

# Onondaga County, New York Recovery Plan Performance Report July 31,2024

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** 

# Onondaga County July 31, 2024- Recovery Plan

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#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

# **Executive Summary**

As we will outline in our Fourth Annual Recovery Performance Report, Onondaga County's comeback is strong. To date, we have made tremendous progress completing 8 of our 17 projects with several others nearly complete. Through the dedicated efforts of our county team, we have been able to make significant investments in our infrastructure, our economic future and address our social service needs.

This funding has allowed us to make strategic investments into the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our people but by far, our biggest achievement has been our advancement of the county's Micron Technology project, the most transformational economic development project in our country's history. Through the ongoing efforts of the county team, Micron Technology will soon break ground on the first of the four planned megafabs. Between these fabs and the accompanying supply chain partners, we will create to up to 50,000 jobs in our community.

Onondaga County has already completed many of our signature projects including addressing issues in school-based mental health, completion of a new homeless shelter and finalizing effective neighborhood revitalization projects. We have also begun work on two new initiatives. The first focuses on addressing delays in early intervention and the second provides resources to our health department through our public health fellows program.

All these plans were inspired and developed through our core platform areas in poverty, infrastructure and economic development.

#### **Use of Funds**

## Poverty, Infrastructure and Economic Development

Onondaga County's mission has always been to make poverty a temporary moment in time for someone. We know that to be successful, the county needs to implement a community-wide approach to address the complex, multigenerational issues that result in individuals and families to live in poverty. This funding has enabled us to focus on critical issues affecting our most vulnerable residents and ensure they had the support and services they needed.

We also were able to complete infrastructure work, update our parks equipment and complete a lakefront development study. These were important pieces to the puzzle to get our County back on track.

We also used these funds to revive and accelerate our local economy and the momentum we experienced before being 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 past three years, we have successfully advanced several large economic development projects that we had been actively pursuing prior to the pandemic. Knowing that shovel ready sites are critical, we provided funds to our local IDA to further develop shovel ready properties, so that projects are quick to come online. Our CNY Film fund also continues to thrive, with particular success employing our local minority, women, and veteran's communities.

#### **Promoting equitable outcomes**

Promoting equitable outcomes continues to be a priority. 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 continuing to address these issues through targeted projects such as our Mental Health in Schools initiative, the CNY Film Fund incentive, as well as finally ending the digital divide with investment in broadband access throughout the county. The Mental Health in Schools initiative was so successful that we have made it a permanent part of our ongoing initiatives in our yearly County budget.

#### Mental Health Services in Schools

The Expansion of School Based Mental Health Supports has brought mental health staff and supports to rural and small school districts that have not received outside resources that larger districts and schools closer to city-centers have received. 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 as well as 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.

It has been well documented that the Covid-19 pandemic disproportionately affected among children of color among others, especially those living in poverty. Additional factors such as limited access to technology further exacerbated the problem for all children but especially the aforementioned had led to significant increase in mental health concerns, including feelings of depression, anxiety and loneliness.

Our expansion of school based mental health supports, included the strategic recruitment of nonclinical Black professionals and professionals of color and those efforts have been and continue to be very successful. With the addition of these credible messengers, we are building bridges between communities of color and formal mental health treatment and support.

Our significant investment in school-based clinics and co-location of outpatient children's mental health care within the school setting has been successful. that advances access to quality behavioral healthcare and improves academic outcomes. This unique partnership has not only identified families that might not have access or even treatment and provided desperately needed resources and treatment.

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. This has been critical to the success of the program.

#### **Central New York Film Incentive Fund**

The Onondaga County Production Incentives for Movies and Entertainment Development (PRIMED) program was designed to incentivize professional filmmaking activity in Onondaga County with the specific focus 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 that successfully apply for the program are projected to generate between \$600,000 to \$3,000,000 in local economic impacts. Many of the productions bring highly sought out-of-state revenue to the region, generating new economic activity for our local businesses. This vital source of economic activity keeps our local artists, craftspeople and industry professionals working when many are still severely underemployed or unemployed due to the lingering effects of the pandemic.

PRIMED also provides additional financial incentives for hiring local residents from underserved communities, workforce development opportunities for college students and our region's 30,000+ military veterans. At a time when many businesses still are struggling to remain open, the revenue from film productions provides desperately needed 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.

#### **Broadband infrastructure**

Substantial progress has been made in our commitment to elimination of the digital divide. The onset of the pandemic not only resulted in a significant need for broadband services, but also further amplified the digital divide that has existed in our community. For too long our community talked about ending the digital divide, but that has finally turned into action.

Onondaga County awarded a contract to internet service provider Verizon to build out fiber optics wiring to all the unserved and underserved areas within Onondaga County. This project is well underway, and we expect this project to be completed in 2024.

#### **Community Engagement**

We continue to engage with the public, elected officials our county legislature, other public officials, and constituents as well as local media.

In addition, as needed we update our website that highlights the details of the plan The link is located on both the Onondaga County Executive and Onondaga County main websites. The website can be accessed at <a href="https://americanrescueplan.ongov.net/">https://americanrescueplan.ongov.net/</a>

#### **Labor Practices**

All 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 has full-time staff that monitors and upholds 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.

#### Use of Evidence

Onondaga County will use evidenced based interventions where appropriate.

#### **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 include low-income plans to lower income residents of our rural communities.

All three regions within our Broadband Project are progressing. The Northwest Region is on track to be completed first. The other two regions are also making good progress.

To date approximately 320 miles of 345 miles of fiber has been run throughout the region and about 92% of all unserved addresses are complete. In addition, 66 Percent of the unserved homes in scope now have broadband internet available.

#### **Mental Health Clinics in schools**

#### Mental Health in Schools -

The School Based Initiatives Expansion of Mental Health supports children and youth across the county, in every school, and along all levels of need to successfully address 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.

#### A. Public Health

- The funds are supporting the implementation of staffing and school-based supports to address the public health impact of the pandemic as evidenced by local mental health indicators, such as increased number of youth exhibiting needs for mental health crisis intervention (CPEP).
- Beginning in April 2020, the proportion of children's mental health-related ED visits among all pediatric ED visits increased and remained elevated. Compared with 2019, the proportion of mental health-related visits for children aged 5–11 and 12–17 years increased approximately 24% and 31%, respectively

#### Uses of Evidence

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). 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, Tier 3 is enhanced by the successful implementation of Tier 1 (universal) and Tier 2 (targeted) supports and interventions. The funds has supported the start ups 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 ACESS 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.

#### **Revenue Replacement**

In an effort to address the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State took extraordinary and unprecedented actions in the interest of public health. These actions however had a severe negative effect on the local economy with Onondaga County being no exception. More specifically, it negatively impacted the state and the local economies and financial condition for 2020 and beyond. The total in loss revenue for the county has exceeded \$125 million as a result of the pandemic for the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

# **Performance by Project Category**

#### **Broadband- The Digital Divide**

Appropriated Amount: \$15,000,000.00

Expended Amount: \$8,145.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

# **Project Summary**

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that access to reliable broadband internet is a vital resource for community in the 21st Century. From education to healthcare jobs and agriculture our future relies on access to the internet. This project will address the digital divide in our community by bringing broadband to all areas not currently served by broadband providers. In putting together this plan, Onondaga County partnered with the Central New York Regional Planning Board and ECC Technologies, LLC to conduct a survey of community in July 2021. A formal RFP to solicit a vendor for services was sent out in June 2022. Verizon was the chosen vendor. To date approximately 320 miles 345 miles of fiber has been run and about 92% of all unserved addresses are complete. In addition, 66 Percent of the unserved homes in scope now have broadband internet available. 6 addresses that were discovered to be unserved during the project: work was recently started for these homes and the projected is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

#### **Onondaga County Lead Initiative**

Appropriated Amount: \$3,726,082.00

**Expended Amount: \$465,675.75** 

**Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement** 

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County, like many other communities across the country, has been working for years to address the ongoing lead issues in our neighborhoods. The county has always been a leader in this issue and recently decided to reallocate some ARPA funds to work toward resolving it. This money will now be used to increase testing, implement our "Lead it Go project", and provide for additional community outreach. We will also address lead hazards in the community through the Window and Door Replacement Program, by increasing our community partnership funding, through support of remediation of high-cost units and by enhancing lead hazard identification infrastructure.

# **Parks/Facility Funding**

Appropriated Amount: \$ 105,756.97 Expended Amount: \$ 105,756.97

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

# **Project Summary**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there has a significant increase in visitors to our Onondaga County Parks system. To keep up with the level of service needed and to increase efficiency for our employees, the county used funding to replace outdated parks equipment. This project has been completed.

#### **Lakefront Development Study**

Appropriated Amount: \$ 129,979.72 Expended Amount: \$ 129,979.72

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County Parks conducted a market feasibility study to gauge support for an urban tourism and economic development project to be built in Onondaga County. The study evaluated potential market support, usage forecasts, project financial performance. It also provided critical guidance for design and operations. The consultant team conducting this study also sought input from various community members/groups. This study was completed in 2022.

## **Infrastructure Maintenance Equipment**

Appropriated Amount: \$ 1,996,083.00 Expended Amount: \$ 1,996,083.00

**Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement** 

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

# **Project Summary**

Onondaga County Department of Transportation will use these funds for the replacement of outdated equipment in their department. These funds were used for road equipment including pavers, excavators, payloaders and chippers. Acquisition of this equipment allowed this department to work more effectively and efficiently. This project was completed in 2022.

#### **Carnegie Building Renovations**

Appropriated Amount: \$4,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$3,985,083.05

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

This \$4M County project involved the rehabilitation of the historic Carnegie building that has been mostly vacant since the Syracuse City School District ceased operating it as a special education program location in 2011 and returned it to Onondaga County. The county completely renovated the building to allow for the relocation of our county economic development, community development, and the Syracuse/Onondaga Planning Agency to allows for a one-stop shop for developers and the community to spur economic development and community projects that are assisting in our county's recovery from the pandemic.

# **Road and Bridge Work**

Appropriated Amount: \$5,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$5,000,000.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

# **Project Summary**

The County made a historic infrastructure investment that of an additional \$5M to the overall 2021 Highway Work Plan (\$35M) that resulted in paving over 210 miles of County roads.

#### **CNY Arts Film Incentives**

Appropriated Amount: \$5,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$2,208,852.10

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

This CNY Arts Film Incentive fund is an economic development initiative that will award production incentives to qualified film project with the aim to stimulate the local economy, expand workforce opportunities, increase the capacity of our filmmaking expertise, and introduce film professionals to the many benefits of filming in Central New York. In addition to stimulating economic revitalization, the program will specifically reward the expansion of the cultural sector while building out the local filmmaking capacity that will attract filmmakers after incentives have been spent. This program will provide incentive bonuses for career development and inclusion among approved projects from underrepresented or minority communities and veterans. This project will be ongoing.

# **Site Development & Workforce Incentives**

Appropriated Amount: \$ 20,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$19,729,708.62

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

# **Project Summary**

To remain competitive, stimulate economic development and encourage job creation and retention, Onondaga County will 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 welfare, general prosperity, and workforce development for the benefit of the Onondaga County community. The loan from Onondaga County to OCIDA is to be used, as needed, to advance, expand and support asset development and remediation, to acquire and

market project sites to a broader scope of businesses, attract high tech industries and create the high paying jobs for our diverse citizenry. OCIDA will reimburse Onondaga County from the Agency fees it collects from the projects receiving financial assistance through tax abatement.

#### White Pine Business Park Development

**Appropriated Amount: \$ 25,000,000.00** 

Expended Amount: \$8,595,850.37

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County is using these funds to support development at the White Pine Business Park as we prepare the infrastructure and workforce for the recently announced \$100 billion Micron Semi-Conductor Manufacturing complex project. This once in a lifetime transformational economic development opportunity will completely transform the county over the next 20 years. This will result in the creation of over 9,000 jobs on site and bring 40,000 spin-off jobs to the area. These funds to pay for necessary physical infrastructure improvements that will include road improvements and site clearing, as well as providing critical workforce and community infrastructure improvements.

#### Men's Homelessness Shelter -Catholic Charities

Appropriated Amount: \$ 2,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$ 2,000,000.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

To assist our homeless population, Onondaga County completed a \$2 million investment, in partnership with Catholic Charities, to provide a newly renovated men's homeless shelter in the City of Syracuse. In addition to the 100 beds for homeless men, this new shelter is also provide

expanded services including mental health services and a health clinic on site. This project is complete.

#### **Mental Health in Schools**

Appropriated Amount: \$5,500,000.00 Expended Amount: \$5,231,900.77

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: More than 50% complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Recognizing that our kids have been silent victims of this pandemic, Onondaga County will provide \$5.5M to bring mental health support including mental health services in every school in Onondaga County offering critical preventative services. 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. These include 45 Promise Zone (PZ) Student Engagement Specialists, five additional Promise Zone Supervisors, 8 ACCESS Liaisons, and start-up funds for 64 School Based Mental Health Clinics.

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:

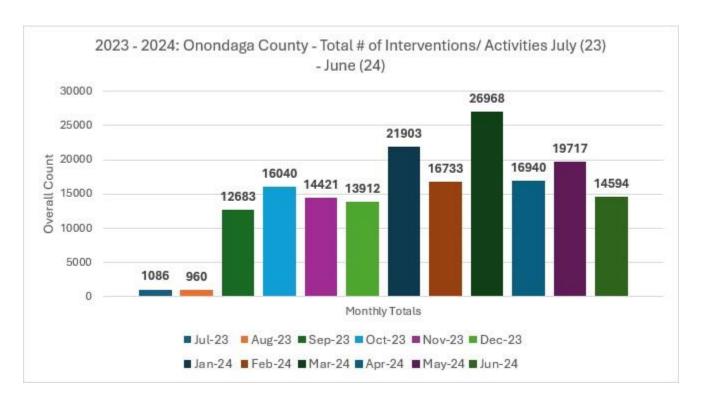
- 121 schools (88 due to the expansion) continued to have Access Liaison support from 23 liaisons
- 2,768 referrals were received across all 121 schools in Onondaga County through the school based referral process
- 3 new school based clinics were added to the 46 Clinics that opened in the first two years for a total of 49 new clinics in 16 districts in the last three years, including a new district Fayetteville Manlius, that was not served in the past. As a result of the expansion, there are now only two districts in the entire county (Fabius Pompey and Onondaga Central) that don't have at least one school-based clinic. Meetings are being held with these districts to explore options for implementation. With our most current point in time data,

**1833** youth were being served at the open clinics (476 at Helio, 828 at Liberty, 529 at ARISE).

- **55 schools in 15** Onondaga County Districts have Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists due to the Expansion
  - 47 FTE Promise Zone Specialists have been allocated to support these 55 schools, as some roles are split between buildings within districts.
  - o In the school year 2023-2024, Fayetteville-Manlius added **3** PZSES to support three buildings in their district.
  - In the school year 2024-2025, we will be adding 5 more PZSES to an existing District that we partner with to provide additional support.
- Promise Zone Outcome Data from July 2022 June 2023
   (During the months July August, specialists supported summer programming for youth.
   The official 2022-2023 school year began in September.)

Promise Zone Outcome Data from July 2023 – June 2024 (During the months July – August, specialists supported summer programming for youth. The official 2023-2024 school year began in September.)

- **6,604** individual youth served by Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists
- 176,137 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
- **2,037** Family Contacts
- **20,599** Faculty/School Personnel Consultations and Support Meetings
- **113** Referrals made to more targeted interventions and support outside of the school and school-based initiatives.
- **135** Referrals made to more targeted interventions and support outside of the school and school-based initiatives.



#### 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

#### 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

#### 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.

Tier 1: Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists

Provided by	Coordinated Care Services Inc, on behalf of Onondaga County
Area Supported	All Districts – Tier 1 and 2

#### What Student Engagement Specialists Do:

Expand/extend current student supports under the direction of social worker, psychologist, or counselor. Intervene with children in school setting that are experiencing social/emotional challenges through one to one and group settings. Teach children skills to manage emotions, use expressive language, and deepen relationships. Allows kids ability to stay in class and be ready to learn.

#### Non-Profit Veterans Initiative

Appropriated Amount: \$ 1,000,000.00

**Expended Amount: \$ 518,872.00** 

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: More than 50% complete** 

# **Project Summary**

Shape-Up for Veterans will assist in providing safe housing assistance for elderly veterans. Shape-Up is a home repair program, administered By Onondaga County Community Development. Eligible homeowners can apply for help to cover the costs of necessary home repairs. Eligibility will include veterans that are at least 62 years of age, owner occupied at least one year. Have property taxes that are current, valid homeowners' insurance, honorably served in the US Military and household size and income fall within specific guidelines.

#### **Early Intervention**

Appropriated Amount: \$300,000.00

**Expended Amount: \$0** 

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

These funds will provide incentive funding to EI providers to address disparities and reduce the time spent on a waiting list for speech services. There is a significant wait list for speech services in Onondaga County with around 250 children regularly on a waiting list for greater than 3 months. Currently, more than half of those children have been on the waiting list for greater than 3 months and 10% have not received services for over 9 months. A greater percentage of children not receiving services reside in the City of Syracuse.

Incentive funds to providers to: (1) offset mileage costs for speech pathologists; (2) offer stipend to individual itinerant providers in excess of their EI rate; (3) offer stipend to agency provider+D17s in excess of EI rate to serve City of Syracuse; and (4) provide stipend to offset costs for new speech pathologists to become eligible EI itinerant providers. Additionally, case management software will be purchased and implemented to expedite processes and improve service.

#### **Public Health Fellows**

Appropriated Amount: \$ 300,000.00

**Expended Amount: \$0** 

**Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement** 

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

Status: Less than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

We will provide continuation of essential Public Health Fellow work through 2024. Expand salary support to approximately 12 essential Public Health Fellows employed in the Department and throughout the community to the end of 2024. These fellows will engage in high priority work in maternal health, immigrant / refugee health, early childhood education and health, and increasing access to cancer screening services, among other essential activities. During this time the Fellows will be transitioned to new NYS DOH or Health Department grant funding and/or new

opportunities and initiatives within the Department, local health care and human services community.

#### **Emergency Response**

Appropriated Amount: \$214,000.00 Expended Amount: \$213,679.44

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services** 

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County will utilize ARPA funding to enhance emergency response and rescue capabilities in support of local fire departments, EMS agencies and law enforcement. The County has assessed its own capabilities through exercise programs and reviewed after action reports from incidents in other localities. Through this process we determined we need to enhance our response capabilities to rescue individuals who have come trapped or injured in different terrains and areas of our County. A vehicle will be procured that is capable of effectuating rescues in, but not limited to, snow covered streets, swamps, rough terrain, icy water and remote locations. The vehicle will be used in coordination with local agencies who have the primary responsibility to coordinate rescue efforts.

#### **Project inventory:**

Projects can be found on this link:

https://americanrescueplan.ongov.net/stimulus-projects/