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Onondaga County, New York Recovery Plan Performance Report July 31, 2022



State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds



Onondaga County July 31, 2022- Recovery Plan

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Over the past two and a half years, Onondaga County has learned many lessons as we battled through the COVID-19 pandemic. At the onset, our community experienced broad social and economic challenges that we quickly learned to navigate while also forging a plan to work together to support our residents and businesses.

After receiving \$89 million through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, our team put together a comprehensive strategy and decided we would make legacy investments in our people, infrastructure, and economy. Our goal was to pick projects that would have generational impacts. We immediately went to work focusing on our long-term social service's needs, infrastructure deficiencies, and economic development challenges. We also sought collaboration with our community partners in identifying programs and projects that would have a significant and immediate impact.

Due to ever changing circumstances, we found the need to reevaluate our projects. In some cases, we made the decision to eliminate projects and in others we chose to replace them with those that would better serve the immediate needs of our county. We always sought to ensure that all our projects focused on improving the social, health and economic recovery for all members of our community.

We know that these projects we have put forth are providing our community the best path forward to ensure a full inclusive and equal economic recovery and our commitment to use these funds innovatively and equitably in our recovery remains steadfast.

Use of Funds

Onondaga County has focused on ensuring that we are thoughtful on how the American Rescue Plan funding will be used to make transformational changes. Our funds have been allocated in a way that strengthens our business climate, promotes spending, creates jobs and brings economic opportunity to more of our Onondaga County residents.

In addition, we are addressing the mental health of our children and families, ensuring countywide broadband access, and assisting with neighborhood revitalization projects for our homeowners and veterans. Since receiving the funds last spring, we have completed \$5M in improvements to our roads and bridges and provided our employees \$2M in much needed workforce equipment upgrades.

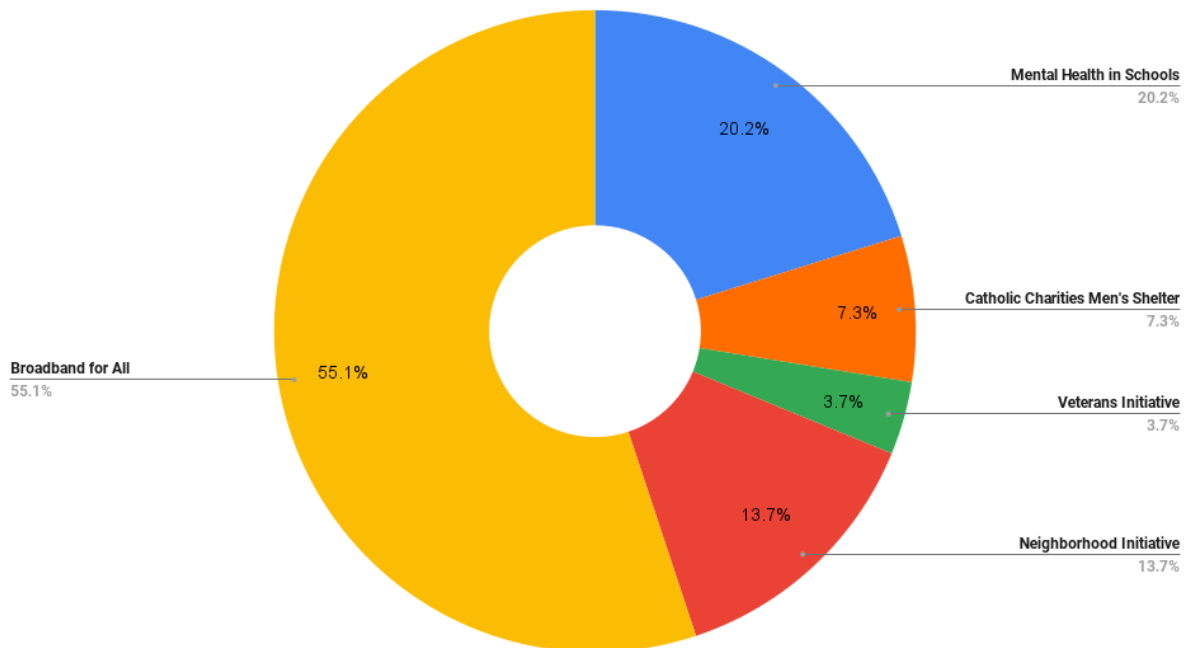
We also plan to continue working toward our economic recovery by investing in a multisport complex located at our Hopkins Road county park and continue investing in our flourishing film industry, while also providing our businesses with much needed workforce development incentives.

All this investment will continue to be implemented through our core PIE platform which addresses the county's issues in Poverty, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

Poverty

Onondaga County will continue its focus on lifting people out of poverty through our projects that include \$15 million to ensure broadband access for all, \$5.5 million to address mental health issues for children and families and \$2 million to assist with the purchase and relocation of our local men's homeless shelter. Our team will also soon begin projects that will provide \$3.7 million to assist our residents with homes and allocate an additional \$1 million to specifically assist our local veterans with their home repairs.

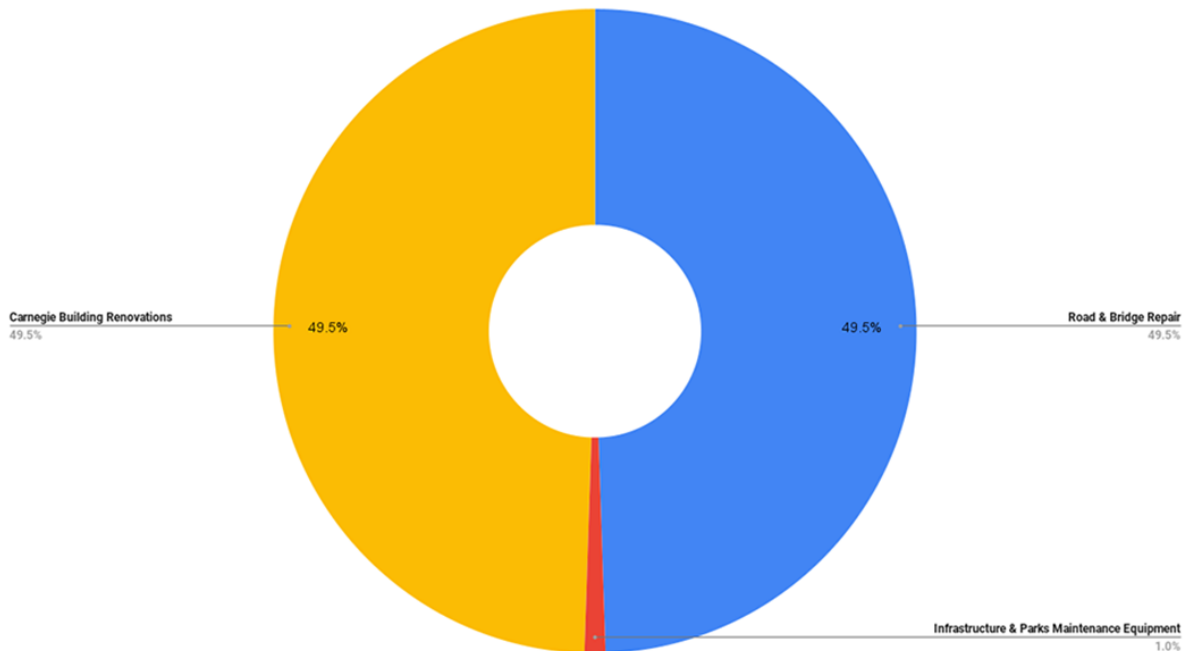
Poverty Initiatives



INFRASTRUCTURE

We have also spent this year focused on continuing to improve our county infrastructure. Our Department of Transportation has already spent \$5 million making significant repairs to our roads and bridges. In addition, we replaced more than \$2 million of infrastructure equipment needed to enhance our transportation and parks departments. And currently, we are making investments in our county owned Carnegie building that will bring together employees from our Economic Development, Community Development and our Planning departments to allow for better collaboration.

Infrastructure Initiatives



Economic Development

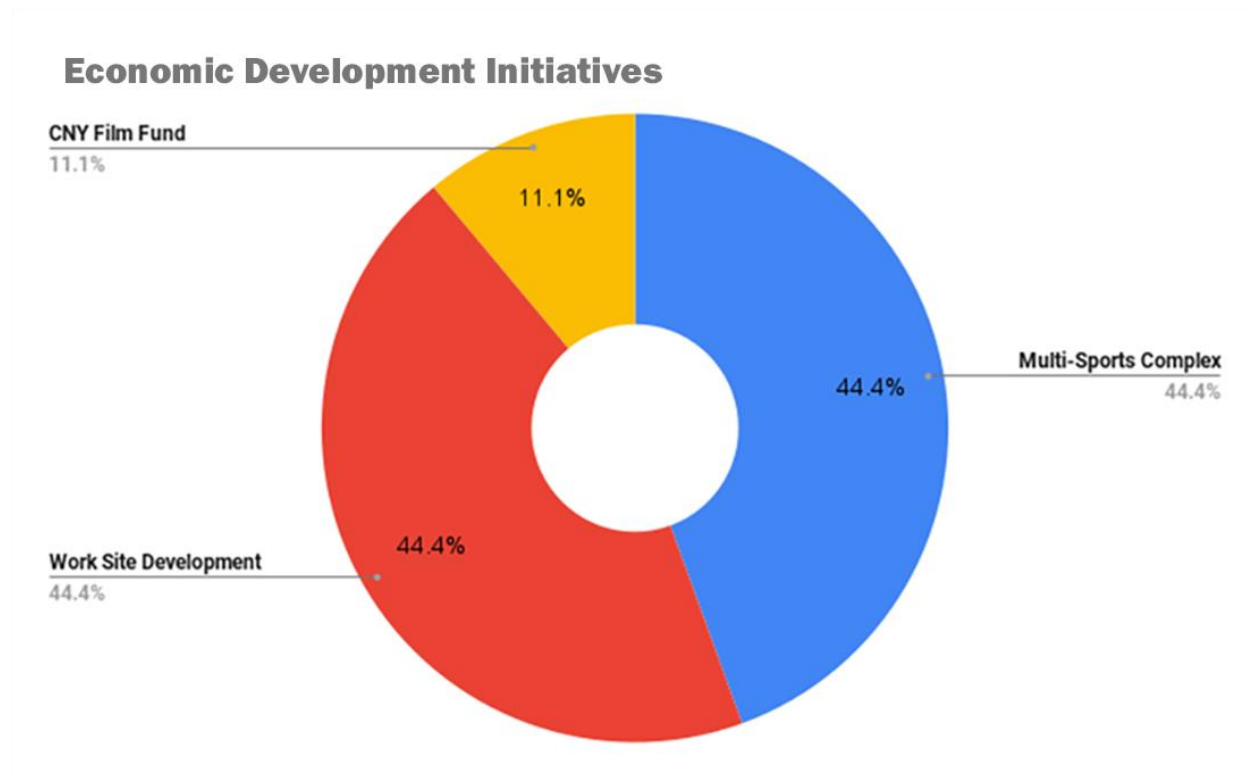
Over the past year, we have been heavily focused on supporting projects that will have a long-term impact on our economy. Through the hard work of our economic development team, we have continued to develop shovel ready sites, while also actively working with our legislators to gain approval to build transformational sport and leisure tourist attractions.

We have also continued our highly successful collaboration with CNY Arts through our CNY Film Incentive Fund. This partnership has been invaluable in providing job opportunities for our

underserved communities, minorities, and veterans, as well as new revenue for our hotels and restaurants, and retail stores.

The County is also continuing to assist the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency with a revolving loan fund that allows businesses site development incentives. We believe this fund is critical, as it provides our team with the flexibility to move quickly with companies interested in doing transformative economic development projects in our community.


With these funds, we must recognize that we have a once in a generation opportunity to secure monumental economic development opportunities that are inclusive of everyone. Our commitment remains to provide paths towards economic prosperity for everyone in our community.



Negative Economic Impacts

Central New York Film Incentive Fund

The Onondaga County Production Incentives for Movies and Entertainment Development (PRIMED) program is designed to incentivize professional filmmaking activity in Onondaga County for the purpose of economic development. This program provides a monetary rebate on qualified expenses for productions that generate professional theatrical movies, television pilots,



and high-end commercial filming activity in Onondaga County. Productions are anticipated to average between \$600,000 to \$3,000,000 in our locality through a typical 30-day production cycle for principal photography for each production. Most of the productions bring highly sought out-of-state revenue to the region, generating new economic activity for our businesses and constituents. This vital source of economic activity will help keep our local artists, craftspeople, and industry professionals working when they are still severely underemployed or unemployed due to the pandemic.

PRIMED also provides additional financial incentives for hiring local residents from underserved communities, particularly minorities, as well as workforce development opportunities for college students and our region's 30,000+ military veterans. At a time when many businesses are struggling to remain open, the revenue from film productions is giving relief to local hotels, restaurants, craft services, home hardware centers, car rental companies, retail stores, and many other industry-related service companies.

The projected impact for PRIMED comes from a similar state-funded grant that supported seven feature-length films through 2020. These films generated over 100,000 labor hours for Central New York residents and each production created, on average, 65 full-time-equivalent jobs for the productions locally. We anticipate the budgets of the productions will continue to get larger as on-location filming continues to grow in popularity due to New York's competitive film tax credit program. This funding will help to generate the needed sources for new revenue for local businesses while also employing our local creatives, technicians, administrators, and other professionals in supporting industries.

Mental Health Services in Schools

The School Based Initiatives Expansion of Mental Health is supports children and youth across the county, in every school, and along all levels of need. Addressing the growing and diverse needs of the youth and families of Onondaga County, the expansion implements a Multi-Tiered System of Support model, based in values of culturally inclusive, trauma-informed, and youth-centered supports. In the first year of implementation, 15 Onondaga County School Districts expanded mental health supports through our Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists (Tier 1-Universal Support), ACCESS School Liaisons (Tier 2 Support), and School Based Mental Health Clinics (Tier 3 Support). As the 2021-2022 school year closes, the division is assessing a variety of aspects of the initial implementation to inform improvements for the 2022-2023 school year. Key areas of improvement for Year 2 include:

- Targeted partnership with school districts to develop and implement culturally inclusive and trauma informed MTSS through the provision and coordination of professional development and technical assistance.

- Improved efficacy of Tier 1-2 levels of support through staff engagement in evidence and research-based approaches and interventions.
- County-wide inter-district collaboration on shared initiatives that will benefit families and youth across the region such as Community Schools programming, Trauma, Illness, & Grief networks, and shared crisis prevention, intervention, and postvention resources.

Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Onondaga County has continued to prioritize the elimination of the digital divide in urban and rural communities that became a clear issue during the COVID-19 pandemic. The onset of the pandemic exponentially increased the need for broadband services for most businesses and education institutions either through supporting or requiring remote work and schooling. COVID-19 forced many aspects of our daily lives online, such as, virtual learning, working from home, online shopping, telemedicine, and simply staying connected to friends, family and colleagues. A lack of broadband access puts individuals and businesses at a huge disadvantage in succeeding either in school or in business. Onondaga County has made it a priority to ensure equal access to broadband is a priority for all residents of our county.

In June of 2022, Onondaga County began the process of moving forward with our plans by sending out a Request for Proposals to contract with internet service providers to build out fiber optics wiring to all the unserved and underserved areas within Onondaga County.

The county broadband project involves the following:

- Release of the RFP to several internet service providers and networking companies
- RFP detailed requirements of fiber project, expectations of service delivery, speeds, pricing, equipment, etc.
- RFP will require costs, timeline, project plan, etc.
- Tentative project schedule is awards would be made in late 2022 and construction would be completed by the end of 2023
- Upon project completion all county residents and businesses would have broadband availability



Revenue Replacement

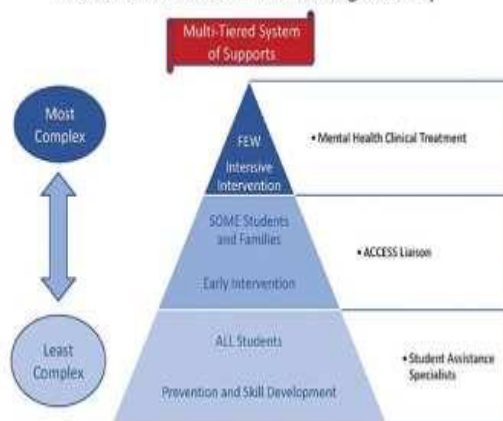
The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the dramatic steps taken by New York State to address it negatively impacted the state and local economies and financial condition for 2020. This resulted in lost revenue for the county of approximately \$74 million as calculated using the final rule guidance. In 2021, the national, state, and local economies improved dramatically driven by strong consumer spending that resulted in significant sales tax growth locally. Using the guidance from the final rule for calculating lost revenue, the county determined it lost \$5.9 million in 2021. To date, Onondaga County has lost an estimated \$80 million as a result of the pandemic for the 2020 and 2021 years.

Poverty

Mental Health in Schools

Onondaga County's School Based Initiatives Expansion of Mental Health will support children and youth across the county, in every school, and along all levels of need. This Multi-Tiered System of Support model will include the expansion of several child and family serving roles that were previously implemented in Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse. Onondaga County children/youth are currently experiencing high levels of stress, anxiety and depression as isolation and social/emotional trauma has been particularly acute during the pandemic. To meet the needs of the broader population of Onondaga County youth and families, this Expansion is implementing additional staffing.

Children's Mental Health and School Based Initiatives Expansion
Model for All Schools in Onondaga County



Catholic Charities Homeless Men's Shelter

Onondaga County is assisting in the completion and relocating an existing Men's Homeless Shelter. The modernized and updated shelter will better serve our community's homeless men. It is co-located with Catholic Charities rapid housing relocation program, will have on-site housing navigators, a culinary training program and a street level café that will employ some of the shelter residents. This holistic approach will also assist clients with mental health counseling, housing relocation, and reconnecting with family and community supports.

Our local Catholic Charities Men's Shelter provides emergency housing for the poorest of the poor in Onondaga County. Most men present with no income and must apply for Public Assistance and/or Social Security Income while staying at the shelter. This shelter currently serves a high percentage of men with complex mental health issue and often, men who frequent this facility have tremendous difficulty successfully living in any permanent housing.



Infrastructure

Road and Bridge work

The County has made a historic investment in our infrastructure both above and below ground. Part of this investment was an additional five-million-dollar infusion to the overall 2021 Road Work Plan for a total investment of nearly thirty-five million dollars. This allowed us to address issues with over 210 miles of County Highway's. This project accomplished its goal of enhancing our neighborhoods allowing for easier travel for residents and visitors, while also providing safer roadways for our community. This project was completed in the fall of 2021.



Infrastructure Maintenance Equipment

Onondaga County allocated some of the ARPA funds for the replacement of outdated and inefficient infrastructure equipment in our Department of Transportation. During the pandemic, county staff were asked to do even more with less and it highlighted the critical need to invest in resources that allow them to operate in their jobs effectively and efficiently. This will enable the county to be more efficient moving forward

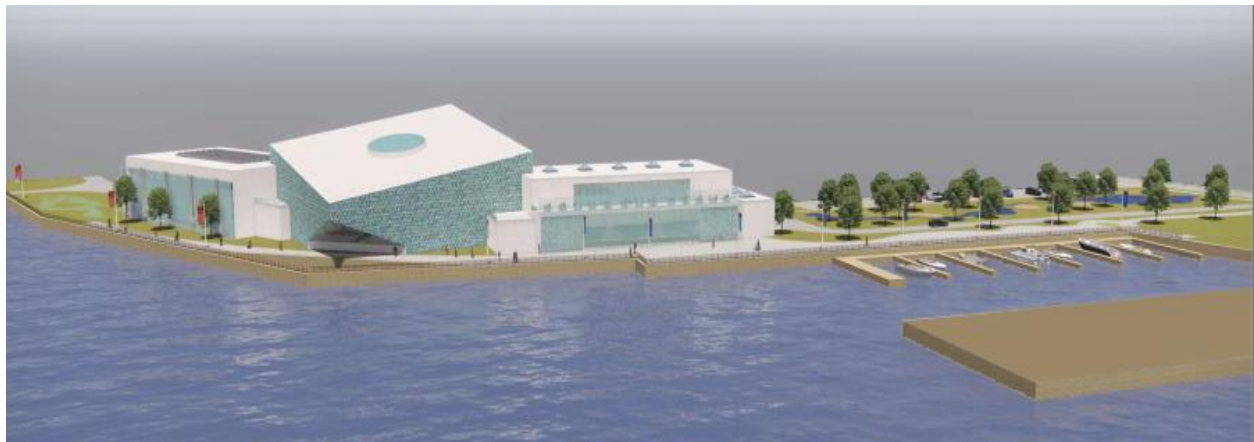
Parks/Facility Equipment

These funds were used to invest in these parks and facility equipment and these improvements have allowed our employees to be more effective and efficient in their everyday work, while improving our parks for the public to enjoy. This project was completed earlier this year in 2022.



Lakefront Development Study

Onondaga County Parks conducted a market feasibility study to gauge support for a transformational urban tourism and economic development project to be built on the Shore of Onondaga Lake, located in the City of Syracuse. The study evaluated potential market support, usage forecasts and project financial performance. The study is complete, and the project is in the process of being evaluated by our County Legislature for approval. If approved, this project will serve as a tourism and economic development driver while will also providing job opportunities for those in our city center.



Conceptual drawing of the proposed Onondaga County Aquarium

Carnegie Building Renovation

Our facilities team has continued their work on the rehabilitation of our historic Carnegie Building located in our vibrant and growing downtown. Onondaga County is completing the necessary



renovations, breathing life back into the building. Staying true to its intended purpose of remaining a building accessible to the public, the county intends to bring together various departments to make this a one-stop-shop for developers and others seeking to do business in Onondaga County. Departments set to relocate to this location include the offices of Onondaga County Economic Development, Onondaga County Community Development, and the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency. Consolidation will also free up space in the Civic Center office building

allowing other county departments to expand and better accommodate the people we serve. This project is on track to be completed in the Fall of 2022.

Economic Development and Tourism

Every day we continue to work tirelessly on bringing our local economy back to the momentum we had right before we were struck by the pandemic. At that time, Onondaga County was thriving, and we were at the start of several transformational projects that would have changed the entire landscape of our community. Throughout the pandemic, we continued to work hard to compete for and advance several large economic development projects that we had been actively pursuing prior to the pandemic. We continue to work diligently with our local community partners and our local business to ensure our community's economic success. Since last year, we have provided funds to our local IDA to further develop shovel ready properties, so that projects are quick to come online. We also plan to advance our sports tourism plan this year by pursuing our multi-sports complex which will bring visitors to the area resulting in hotel stays and traffic to our restaurants that were devastated as a result of the pandemic. In addition, our CNY Film fund has taken off, providing jobs to our local minority, women, and veterans communities. We also continue to make efforts to provide transportation solutions, training, and job opportunities for our residents

Multi-Sports Complex

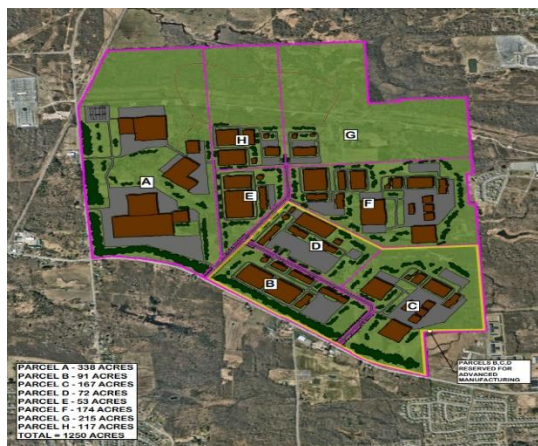
The envisioned Onondaga County Sports Complex would address opportunities and needs related to the growing sports tourism market in Onondaga County. This effort would boost the local economy through increased local spending and enhanced opportunities for local,

underserved amateur sports and recreation users in our community. The proposed complex would consist of approximately ten full-sized multisport, rectangle shaped, synthetic turf fields including one championship field and one field with a year-round bubble structure. Additional characteristics and amenities include state-of-the-art lighting for all fields, multiple restroom and concession facilities, a field operation building and other amenities to accommodate players and their families. We anticipate this project will move forward with a Request for Proposals for design and construction in the fall of 2022.



Site Development

We continue to work with the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) to advance the Agency's goals and mission by establishing a revolving loan fund. Economic development opportunities advanced by OCIDA would fuel and accelerate the economic progress, general prosperity and workforce development for the benefit of the Onondaga County community. The loan from Onondaga County to OCIDA is being used, as needed, to advance, expand and support asset development and remediation; acquire and market project sites to a broader scope of businesses; attract high tech industries; and create high paying, quality jobs for our diverse citizenry. OCIDA will reimburse Onondaga County from the Agency fees it collects from the projects receiving financial assistance.





Promoting equitable outcomes

Promoting equitable outcomes is a critical component to ensuring equal opportunities to all residents within a community. The COVID 19 pandemic impacted all our county residents, but particularly our low income, homeless residents, seniors, and our children. We identified specific problems and are addressing these issues through specific projects including our Mental Health in Schools initiative, the CNY Film Fund incentive, and our broadband for all project.


Mental Health Services in Schools

The Expansion of School Based Mental Health Supports brings mental health staff and supports to rural and small school districts that do not receive outside resources as often as larger districts and schools closer to city-centers. The outcomes of the Expansion of School Based Mental Health Supports focus on reaching universal levels of service and access to social and mental health supports and interventions for all school aged children and youth and their families. Another projected outcome is targeted reduction in behavioral health disparities and increase in social emotional well-being for students of color in suburban school districts and all students in rural school districts.

People who live in impoverished neighborhoods have disproportionately felt the negative impact of the COVID pandemic. Children of color, and children who live in impoverished neighborhoods have, overall, poorer behavioral health outcomes than their white, more affluent counterparts. Children living in poverty, who are disproportionately of color or live in very rural communities, were less likely to have access to technology that would keep them connected to the outside world during the isolation of the COVID 19 pandemic. Isolation for these children, and all children, led to an increase in mental health concerns, including feelings of depression, anxiety, and loneliness.

As part of the Expansion of School Based Mental Health Supports, we have strategically recruited, hired, and trained non-clinical Black professionals and professionals of color to address under-representation of staff of color in school communities. Forty-one Student Engagement Specialists, who support social emotional health at the Tier 1 level, were hired, with over 55% being staff of color. The placement of staff of color in suburban and rural districts, where the students of color see little to no representation among school staff, supports engagement of those students and families with school-based supports as the staff of color act as credible messengers in building bridges between communities of color and formal mental health treatment and support.

As we have found through our significant investment in school-based clinics for the last twenty years, co-location of outpatient children's mental health care within the school setting is an approach that advances access to quality behavioral healthcare and improves academic outcomes. This partnership provides a unique opportunity to identify those children and families who might not otherwise seek, or have access to, treatment and strengthens the capacity for



earlier recognition and treatment options. Co-location fosters an atmosphere that recognizes the interconnectedness between education and mental health and paves the way to improved outcomes.

The first step of the Expansion planning included dialogues with each partnering school district. As primary partners in this project, each school district is supporting the communication of the services to their families, students, staff, and stakeholders. Each school district tailors their communication to meet the unique needs of their school community. Additionally, new Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists work from school buildings, attending school-community events to help promote opportunities for their support, to be visible and accessible to the communities they serve.


All students are equally able to access the supports provided through the Promise Zone and ACCESS Liaisons programs. There are no administrative requirements that would result in disparities in access to services or eligibility. While this funding supports the start-up costs of the School Based Clinics, the medical insurance construct may make the clinical services cost-prohibitive for some individuals.

The addition of the ACCESS School Liaisons, made possible through use of available funds, afford direct connection to community-based resources that can eliminate barriers to success in home, school, and community success for students and families living in rural communities.

Central New York Film Incentive Fund

We are continuing our highly successful partnership with CNY Arts/PRIMED. Last spring, we launched the Central New York Film Incentive Fund. Through this program, our partner PRIMED is providing additional financial incentives for hiring local residents from underserved communities, particularly minorities, as well as workforce development opportunities for college students and our region's 30,000+ military veterans.

The County was chosen for films including Manodrone, the Binge 2 and Miguel Wants to Fight. The revenue from these productions has given relief to local hotels, restaurants, craft services, home hardware centers, car rental companies, retail stores, and many other industry-related service companies. In addition, the Innovation Group of CNY Arts (IGCNYA) is receiving applications from PRIMED of eligible productions, to be reviewed by an independent panel of industry experts, who then assess the suitability of each production on the basis of feasibility, creative merit, and anticipated economic impact. Applications are competitive. If approved, panelists may also award an additional incentive bonus depending on the degree of diversity and/or representation among cast and crew. Funding determinations are awarded as an “up to” amount, an estimate based on the submission of a preliminary production budget; disbursements may vary according to the amount of qualified local expenditure actually incurred within Onondaga County.



All three of the films that are being filmed here were eligible for additional bonus points in their rebate percentage due to the Diversity & Inclusion criteria (D&I).

Manodrome: 27% (+2 Bump for D&I)

Binge 2: 27% (+2 Bump for D&I)

Miguel Wants to Fight: 29% (+4 D&I)

Our D&I criteria focus on the following:

- Demographics of production leadership (Director/Writer/Producers/Etc)
- Demographics of Primary talent:
- Demographics of Secondary/Extra talent:
- Demographics of the crew.
- Minority-based story.

Community Engagement

Over the past year we have significantly increased our engagement with the elected officials and the public through multiple presentations at our county legislature, direct meetings with other public officials, and answering questions proposed by our constituents, community newspaper and news stations.

The County Executive has continued to discuss our plans for use of the ARPA funds in multiple public settings with community stakeholders including the State of the County speech on March 23, 2022, in a tele-town hall on May 25, 2022, and most recently in a Community Business Roundtable. Additional outreach is planned at various community centers, rotary clubs and similar type community groups.

In addition, we recently launched an on-line website that highlights the details of the plan and will provide periodic updates on expenditures. The link is located on both the Onondaga County Executive and Onondaga County main websites. The website can be accessed at <https://americanrescueplan.ongov.net/>



Labor Practices

Onondaga County infrastructure projects include a 30% Equal Employment Opportunity labor participation goal as well as a 30% Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) utilization goal. The Onondaga County Office of Diversity and Inclusion employs three full-time staff to monitor and uphold Equal Employment Opportunity EEO, Minority, Women, Business Enterprises (MWBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goals. These employees regularly meet with local business groups to help create opportunities for our local workforce and businesses. All work on County infrastructure projects is subject to prevailing wage under Article 8 of the New York State Labor Law. Federally funded projects adhere to goals as specified within the contract.

6. Use of Evidence

Onondaga County will use evidenced based interventions where appropriate. Two areas where we will use evidence-based interventions include our Mental Health Clinics in Schools project and Broadband for all.

Mental Health Clinics in schools

The supports included in the Expansion of School Based Mental Health Supports were determined through the evidence based Multi-Tiered System of Support framework. MTSS is an evidence-based framework for effectively integrating multiple systems and services to simultaneously address students' academic achievement, behavior, and social-emotional well-being. The MTSS framework, recognizes that the successful implementation of intensive individualized interventions at the highest Tier 3 is enhanced by the successful implementation of Tier 1 (universal) and Tier 2 (targeted) supports and interventions. The funds will support the startups of School-Based Mental Health clinics, a Tier 3 support, as well as staffing Tier 1 and 2 supports through the Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists and the ACCESS Liaisons. A significant portion of the mental health interventions used by the clinicians are delivered following an evidence-based protocol to fidelity. (e.g., Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), while Promise Zone specialists are also trained in a variety of Evidence Based interventions including Collaborative Problem Solving, Trauma Informed Practices, and other school-based interventions.

Broadband: Last Mile Project

Onondaga County's broadband initiative supports Project Demographic Distribution (for Low Income Communities). Our main focus is to build infrastructure and high-speed internet services to the unserved areas of our county, but this project will also bring high speed internet, including low income plans to lower income residents of our rural communities.

Speeds/pricing tiers to be offered, including the speed/pricing of its affordability offering

- Onondaga will be releasing an RFP where minimum of 100 Mbps by 100 Mbps speed options are required of the awarded vendor(s) providing internet service
- Low-income internet offerings will be available for eligible residents

Technology to be deployed

- Fiberoptics internet with a possibility of high-speed wireless technology where fiber runs are cost prohibitive largely due to terrain

Miles of Fiber

- A minimum of 193 miles of fiber will be run to address gaps where fiber or coaxial cable does not exist. Additionally, it is anticipated that dozens of more miles (TBD) will have to be run for contiguous connectivity to Network Operation Centers / Colocations.

Cost per mile

- TBD. Will be based on proposals submitted for the RFP

Cost per passing

- TBD. Will be based on proposals submitted for the RFP

Number of households (based on unserved survey)

Tribal Lands: 306 - 376

Non-Tribal Lands: 863 – 1027

Number of households with access to minimum speed standard of reliable 100 Mbps symmetrical upload and download: 1169 – 1400

The number of households with access to minimum speed standard of reliable 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload: 1169 – 1400 **Note:** 100 Mbps symmetrical upload and download will be a minimum requirement of the RFP

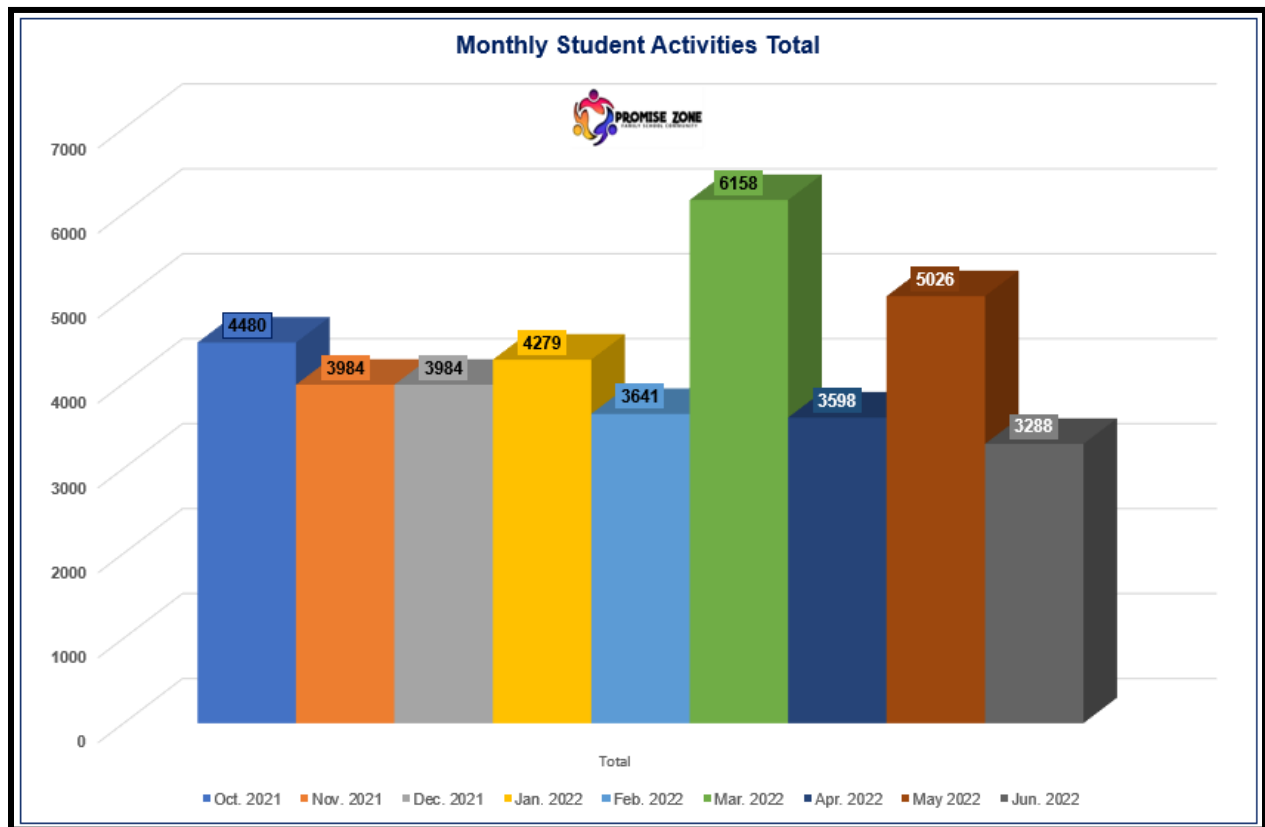
The number of institutions and businesses (broken out by institutions on Tribal lands and those not on Tribal Lands) projected to have increased access to broadband meeting the minimum speed standards in areas that previously lacked access to service of at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload, in each of the following categories: business, small business, elementary school, secondary school, higher education institution, library, healthcare facility, and public safety organization. **This data is not currently available.**

Performance Report

Information regarding the performance report can be found on the attached project inventory chart. For school based mental, we have provided a detailed synopsis of that programs below.

The Expansion of School Based Mental Health supports as a new project in Onondaga County schools will monitor progress and success of implementation by tracking the following:

- 64 schools have new Access Liaison support.
- 1701 Families served through the ACCESS liaisons (October-June)
- 32 School Based Clinics have opened in the expansion in 13 districts. Currently, 511 youth are being served at these clinics (255 at Helio, 131 at Liberty, 125 at ARISE).
- Additionally, 2 schools have an approved PAR but are still waiting on operating certificates and 3 schools have submitted PARS and are waiting for approval.
- **56 schools in 14** Onondaga County Districts have Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists due to the Expansion
 - 41 FTE Promise Zone Specialists have been allocated to support these 56 schools, as some roles are split between buildings within districts.
 - 37 of these roles are currently filled as of May 1, 2022, with candidates identified for the remaining vacancies to begin in May.
 - 14/16 County School Districts have Promise Zone support
(Fabius Pompey is planning to start in 2022 school year, Fayetteville is considering the position)
- **Promise Zone Outcome Data from October 2021 – June 2022**
(During the month of September, data collection system was developed and Specialists focused on building relationships with students and staff)
- **5,699 individual youth** served by Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists
- **84,268** Interventions implemented with youth by PZ Student Engagement Specialists
- *Interventions defined as direct support provided to a student or group of students: Check-ins, Restorative Conversations and Circles, De-Escalations, Skills Groups, and Supportive Interactions*
- **817** Family Contacts
- **11,553** Faculty/School Personnel Consultations and Support Meetings
- **125** Referrals made to more targeted interventions and support outside of the school and school-based initiatives.



Additional Promise Zone Program Updates: April – July 2022

Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists were found at field trips, festivals, and moving up celebrations across Onondaga County as schools closed the 2021-2022 year. Promise Zone High School specialists are often not only in attendance at their Graduation ceremonies but are often proud and active participants. Baldwinsville High School Promise Zone Specialists Dajuan Coleman and Frank Smith supported the graduation ceremony directly, standing on stage with graduates and school personnel, and leading students in out of the auditorium at the conclusion of the ceremony.

This summer, many Promise Zone SES are supporting their schools and districts in summer school and other summer programming. Additionally, the Promise Zone program partnered with OCM BOCES to support Onondaga County BOCES secondary education and Adolescent Day Treatment programs to provide additional support for students in need support, guidance, and engagement. Eight PZSES also volunteered to spend their summer supporting the residents at Hillbrook where they are facilitating enrichment, wellness, and development activities.

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		Current	Total Cumulative	Current	Total Cumulative
Project	Project Name	Expenditures	Expenditures	Obligations	Obligations
700900022	Mental Health Clinics in schools	\$ 209,904.97	\$ 1,496,369.22	\$ 639,781.03	\$ 2,136,150.25

Additional information about the Supports Across the Tiers

Tier 3: School Based Mental Health Treatment

Provided by	OMH Licensed Outpatient Mental Health Clinics
Area Supported	All Districts – Tier 3
Staffing Planned	Support expansion at a rate of .5 FTE per school (40 total).

What Clinicians Do:

Clinicians provide in-school behavioral health assessment, diagnosis, and ongoing symptom reduction treatment. They serve as a team member in identifying techniques to support the child in different settings (classroom, home, cafeteria). This strategy allows for ongoing care of district children while minimizing missed instruction time.

Tier 2: ACCESS Liaisons

Provided by	ACCESS -Coordinated Care Services Inc, on behalf of Onondaga County
Area Supported	All Districts – Tier 2-3
Staffing Planned	8 staff; liaisons are assigned to each district

What Liaisons Do:

Establish relationships with schools and take referrals to support children and families when child welfare concerns are present, but the issues do not rise to the level of calling the CPS hotline. Work to assess, support, and plan with children and families experiencing social and

emotional challenges. Families can self-refer with concerns. Provide technical assistance/consultation to school staff when challenged with where to go next with cases.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	\$0.0	\$0.0
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$23,712,360.70	\$22,437,469.90
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$132,988.84	\$132,998.84

Project Inventory

The complete project inventory is attached as a separate report. It contains information on the project overview, use of evidence if applicable and performance report key indicators if appropriate.