women leaving a battered women's shelter.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$162,949.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project responds to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the increase in violence and the inaccessibility for victims of domestic violence to access services.
Summary of Project Scope:	Restore House's mission is to provide a haven and resources necessary to facilitate the transformation and transition of women and their children who have been victimized by domestic violence. Restore House will provide a fully furnished transitional home to many families, facilitating the care and support needed to assist them with successfully navigating a new productive beginning. The temporary home will allow those suffering the effects of domestic violence to reclaim their stability, live free from abuse, and begin anew to pursue their family and career dreams. Women are referred to Restore House after completing a 90-day stay in a local or surrounding area shelter. The Restore House Program allows women to remain in the program and the residence for up to 6 months. This program has allowed many women to obtain college degrees (both undergrad and secondary), to obtain certifications (such as a Certified Nursing Assistant certification), to secure higher-paying employment, or to start a business to provide financial stability for their families. Of the more than 250 women served by this program, 98% met their goals.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.8: Elaboration on the types of eligible services for eviction prevention, Treasury has provided further guidance that these services include "housing stability services,...housing related services for survivors of domestic abuse or human trafficking." (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target women in underserved communities. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: The applicant expects to have 25 women attend all required classes, remain drug-free and alcohol-free and complete the goals they chose to complete when entering the program. Their stay at Restore House can last up to 6 months, providing the women refuge and safety. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used to cover staff, consultant, financial literacy training, rental assistance, food, grocery, household items, and other operating expenses.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services , Economic Development 2.2 Homelessness , 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance, 3.1 Workforce Development – Provides rental and mortgage assistance for low- to moderate-income households, assistance to the unsheltered population, and assistance with employment
Project Name	1.62.1 South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All
Project Summary	The Family Life Restoration Center is seeking funding to provide services to homeless residents, mortgage and rental assistance to historically disadvantaged communities, and workforce placement training for recent graduates, as well as the under- and unemployed.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (18 Months): \$156,800.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.2 – \$55,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 – \$37,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 3.1 – \$64,800.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to help restabilize those adversely and disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the organization has increased the provision of services during the pandemic. The project will also reduce communicable diseases such as COVID-19 among homeless residents.
Summary of Project Scope:	The South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All project is based on the real time needs of special populations. The project seeks to stabilize the homes of low-to-moderate income families as well as the health and wellness of the unsheltered. South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All serves low-to-moderate income households of historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups. The project will also focus on neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Services provided to applicants include healthy boxed meals, critical hygiene items and affordable housing units to those in need. The organization also provides rental and mortgage assistance to allow families to remain in their homes and stay together. GED counselors and job readiness coaches will help to ensure that currently unemployed, under-employed, and low-income high school students will obtain and increase employment that provides sufficient gross income to maintain housing and livability in Cobb County.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2: Housing stability services that enable eligible households to maintain or obtain housing, such as housing counseling, fair housing counseling, case management related to housing stability, outreach to households at risk of eviction or promotion of housing support programs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360) 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness; emergency assistance for burials, home repairs, weatherization, or other needs; internet access or digital literacy assistance; cash assistance; or job training to address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level of training. (See Federal Register Vol, No. 18, pg. 4359) 2. Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers – 2.10: Assistance to impacted individuals who want and are available for work, including job training, public jobs programs and fairs, support for childcare and transportation to and from a jobsite or interview, incentives for newly-employed workers, subsidized employment, grants to hire underserved workers, assistance to unemployed individuals to start small businesses & development of job and workforce training center. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected communities, such as homeless individuals and those living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: The applicant anticipates that 100 households will receive housing counseling and eviction prevention services, 200 adults and young adults will receive resiliency-focused mental and behavioral health educational resources and/or case management, 50 senior adults and teens will complete ten hours of entrepreneurial 101 training per program year, 500 households will receive healthy, safe food boxes and have access to two affordable housing units, 100 low income families will receive home mortgage or rental assistance to prevent housing insecurity, and 100 under-employed, unemployed and High School residents (Ages 15+) will receive Workforce (Job) Readiness and Preparedness counseling. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that requested funding will be utilized to expand existing services to address the increased need stemming from COVID-19.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	HomeAid Atlanta, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.2 Homelessness – Constructing addition space to manage Atlanta’s homeless population
Project Name	1.246 Cobb County Shelter Development Project
Project Summary	In partnering with MUST Ministries, HomeAid Atlanta seeks to provide project guidance and reduce costs for the improvement and expansion of the Must Hope House, a center for shelter and support services for Cobb County residents experiencing homelessness.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (12-14 Months): \$25,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless individuals and families, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	HomeAid Atlanta services nine metro Atlanta counties, home to almost 53 percent of Georgia’s overall homeless population. On any given night, 5,500 individuals are considered homeless in Metro Atlanta. HomeAid Atlanta, Inc. is partnering with MUST Ministries to improve and expand upon the shelter and support services offered to Cobb County residents experiencing homelessness. The applicant requests funds for the renovation and outfitting of an existing 30,000 square foot building on MUST Ministries’ new Marietta campus named Must Hope House that will serve as the administrative services building for residents, where intake, support services, and training sessions will be offered. Requested funding would be utilized to purchase materials that HomeAid is unable to have donated and due to rising construction costs, HomeAid’s donors are less able to donate materials fully.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.16: Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness. Transitional shelters (e.g., temporary residences for people experiencing homelessness) are eligible capital expenditures. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target residents who are experiencing homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in Fulton County. Impact: A 33,000 square foot facility will be renovated to house MUST Ministries’ MUST Hope House’ administrative facility for residents to utilize resources. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that the requested funds will be used to purchase paint, flooring, and cabinetry for the facility to offset the applicant’s capital campaign gap to finish the project.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance- Develop streamlined application process for rental assistance
Project Name	1.171.1 Grow Cobb Initiative (GCI)
Project Summary	Project to provide housing and mortgage assistance, small and minority-owned business assistance, and workforce development.
Budget	Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 (36 Months): \$2,700,000.00 Total Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$20,800,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide workforce training to an underserved population affected by COVID-19.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$20,800,000.00 for subtopics 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance, 3.1 Workforce Development and 3.2 Small and Minority Businesses. After subcommittee review, Support Services subtopic 2.3 was recommended \$2,700,000.00 for funding.</p> <p>The project scope for subtopic 2.3 will develop a virtual platform for a streamlined, efficient, and compliant application process, both for the applicant and those reviewing the applications.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2:</p> <p>Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target minorities and the underemployed/unemployed.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in Fulton County.</p> <p>Impact: The applicant expects that the project will reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness and increase the number of individuals and families that will have moved into permanent housing.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for technical assistance, on-line training, grants for business expansion, loans to small businesses, administrative fees, and miscellaneous costs.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Ser Familia, Inc.
County Priorities	Community Health, Support Services 1.1 Mental Health, 2.3 Rental and Mortgage – Provides mental health services as well as rental and mortgage assistance to the Latino population of Atlanta Metro
Project Name	1.185.2 North Cobb C.A.F.E. (Family Resource Center) Launch to Mitigate Pandemic Impacts
Project Summary	The project will provide wraparound family services to those still struggling from the pandemic's fallout. Services will include a full range of mental health services for children and adults. The project will also provide basic needs for housing and food.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (36 Months): \$2,854,150.45 (Recommended Amount 1.1 – \$799,160.00) (Recommended Amount 2.3 – \$2,054,990.45) Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$3,567,346.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the target population is disproportionately impacted (low-income) individuals that have been negatively affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$3,567,467.00 for subtopics 1.1 Mental Health and 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$799,160.00 for subtopic 1.1 and \$1,651,467.00 for 2.3 was recommended for funding.</p> <p>The Hispanic population in metro Atlanta has increased significantly and is expected to increase by 153% by 2040. Ser Familia has seen a dramatic uptick in need for services, explained by the difficulty immigrants feel in new surroundings given the void of familiar people, places, traditions, cultural values and norms. The need for services for the expanding Latino population was exacerbated by the significant impact of COVID-19 on this target population. Ser Familia requests funding to increase protective factors in Latino families to build family resiliency and promote independence. The project will focus on mental health supports, food assistance, and mortgage/rent assistance. Ser Familia's wraparound family programming through C.A.F.E. provides for the mental health and wellbeing needs of Latino youth and their families through a comprehensive family plan model that address needs of all members through assessment, case management, and provisions of services.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12: Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4355)</p> <p>2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2: Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness;...or job training. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target individuals affected by persistent poverty and minorities.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 1.</p> <p>Impact: This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant expects to serve 1,500 individuals with mental health services, 1,500 individuals with case management, 1,000 families with food assistance, 310 families with rental/ mortgage assistance, 150 victims of domestic violence with services to prevent homelessness, and 750 youth with programming that promotes overall mental health and wellbeing. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that requested funding will be used for salaries for program staff, along with components of the program like supplies, indirect costs, rent, utilities, and marketing.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Sweetwater Mission, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance – Provides rent relief for qualified Cobb residents
Project Name	1.136 Sweetwater Mission's ARPA Housing Program 2023
Project Summary	Sweetwater Mission will provide rent relief, rental deposits, hotel vouchers, and utility assistance for qualified Cobb residents who have been adversely affected by unemployment and under-employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$1,000,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; many of the organization's clients have experienced unemployment or reductions in work hours, leading to increased housing insecurity and reliance on community-based support services.
Summary of Project Scope:	Funds for this program will be used to support families with children under 18 by providing rental assistance to include rental relief for those that do not meet the requirements for the rental assistance grant, disburse hotel vouchers to families that need temporary housing until permanent solutions are found, and support families that are able to pay their monthly rental fees but lack adequate funding for the rental deposits. The program will also assist individuals who have gotten behind on utilities bills or who need assistance covering monthly costs. The program will begin in January of 2023 and conclude in December of 2023. Applicants of this program will go through an evaluation process to determine eligibility and recipients of this program will be required to participate in monthly case monitoring to track their progress and use of funds.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2, 2.17: Rent, rental arrears, utility costs or arrears (e.g., electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal, and energy costs, such as fuel oil), reasonable accrued late fees (if not included in rental or utility arrears), ...relocation expenses following eviction or foreclosure (e.g., rental security deposits, application or screening fees (Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg.4360).
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income residents, the majority of which are living at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: The proposed program will offer the following: a maximum allowance of \$2,100 per participant for up to 150 participants for rental assistance, a maximum allowance of \$1,300 per participant for up to 150 participants for rental deposits, a maximum allowance of \$200 per participant for up to 600 participants for utilities assistance, and a maximum allowance of \$700 per participant for up to 385 participants for hotel vouchers. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be utilized for rental assistance, rental deposits, utilities assistance, hotel vouchers, and administrative expenses. Requested funding will expand the applicant's services to address the increased community need created by the negative impacts of COVID-19.

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Applicant Type	Non-profit Organization
Applicant Name	Zion Keepers, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance , 2.4 Food Security - Providing rental and mortgage assistance to prevent eviction and food security to the community.
Project Name	1.26.2 Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA
Project Summary	Supportive Services to provide homeless assistance, rental and mortgage assistance, and food security to low-income families and individuals to help them achieve needed residential stability.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$1,200,000.00 (Recommended Amount 2.3 – \$725,000.00) (Recommended Amount 2.4 – \$475,000.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the program will provide homeless assistance, rental and mortgage assistance and food security to low-income families and individuals struggling with job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	Zion Keepers will provide rental and utility assistance for families and individuals, including veterans, to help them achieve residential stability and food security. Homelessness prevention assistance is provided to eligible individuals who are below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. The case manager will initiate contact with potential participants, set appointments, and provide application information needed to complete the application process. Potential recipients will participate in an initial consultation to assess needs and case managers will determine program eligibility. Case managers will document applicant's eligibility and process each applicant through the program to include required background information, potential duplication of benefits, meetings, creation of action plans, coordination, and connecting participants with support services, maintain records, facilitate follow-up discussions, and conduct client exit interviews. Program participants will meet with case managers to develop a plan on how to retain permanent housing after assistance ends.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2, 2.16: Food assistance (e.g., child nutrition programs, including school meals) & food banks for low- or moderate-income households or communities, households that experienced unemployment, and households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359) Rental assistance approaches to support low-income households in securing stable, long-term housing, including housing vouchers, residential counseling, or housing navigation assistance to facilitate household moves to neighborhoods with high levels of economic opportunity and mobility for low-income residents. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4372) Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter). (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will take place in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) and target the homeless, as well as those at risk of eviction and homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in District 3. Impact: Throughout the duration of the program, Zion Keepers aims to assist 200 household in eviction prevention and provide 40,000 meals/food boxes to families and individuals in need. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County. The organization receives funding from multiple sources and partners with local organizations for continued outreach. The budget indicates that funding will be used for housing search services, life skills training, intake coordinators, case management, mortgage assistance, and rental assistance. The applicant notes that required staff are already in place for applicant's proposed activities.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Urban League of Greater Atlanta (ULGA)
County Priorities	Support Services, Economic Development 2.3 Rental and Mortgage , 3.1 Workforce Development, and 3.2 Small and Minority Owned Businesses – Providing workforce training to underserved populations
Project Name	1.208.3 Workforce Development, Basic Needs, and Small Business Assistance for Black Families in Cobb County Impacted by the Pandemic.
Project Summary	The Urban League of Greater Atlanta will offer services through their integrated economic mobility model to individuals and families in meeting basic needs of housing and food, offering workforce development opportunities, and helping small businesses recover.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$2,022,248.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 – \$637,371.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 3.1 – \$421,176.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 3.2 – \$963,371.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide workforce training to an underserved population affected by COVID-19.
Summary of Project Scope:	Through the applicant's Financial Empowerment and Emergency Resource Center, ULGA will offer services through their integrated economic mobility model. These services are for individuals and families for meeting basic needs of housing and food, offering workforce development opportunities, and small businesses recover. Funding through this opportunity will allow ULGA to stabilize families with basic needs support, create a workforce pathway for Certified Nursing Assistants with partner Wellstar, and provide support to stabilize small businesses and help them grow. The target populations are those residing in federally Qualified Census Tract (QCT)s, the 25% or more of the families that are stuck in poverty, and the unemployed and underemployed.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2: Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; ...; cash assistance; or job training to address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level of training. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359) 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.10, 2.30: The interim final rule included assistance to unemployed workers as an enumerated eligible use, including "services like job training to accelerate rehiring of unemployed workers." Technical assistance, counseling, or other services to assist with business planning needs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg.4377)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target minorities and low-income individuals. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Fulton County. Impact: 60 families will be provided with housing assistance; 60 families will be provided Food Assistance; 30 candidates will receive CNA training, work experience, and certificates; 75 small businesses will receive technical assistance and coaching. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. However, the applicant is requesting funding for new positions so there will be additional costs to retain the staff after the project ends.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance , 2.4 Food Security - Providing rental and mortgage assistance to prevent eviction and food options to vulnerable residents.
Project Name	1.78.1 Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID-19
Project Summary	This funding would expand upon an existing program by adding aid to families living with cancer to remain housed through housing assistance and fed through grocery assistance.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$900,000.00 (Funding Recommended 2.3 – \$481,388) (Funding Recommended 2.4 – \$630,000.00) Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$1,485,500.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide housing and food stipends to low-income, immunocompromised residents which were financially impacted by the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$1,485,500.00 for subtopics 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance and 2.4 Food Security. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$270,000.00 for subtopic 2.3 and \$630,000.00 for 2.4 was recommended for funding.</p> <p>Loving Arms Cancer Outreach (LACO) supports individuals throughout their cancer journey. The COVID-19 pandemic and its continued impact has dramatically impacted families who rely on an overburdened healthcare systems and must isolate due to weakened immune systems. Cancer patients have been negatively economically impacted by COVID-19 and the evolving variants since some cancer patients and their families were unable to work throughout the early stages of the pandemic due to their compromised immune systems and continued need to maintain heightened safety protocols or self-isolation. With the requested funding, up to 50 families would receive housing assistance and 100 families would receive food vouchers.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2:</p> <p>The interim final rule included several enumerated eligible uses to provide assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID-19. Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; [...]Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use without change. Recipients may, as was the case under the interim final rule, administer programs through a wide range of entities, including nonprofit and for-profit entities, to carry out eligible uses on behalf of the recipient government.</p> <p>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will promote fair treatment for low-income, immunocompromised residents who were impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p>Impact: This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant anticipated at least 50 families will remain housed due to rental and mortgage assistance and at least 100 families to receive food vouchers to fight food insecurity. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: This project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for rental and food assistance to households, in addition to program indirect costs.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Giving Kitchen Initiative
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance – Offers rental and mortgage assistance to low-income food workers
Project Name	1.112 Giving Kitchen Assists Food Service Workers in Crisis in Cobb County
Project Summary	Project provides low-income food service workers with financial and emergency assistance for various services including utilities and rental and mortgage assistance. Project also provides mental health training and programming for food service workers and their employers.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$420,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project addresses the economic impacts of COVID-19 by financially supporting low-income employees, an enumerated population. It also addresses the public health impacts by serving food service workers diagnosed with COVID-19 or who need financial assistance with COVID-related expenses.
Summary of Project Scope:	The project provides low-income food service workers with emergency financial assistance for various services including utilities and rental and mortgage assistance. Financial assistance is awarded to applicants based on financial needs due to injury, illness, or natural disasters such as a fire or flood. Along with providing financial assistance, the organization also has a Stability Network referral services program that connects food service workers with resources such as housing, employment, wellness, mental health, substance misuse, and social services resources. The project will also provide mental health training and programming for food service workers and their employers. The applicant is seeking funding to continue to provide food service workers in Cobb County with necessary financial assistance.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12: In the final rule, Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4355) 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2: Rent, rental arrears, utility costs or arrears ...reasonable accrued late fees (if not included in rental or utility arrears), mortgage payment assistance,...counseling to prevent foreclosure or displacement. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income individuals who work in food service and expects to primarily serve African Americans. Program location: The project takes place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Fulton County. Impact: Funds provided by Cobb County ARPA would help 246 food service workers and 302 additional household members (including 162 children) in Cobb County. Over the course of the project, the applicant expects annual outcomes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023: 270 Ask for Help forms received, 75 clients provided financial assistance & 89 clients provided with Stability Network referrals 2024: 290 Ask for Help forms received, 80 clients provided financial assistance & 95 clients provided with Stability Network referrals 2025: 310 Ask for Help forms received, 85 clients provided financial assistance & 102 clients provided with Stability Network referrals Financial Continuity: This project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be utilized for financial assistance to help food service workers and their family facing unanticipated crisis in Cobb County.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Center for Family Resources (CFR)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance – Helps low-income families avoid homelessness due to eviction
Project Name	1.36 CFR Rental Assistance Program
Project Summary	This project will provide rental assistance to low-income households with dependent children residing in Cobb County and help households identify goals to address the causes of their housing insecurity.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$86,950.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless individuals and families, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	This project will provide rental assistance to low-income households with dependent children residing in Cobb. Assistance of up to 3 months may be provided to prevent eviction and allow the household to remain in permanent housing with the average amount of assistance anticipated to be approximately \$2,500 per household. The case manager works with the household to identify the issues that caused their housing instability and develop a plan to address the issues. Supportive services such as food support, employment services, and educational classes on financial empowerment, budgeting, credit, landlord and tenant relationships, unhealthy relationships, goal setting, and consumer issues may also be provided. Beneficiaries are required to live in Cobb, have a lease in their name, and meet income and other requirements as determined by the funding source. The case manager processes the appropriate documents and submits them to the Center for Family Resources' Finance Department to generate a check, which is sent to the landlord. Ninety days after the landlord has received payment and approved applicants have been assisted, the case manager will follow up with the individual to determine if they have been able to retain their housing and to make additional referrals for services as needed.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2, 2.10: Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359) Assistance to impacted individuals who want and are available for work, including job training, public jobs programs and fairs, support for childcare and transportation to and from a jobsite or interview, incentives for newly-employed workers, subsidized employment, grants to hire underserved workers, assistance to unemployed individuals to start small businesses & development of job and workforce training centers. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income households, a majority of which the applicant expects to be minority households. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: 24 households are expected to receive eviction prevention services, 75% of which will participate in employment services and/or life skills classes. 80% of those who receive services will have maintained permanent housing at 90 days following assistance and 85% of adult individuals will be employed. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funds will be used for case managers, rental assistance, and indirect overhead associated with the program.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Family Life Restoration Center, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services , Economic Development 2.2 Homelessness, 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance , 3.1 Workforce Development – Provides rental and mortgage assistance for low- to moderate-income households, assistance to the unsheltered population, and assistance with employment
Project Name	1.62.3 South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All
Project Summary	The Family Life Restoration Center is seeking funding to provide services to homeless residents, mortgage and rental assistance to historically disadvantaged communities, and workforce placement training for recent graduates, as well as under- and unemployed.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (18 Months): \$156,800.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.2 – \$55,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 – \$37,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 3.1 – \$64,800.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to help restabilize those adversely and disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the organization has increased the provision of services during the pandemic. The project will also reduce communicable diseases such as COVID-19 among homeless residents.
Summary of Project Scope:	The South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All project is based on the real time needs of special populations. The project seeks to stabilize the homes of low-to-moderate income families as well as the health and wellness of the unsheltered. South Cobb County Resilience and Stabilization for All serves low-to-moderate income households of historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups. The project will also focus on neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Services provided to applicants include healthy boxed meals, critical hygiene items and affordable housing units to those in need. The organization also provides rental and mortgage assistance to allow families to remain in their homes and stay together. GED counselors and job readiness coaches will help to ensure that currently unemployed, under-employed, and low-income high school students will obtain and increase employment that provides sufficient gross income to maintain housing and livability in Cobb County.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2: Housing stability services that enable eligible households to maintain or obtain housing, such as housing counseling, fair housing counseling, case management related to housing stability, outreach to households at risk of eviction or promotion of housing support programs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360) 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness; emergency assistance for burials, home repairs, weatherization, or other needs; internet access or digital literacy assistance; cash assistance; or job training to address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level of training. (See Federal Register Vol, No. 18, pg. 4359) 2. Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers – 2.10: Assistance to impacted individuals who want and are available for work, including job training, public jobs programs and fairs, support for childcare and transportation to and from a jobsite or interview, incentives for newly-employed workers, subsidized employment, grants to hire underserved workers, assistance to unemployed individuals to start small businesses & development of job and workforce training center. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected communities, such as homeless individuals and those living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: The applicant anticipates that 100 households will receive housing counseling and eviction prevention services, 200 adults and young adults will receive resiliency-focused mental and behavioral health educational resources and/or case management, 50 senior adults and teens will complete ten hours of entrepreneurial 101 training per program year, 500 households will receive healthy, safe food boxes and have access to two affordable housing units, 100 low income families will receive home mortgage or rental assistance to prevent housing insecurity, and 100 under-employed, unemployed and High School residents (Ages 15+) will receive Workforce (Job) Readiness and Preparedness counseling. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that requested funding will be utilized to expand existing services to address the increased need stemming from COVID-19.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc. (YELLS)
County Priorities	Support Services, 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance– Supports families with housing insecurity
Project Name	1.203.2 Workforce Development Services and Supports for the Adults and Youth of the Franklin Gateway Area
Project Summary	YELLS plans to offer year-round career readiness activities for high school youth and workforce development activities for adults/parents; year-round childcare will be offered along with limited rental assistance.
Budget	Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 (42 Months): \$35,000.00 Total Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$1,088,644.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide workforce training to an underserved population affected by COVID-19.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$1,088,644.00 for subtopics 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance and 3.1 Workforce Development. After subcommittee review, Support Services subtopic 2.3 was recommended \$35,000.00 for funding.</p> <p>Through long-term efforts in Franklin Gateway, Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc., (YELLS) seeks to provide youth development and family programming centered on empowerment to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For subtopic 2.3, YELLS will offer rental and mortgage assistance (serving at least 5 families with up to \$2,000/family) and childcare with enrichment activities for elementary and middle school.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.2:</p> <p>Enumerated eligible uses included: food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that Franklin Gateway is within one of only two of Cobb County's Qualified Census Tracts designated as a Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p>Impact: This project will provide at least 5 families with up to \$2,000/family in rental or mortgage assistance.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County. The budget indicates that funding will be utilized for additional personnel and direct program expenses to address the additional needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Latin American Association (LAA)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance , 2.4 Food Security – Assists Latino families to achieve housing security and avoid food insecurity
Project Name	1.230.1 Latino Homeless Prevention Program
Project Summary	The Latin American Association is seeking funding to stabilize families who are at-risk of homelessness by addressing urgent needs such as housing and food assistance.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$60,000.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 - \$30,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.4 - \$30,000.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless and housing insecure families and individuals, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	In Georgia, 68% of Latino families live under the 200% federal poverty level and are much more likely to experience food insecurity than white non-Hispanic households. The Latino Homelessness Prevention Program (LHPP) requests funds to stabilize families who are at-risk of homelessness by addressing urgent needs through the provision of emergency financial assistance (rent, mortgage, utility, & security deposit), shelter placement, housing referrals, food and clothing assistance, and domestic violence assistance. The overarching goal of the program is to empower Latino individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Household Assistance – 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 2.16: Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)</p> <p>Rent, rental arrears, utility costs or arrears (e.g., electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal, and energy costs, such as fuel oil),...mortgage payment assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg. 4360)</p> <p>Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including...assistance for food. (Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg. 4449)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target Latino individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness. The LAA primarily serves first or second-generation Latino immigrants.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Fulton County.</p> <p>Impact: The LAA works to help Latinos who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless by providing unparalleled services and support through the LHPP. The organization expects to serve 45 individuals with rental support and 30 individuals with utility assistance.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for rental assistance and food pantry support.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non- Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Sweetwater Mission, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Supports the demand for food for families and children
Project Name	1.134 Food Distribution by Sweetwater Mission
Project Summary	Sweetwater Mission seeks funding to support the increased demand for food by families and children continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due to the lasting financial impact of the pandemic.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$750,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the organization serves families and children who are experiencing food insecurity due to COVID-19's lasting financial impact and has experienced an increased demand for fresh and non-perishable food since the beginning of the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	Sweetwater Mission seeks funding to support the increased demand for food for families and children continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due to the lasting financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The applicant's food program includes an onsite food pantry with drive-through services, a mobile food delivery program and a summer food distribution program for children on free or reduced lunch. ARPA funding would allow the applicant to increase the number of individuals served through their current food distribution model with minimal additional administrative support as their processes are in place. This program anticipates to serve approximately 15,000 Cobb County residents, including 6,300 children and more than 8,000 families, during the first 12 months of the grant period.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including...assistance for food. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4449)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target marginalized and underserved individuals that have been impacted by COVID-19. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: 2 million pounds of food will be delivered to reduce food insecurity and increase household stability. 800 households of at least 4 persons each will receive food through both the Meals on a Mission Program and the Express Line Program. Additionally, 6,300 children will receive food through the Summer Food Program and 6,500 children will receive food through the Holiday Food Program. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding is requested for additional personnel, supplies, and transportation services to support the increased demand for food by families and children continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due to the lasting financial impact of COVID-19.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance, 2.4 Food Security - Providing rental and mortgage assistance to prevent eviction and food options to vulnerable residents.
Project Name	1.78.2 Housing and Grocery Assistance for Cobb County Cancer Patients Affected by COVID-19
Project Summary	This funding would expand upon an existing program by adding aid to families living with cancer to remain housed through housing assistance and fed through grocery assistance.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$900,000.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 – \$270,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.4 – \$630,000.00) Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$1,485,500.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide housing and food stipends to low-income, immunocompromised residents which were financially impacted by the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$1,485,500.00 for subtopics 2.3 Rental & Mortgage Assistance and 2.4 Food Security. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$270,000.00 for subtopic 2.3 and \$630,000.00 for 2.4 was recommended for funding.</p> <p>Loving Arms Cancer Outreach (LACO) supports individuals throughout their cancer journey. The COVID-19 pandemic and its continued impact has dramatically impacted families who rely on an overburdened healthcare systems and must isolate due to weakened immune systems. Cancer patients have been negatively economically impacted by COVID-19 and the evolving variants since some cancer patients and their families were unable to work throughout the early stages of the pandemic due to their compromised immune systems and continued need to maintain heightened safety protocols or self-isolation. With the requested funding, up to 50 families would receive housing assistance and 100 families would receive food vouchers.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2:</p> <p>The interim final rule included several enumerated eligible uses to provide assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID-19. Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; [...]Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use without change. Recipients may, as was the case under the interim final rule, administer programs through a wide range of entities, including nonprofit and for-profit entities, to carry out eligible uses on behalf of the recipient government.</p> <p>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will promote fair treatment for low-income, immunocompromised residents who were impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p>Impact: This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant anticipated at least 50 families will remain housed due to rental and mortgage assistance and at least 100 families to receive food vouchers to fight food insecurity. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: This project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for rental and food assistance to households, in addition to program indirect costs.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Provides hunger relief services to families and individuals
Project Name	1.80 Food Distribution by YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Cobb Food Fleet
Project Summary	The proposed program will improve food security for over 2,400 low-income individuals across Cobb County; funding is primarily for operational costs, not food.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (2 Years): \$543,900.00 Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$618,402.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the program will address food insecurity that was significantly increased by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	This applicant originally requested \$618,402.00 in funding. After subcommittee review, \$543,900.00 was recommended for funding, as subcommittee members decided to recommend not funding a second van. Hunger relief services provided by the Northwest Cobb Family YMCA focuses on ensuring the children who receive free and reduced-price lunch at school have adequate nutrition when school is not in session. The Northwest Cobb YMCA's food security program operates approximately 15 weeks out of the year based on the schedule of the local schools. Food is donated by YMCA members as part of the applicant's "Y It Matters" annual campaign, and the YMCA purchases extra food as needed to supplement donations. Food is distributed where high concentration of qualifying students live, including a mobile home park and extended stay motels. This program operated by the Northwest Cobb Y ensures 120 children per year of ages 3-18 are food secure during out-of-school time. As demand for hunger relief services has continued to surge due to the rising cost of food, inflation and the continuing impact of the pandemic, the McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA in Marietta has expanded their year-round program to ensure food security to those who need it most across the County. The McCleskey YMCA's hunger relief program serves 600 families every week, representing roughly 2,400 individuals of all ages per year. This program will improve families and individuals' economic stability by allowing them to focus their limited resources on other necessities such as housing, utilities, transportation, and healthcare.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: “The interim final rule included several enumerated eligible uses to provide assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID–19. Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance;...Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use without change. Recipients may, as was the case under the interim final rule, administer programs through a wide range of entities, including nonprofit and for-profit entities, to carry out eligible uses on behalf of the recipient government. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target underserved communities, focusing on low-income families and students who receive free and reduced-price lunches at school. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Impact: This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant anticipates that 120 children per year will have access to healthy food during the 15-week summer break and 600 families or 2,400 individuals of all ages per year will have access to healthy food on a weekly basis. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Expansion of services, personnel, and resources are requested to address the increased need created by COVID-19.

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Applicant Type	Non-profit Organization
Applicant Name	Zion Keepers, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance, 2.4 Food Security - Providing rental and mortgage assistance to prevent eviction and food security to the community.
Project Name	1.26.1 Zion Keepers-COBB ARPA
Project Summary	Supportive Services to provide homeless assistance, rental and mortgage assistance, and food security to low-income families and individuals to help them achieve needed residential stability.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$1,200,000.00 (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.3 – \$725,000.00) (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 2.4 – \$475,000.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the program will provide homeless assistance, rental and mortgage assistance and food security to low-income families and individuals struggling with job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	Zion Keepers will provide rental and utility assistance for families and individuals, including veterans, to help them achieve residential stability and food security. Homelessness prevention assistance is provided to eligible individuals who are below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. The case manager will initiate contact with potential participants, set appointments, and provide application information needed to complete the application process. Potential recipients will participate in an initial consultation to assess needs and case managers will determine program eligibility. Case managers will document applicant's eligibility and process each applicant through the program to include required background information, potential duplication of benefits, meetings, creation of action plans, coordination, and connecting participants with support services, maintain records, facilitate follow-up discussions, and conduct client exit interviews. Program participants will meet with case managers to develop a plan on how to retain permanent housing after assistance ends.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2, 2.16: Food assistance (e.g., child nutrition programs, including school meals) & food banks for low- or moderate-income households or communities, households that experienced unemployment, and households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359) Rental assistance approaches to support low-income households in securing stable, long-term housing, including housing vouchers, residential counseling, or housing navigation assistance to facilitate household moves to neighborhoods with high levels of economic opportunity and mobility for low-income residents. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4372) Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter). (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will take place in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) and target the homeless, as well as those at risk of eviction and homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in District 3. Impact: Throughout the duration of the program, Zion Keepers aims to assist 200 household in eviction prevention and provide 40,000 meals/food boxes to families and individuals in need. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County. The organization receives funding from multiple sources and partners with local organizations for continued outreach. The budget indicates that funding will be used for housing search services, life skills training, intake coordinators, case management, mortgage assistance, and rental assistance. The applicant notes that required staff are already in place for applicant's proposed activities.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Reflections of Trinity
County Priorities	Support Services: 2.4 Food Security - Provide food options for vulnerable residents
Project Name	1.30 Team 58 Food Pantry
Project Summary	Funding for food, fuel and transportation, and related payroll expenses to increase capacity for the Reflections of Trinity food pantry, which supports marginalized and vulnerable populations.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$400,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project will assist those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic by providing nutritious food. The populations serviced by the program include communities hardest hit by COVID-19 to include the homeless, seniors, veterans and children living below the poverty line.
Summary of Project Scope:	The Team 58 Food Pantry's goal is to serve all those suffering from food insecurity. The Food Pantry will be open every Saturday morning to those in need and supplies a nutritious box of food containing between 85-100 lbs. of fruits, vegetables, bread, meat, snacks and canned goods. Every week a delivery to 1 of 8 local Senior HUD Communities will occur which will provide a box of food to seniors who otherwise might not have access. Additionally, during school months, the applicant will deliver food to 4 local Schools, 3 of which are in Cobb County and supply students with weekend food supplements. The applicant expects that most recipients need a window of 3-6 months of consistent weekly support before they wean themselves from food assistance, thus Team 58 Food Pantry aims to help community members establish food security.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Food assistance (e.g., child nutrition programs, including school meals) & food banks for low- or moderate-income households or communities, households that experienced unemployment, and households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states the project will target underserved populations including households residing in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), seniors, and students from low-income families that experience food insecurity. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: From this project, 3,000 households are anticipated to receive food boxes per month and 1,200 students are anticipated to received weekend food supplements per week. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Applicant budget indicates that requested funding will supplement ongoing sources of purchased and donated food to allow for expanded distribution of food over four years.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	The Center for Family Resources (CFR)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Expands an existing food pantry to improve services for families in need
Project Name	1.35 CFR Choice Pantry Program
Project Summary	Funding to convert the CFR's traditional food pantry into a Choice Food Pantry, support operations, and provide budget and nutrition education.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$359,500.00 Applicant Requested Funding Amount– \$383,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project addresses issues around food security that were heightened during the pandemic and serves those impacted by the public health emergency.
Summary of Project Scope:	<p>This applicant originally requested \$383,000.00 in funding. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$359,000.00 was recommended for funding.</p> <p>This project will provide funding to convert CFR's traditional food pantry to a Choice Food Pantry and support operations for 12 months. The Choice Pantry will provide a personal shopping experience while educating beneficiaries on the importance of nutrition and smart shopping to stretch their food budget. The program will teach families how to shop and prepare healthy and economic meals. Shoppers will have the opportunity to select their own food as if they were shopping in the local supermarket. Food items will be assigned points and families accessing the pantry will receive a points budget used to make their food selections. Volunteers will accompany the shopper, providing nutritional information and shopping techniques to help guide choices and educate beneficiaries on the importance of healthy habits. In addition to the weekly shopping activities, each quarter a group activity for participants of the food program will be held. These events will provide cooking demonstrations and other educational activities addressing food insecurity.</p>
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including... assistance for food. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)</p> <p>Recipients may, as was the case under the interim final rule, administer programs through a wide range of entities, including nonprofit and for-profit entities. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The project will target Black, Latino, and LGBTQ+ individuals, as well as low-income households, and unemployed and underemployed individuals. The applicant states that the project cultivates equity and the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p>Impact: This project will positively impact low-income households experiencing food insecurity. The project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, 100 families (300 individuals) will be enrolled in the Choice Pantry Program annually and 100 head of households will attend monthly case management sessions for six months. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The organization will use this funding to convert CFR's traditional food pantry to a Choice Food Pantry while providing ongoing support operations for 12 months. The budget indicates that funding will be used for a case manager, equipment, food inventory, and updates to the location.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Noonday Baptist Association, Inc. (NBA)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Supports the demand of food by those experiencing food insecurity
Project Name	1.51 Food Distribution by NBA Storehouse Ministries, Cobb County Food Fleet
Project Summary	Supports the increased demand for food by families and children continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due to the lasting financial impact of the pandemic.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$284,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to provide food to vulnerable populations which were financially impacted by the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	The project seeks funding to support the increased demand for food for families and children continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due to the impacts of the pandemic. This organization procures food at minimal to no cost, produces little waste, and counts with no overhead costs as well. Storehouse Ministries leverages its network of 27 food pantries and 25 volunteers to distribute food and resources to 650 families/2,133 individuals every month. Funding will be used to purchase the staple food items included in the food boxes distributed.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: The interim final rule included several enumerated eligible uses to provide assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID–19. Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance;...Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use without change. Recipients may, as was the case under the interim final rule, administer programs through a wide range of entities, including nonprofit and for-profit entities, to carry out eligible uses on behalf of the recipient government. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The project will target low to moderate-income residents and the applicant applicants expects 25% or more of recipients to reside in culturally diverse and Qualified Census Tracts Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: One food pantry will be established at long term stay hotels/motels; four additional food pantries will be created in Qualified Census tracks; donate food for boxes to one culturally diverse food store. Additionally, 35% of all families and individuals will start receiving social services handout and food box production will increase by 23% within 18 months of receiving funds. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funds will be used to purchase the components of 650 food boxes per month for the duration of the project.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	First Presbyterian Church of Marietta
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Provides grocery items to families in need
Project Name	1.123 First Presbyterian Church Food Outreach Ministry
Project Summary	First Presbyterian Church is requesting funding to support the technology, food distribution, transportation, and personnel needs to operate its Food Outreach Ministry.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$282,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the applicant states that the services provided help to lessen the disparity caused by the pandemic.
Summary of Project Scope:	The First Presbyterian Church of Marietta is seeking funding to conduct their Food Outreach Ministry project to provide weekly grocery items and consumables to families in need. It is expected that each week up to 150 families will experience reduced financial hardship due to the provision of fresh produce, nutritious food, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. The target population for this project is residents living in poverty and those facing food insecurity due to extraneous circumstances. The project also provides food kits and essential items to homeless individuals that frequently come by the Church.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including... assistance for food. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4449)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target the chronically marginalized and underserved. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: 150 households will receive the retail equivalent of \$60 - \$100 of food and products per family per week. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose additional costs to the County. The organization works in partnership with Sweetwater Mission, and the budget indicates that funds will go towards technology, storage, food distribution, transportation, and personnel expenses.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	MUST Ministries, Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Offers community access to fresh produce
Project Name	1.85 Food Distribution by MUST Ministries, Inc., Cobb Food Fleet
Project Summary	MUST Ministries seeks funding to support the high demand for food from individuals and families continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due in large part to the ongoing health and economic impacts of the pandemic.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$250,000.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the applicant seeks to address community food insecurity that increased during the pandemic and remains above pre-pandemic levels.
Summary of Project Scope:	MUST Ministries seeks funding to support the high demand for food from individuals and families continuing to experience food insecurity in underserved Cobb communities due in large part to the ongoing health and economic impacts of the pandemic. MUST is seeking to provide not only shelf stable foods but produce to ensure adequate healthy alternatives for individuals and families needing pantry assistance. Requested funds would be utilized to purchase produce at deeply discounted prices from the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) or from Athena Farms in the event ACFB cannot meet the needed quantity of produce. MUST, in partnership with the Cobb Food Fleet, will procure food at minimal cost and distribute that food to people in the community with the greatest need. The food MUST receives for distribution to the community is organized within a 26,000 square foot donation center. Numerous volunteers assist the small staff of 7 with sorting, packing and loading the food for distribution to various food programs.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: The interim final rule included several enumerated eligible uses to provide assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID-19. Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4369)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target those who are affected by poverty in underserved communities, homeless individuals, and families in need. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: An average of 3,835 individuals will receive healthy food and access to other resources for housing, clothing, jobs, and healthcare for the fiscal years of 2023, 2024, and 2025. An average of 910 children will receive food during the summer months and activity kits for the fiscal years of 2023, 2024, and 2025. Financial Continuity: This project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The applicant has served the County since 1975 and notes that there are other federal funding sources for food programs. The budget indicates that requested ARPA funding will be used to purchase produce boxes and 10% of the funds will be used to capture the general overhead and administrative expenses.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	H.O.P.E. Family Resource Center Inc.
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Providing food for children and families in need
Project Name	1.67 H.O.P.E. Family Resource Center Inc, Cobb Food Fleet
Project Summary	Funding to support the expanding need for food by children and families demonstrating food instability in Cobb County from the ongoing financial impact of the pandemic.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (2 Years): \$36,250.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project addresses issues around food security that were heightened during the pandemic and serves those impacted by the public health emergency.
Summary of Project Scope:	H.O.P.E. Family Resource Center seeks funding to support the expanding need for food for children and families demonstrating food instability in Cobb County from the ongoing financial impact of the pandemic. The program is seeking funding to participate in partnership with the Cobb Food Fleet, which will allow them to obtain food at minimal to no cost and maximize the use of every dollar of funding allocated. The distribution plan for food is based on weekly and monthly distribution with one location and the support of volunteers in receiving and organizing donated non-perishable food, which is critical in the day-to-day operations to provide food boxes to the community.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including... assistance for food. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4449)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target households affected by persistent poverty. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4. Impact: 300 low-income families will receive food, 300 families will experience increased equitable access to fresh produce and other healthy foods, and over 100 adults accessing the project's food distribution will also receive resources for additional support services. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be used for food purchase and pickup, along with general overhead and administrative costs associated with the program.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Expanding food program operations to meet heightened community demand
Project Name	1.71 Marcus Mission Center
Project Summary	Expand upon an existing food pantry program. Request is for an additional staff member, equipment to help facilitate the food program operations, and gas cards for volunteers.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$32,786.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project addresses issues around food security that were heightened during the pandemic and serves those impacted by the public health emergency.
Summary of Project Scope:	The Marcus Mission Center is a food and clothing pantry located in Marietta, Georgia. In partnership with Turner Chapel AME Church, The Marcus Mission Center (under its former name) has been serving the community for more than 25 years. From January 2022 through June 2022 alone, 324 families have been served (922 women, men, and children) with a distribution of 22,961 lbs. of food. The organization intends to use the funding to pay the Pantry Coordinator a part-time salary, provide volunteers \$10 per week to offset gas costs, purchase needed equipment, and increase the food budget.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Household Assistance – 2.1: Treasury is maintaining these eligible uses in the final rule, in line with commenters' recommendations: Food assistance. The interim final rule included an enumerated eligible use for food assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the program will target low-income households, unemployed, underemployed, homeless individuals, and households at risk for homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: The project will distribute 60,000 pounds of food over 12 months, helping 700-800 families per month. Furthermore, it will help 250 individuals with clothing. Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget states that they will use the funding to finance products and personnel needed to fulfill program activities.

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Latin American Association (LAA)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.3 Rental and Mortgage Assistance, 2.4 Food Security – Assists Latino families to achieve housing security and avoid food insecurity
Project Name	1.230.2 Latino Homeless Prevention Program
Project Summary	The Latin American Association is seeking funding to stabilize families who are at-risk of homelessness by addressing urgent needs such as housing and food assistance.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$60,000.00 (Recommended Amount 2.3 - \$30,000.00) (Recommended Amount 2.4 - \$30,000.00)

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; this project will provide assistance to homeless and housing insecure families and individuals, a population presumed to be disproportionality impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts per the Final Rule.
Summary of Project Scope:	In Georgia, 68% of Latino families live under the 200% federal poverty level and are much more likely to experience food insecurity than white non-Hispanic households. The Latino Homelessness Prevention Program (LHPP) requests funds to stabilize families who are at-risk of homelessness by addressing urgent needs through the provision of emergency financial assistance (rent, mortgage, utility, & security deposit), shelter placement, housing referrals, food and clothing assistance, and domestic violence assistance. The overarching goal of the program is to empower Latino individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule 2: Negative Economic Impacts, Household Assistance – 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 2.16: Emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4360)</p> <p>Rent, rental arrears, utility costs or arrears (e.g., electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal, and energy costs, such as fuel oil),...mortgage payment assistance. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg. 4360)</p> <p>Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including...assistance for food. (Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 pg. 4449)</p>
Evaluation Considerations:	<p>Equity: The applicant states that the project will target Latino individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness. The LAA primarily serves first or second-generation Latino immigrants.</p> <p>Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Fulton County.</p> <p>Impact: The LAA works to help Latinos who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless by providing unparalleled services and support through the LHPP. The organization expects to serve 45 individuals with rental support and 30 individuals with utility assistance.</p> <p>Financial Continuity: Project will not impose ongoing cost on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for rental assistance and food pantry support.</p>

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Applicant Type	Non-Profit Organization
Applicant Name	Turner Chapel New Horizons CDC (DBA New Horizons CDC)
County Priorities	Support Services 2.4 Food Security – Offers breakfast and groceries to those in need
Project Name	1.55 Meals of Compassion Ministry
Project Summary	Provide breakfast to MUST Hope House homeless shelter and participate in the MUST Summer Lunch Program.
Budget	Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$10,670.00

Response: Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project addresses issues around food security that were heightened during the pandemic and serves those impacted by the public health emergency.
Summary of Project Scope:	The Meals of Compassion Ministry Program will provide a hot breakfast to 50-55 guests of MUST Hope House homeless shelter twice a month for 12 months. In addition, the organization will participate in the MUST Summer Lunch Program by providing 500 children with bagged groceries that will provide breakfast and lunch for 5 days during the summer months of June and July.
ARPA Alignment: Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1: Responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including... assistance for food. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4449)
Evaluation Considerations:	Equity: The applicant states that the project will target low-income households, as well as unemployed, underemployed, homeless, and households at-risk for homelessness. Program location: The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3. Impact: This project will positively impact Cobb County's homeless, unemployed, and low-income men, women, and children experiencing hunger. The applicant will provide 1200-1320 hot breakfasts to guests of the homeless shelter and groceries for 500 children for breakfast and lunch. Financial Continuity: The project will not impose additional costs to the County. The program is run on a volunteer basis, and the budget indicates that funds will go towards food items to be provided and aprons for servers.