



ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

# RECOVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

# Onondaga County July 31, 2025- Recovery Plan

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#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

# **Executive Summary**

This marks our fifth Annual Recovery Performance Report of Onondaga County's comeback story. To date, we have made tremendous progress with our American Rescue funds completing 15 of our 20 projects with several others near conclusion. 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 continued 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 break ground this November 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.

We have also made great strides in our build out of our state-of-the-art aquarium located on the bank of the Syracuse Inner Harbor. This approximately 76,000 sq ft facility will hold up to 550,000 gallons of water to showcase 21 signature exhibits and 9-10 jewel tanks. This projected is slated to open in July 2026.

In preparation for the expansion and construction of semiconductor manufacturing, the county has begun significant investments in upgrading our industrial wastewater to expand its capacity to manage increased wastewater flow from new facilities and due to the overall growth of industrial operations in this area of Onondaga County.

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

From the beginning, Onondaga County focused on supporting residents' recovery through a series of impactful initiatives. These included expanding mental health services in schools, helping veterans renovate their homes, establishing a men's shelter, ensuring county-wide broadband access, launching a highly effective lead abatement program, adding public health

fellows to strengthen the health department, and enhancing our social services through the integration of AI technology.

The County team also made key investments in infrastructure, including upgrades to roads and bridges, and the renovation of the historic Carnegie building—creating a centralized hub that now houses our economic development, planning, community development, and environment offices. Additionally, we improved several county parks and provided essential safety equipment to support our emergency management team.

In addition, we used these funds to revive and accelerate our local economy and the momentum allowed us to complete a number successful economic development projects. Our highly anticipated County Aquarium, our development in the inner harbor area will make Onondaga County a destination. We used funding to create shovel ready sites that we know are critical, to get projects online quickly. Our CNY Film fund continues to build on its previous year's success employing our local minority, women, and veteran's communities and creating a film ecosystem that grows each year employing more and more of our local residents.

#### **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. In the early days of this process, we identified specific problems and addressed these issues through targeted projects such as our Mental Health in Schools initiative, the CNY Film Fund incentive, and with our investment that has 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. Our ability to teach, train and employ local people through our investments in the film jobs has also been a gamechanger for all residents of our community. We also recently completed our implementation of broadband across our county. This was an important step in ensuring that all our residents were able to have the ability to access the internet and compete for jobs

# **Community Engagement**

As always, 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 has used evidenced based interventions where appropriate.

## **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 \$176 million as a result of the pandemic for the years of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

# **Performance by Project Category**

# **POVERTY**

**Broadband- The Digital Divide** 

Appropriated Amount: \$11,111,820.00

Expended Amount: \$8,481,720.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

## Status: Complete (Waiting to pay out outstanding invoices)

#### **Project Summary**

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored that reliable broadband internet is a vital resource for communities in the 21st century. From education and healthcare to jobs and agriculture, our future depends on access to the internet. This project addressed the digital divide in our community by expanding broadband access to all areas previously unserved by existing providers. To develop this plan, Onondaga County partnered with the Central New York Regional Planning Board and ECC Technologies, LLC to conduct a community-wide survey in July 2021. A formal RFP was issued, and the contract was awarded to Verizon in 2022. The work on this project was successfully completed.

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

Appropriated Amount: \$3,726,082.00 Expended Amount: \$2,603,879.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

Status: More than 50% complete

# **Project Summary**

Onondaga County, like many communities across the country, had been working for years to address ongoing lead issues in its neighborhoods. As a long-standing leader in this effort, the County chose to allocate a portion of its ARPA funds to further advance lead hazard reduction. These funds were used to expand testing, implement the "Lead it Go" project, and increase community outreach. The County also addressed lead hazards through the Window and Door Replacement Program, increased funding for community partnerships, supported the remediation of high-cost units, and enhanced lead hazard identification infrastructure.

#### Men's Homeless 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 support the homeless population, Onondaga County completed a \$2 million investment in partnership with Catholic Charities to renovate a men's homeless shelter in the City of Syracuse. In addition to providing 100 beds for homeless men, the new shelter offered expanded services, including on-site mental health support and a health clinic. The project was completed in 2022.

#### Al Technology

Appropriated Amount: \$209,412.00 Expended Amount: \$209,412.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

The Department of Social Services-ES used this funding to launch a pilot project with TipCo Automated Services to incorporate an Al-powered EVA phone system, aimed at enhancing employee productivity. The pilot included all three components of EVA within SNAP/HEAP, the department's largest program area, which receives over 130,000 client calls annually.

- EVA Phone answers basic questions such as office hours and business location.
   Integrated with VENTEK case information, EVA also provided case status updates. The time saved from staff no longer answering routine client calls was redirected toward determining eligibility and processing recertifications.
- EVA Companion give staff easy access to eligibility tools, training materials, and policy resources. This tool fostered greater consistency across the department by reducing varying interpretations of regulations by different supervisors. Staff were directed to consult EVA first before seeking help from a supervisor. This improved consistency and freed supervisors to focus more on staff management and complex client issues.
- EVA R&R made outgoing calls to clients to collect information related to applications and recertifications. It then compiled this information and sent it to the IM Worker or IM Specialist for eligibility review and processing. Each call saved approximately eight minutes per worker/specialist, allowing the department to significantly reduce time spent on manual outreach and reallocate efforts toward eligibility determination and recertifications.

EVA also included built-in translation services, reducing the department's reliance on Voiance for phone-based client interactions. (Note: Translate LIVE continued to be used for face-to-face interactions.)

Onondaga County were the first large county to pilot this technology.

#### Mental Health in Schools

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

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

**Project Summary** 

# School Based Initiatives Division 2022-2025 Summary Report

# School-Based Mental Health Expansion – Original Proposal Summary and Implementation Report

As originally proposed, the School-Based Mental Health Expansion aimed to address the escalating mental health needs of children and youth in Onondaga County schools following the COVID-19 pandemic. Guided by the evidence-based Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework, the initiative focused on implementing a full continuum of supports—universal, targeted, and intensive—directly within schools to ensure all students could access services regardless of geography, insurance status, or clinical history.

The plan called for the expansion of three core staffing strategies:

- **45 Promise Zone (PZ) Student Engagement Specialists** to provide Tier 1 and 2 socialemotional supports to students in all districts. Along with **5 PZ Supervisors** to ensure quality assurance and supervision of Student Engagement Specialists.
- **8 ACCESS Liaisons** to offer Tier 2/3 family-centered case coordination for students and families facing challenges that did not rise to CPS involvement.
- Start-up funding for 64 School-Based Mental Health Clinics, aiming to co-locate Tier 3 clinical services in schools across the county, delivered by OMH-licensed outpatient mental health providers.

The proposal emphasized **public health impact**, in light of data showing significant increases in pediatric mental health emergency department visits, and a commitment to **full county coverage**, targeting smaller and rural school districts often left out of resource.

It also included a robust performance monitoring plan, proposing to track:

- Number of schools with new PZ staff, ACCESS Liaisons, and School-Based Clinics
- Number of youth and families served
- Types and frequency of interventions
- Referrals to higher levels of care
- Behavioral and attendance outcomes in participating schools

The overarching goals were to reduce barriers to care, intervene earlier, and build systems where mental health is seen as foundational to student success. The following section details the extent to which we met or exceeded these objectives and highlights outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned throughout implementation.

#### **School-Based Mental Health Clinics Accomplishments**

Over the course of the School-Based Mental Health Expansion, 49 new school-based mental health clinics were opened across 16 districts in Onondaga County, greatly increasing access to behavioral health care for students. The effort began in **2022** with 32 clinics launched in 13 districts, serving **511** youth. By **2023**, an additional 14 clinics brought the total to 46 in 15 districts, including two new districts, with **763** youth served. In **2024**, 3 more clinics were added, expanding access to **49** schools in **16** districts, and pushing the number of youth served to **1,833**. At that point, only two districts in the entire county remained without a clinic.

In **2025**, despite the unexpected closure of one clinic provider, coordinated response efforts between remaining partners ensured uninterrupted service at all 49 sites. A new hospital-based partnership was also initiated to further strengthen services for schools with higher mental health needs. By mid-2025, **1,868 youth** were receiving care through this expanded, resilient, and nearly county-wide network of clinics.

This expansion created an unprecedented level of in-school access to licensed clinical care—allowing youth to receive early intervention and ongoing treatment in the most accessible setting possible: their school.

#### **ACCESS Liaisons Accomplishments**

The ACCESS Liaison program played a pivotal role in expanding Tier 2 and Tier 3 supports across Onondaga County schools, offering early intervention, care coordination, and consultation. In 2022, the program added 8 liaisons to the existing 20 and launched new programming in 64 schools, serving 1,701 families between October and June. Liaisons quickly became trusted

partners—addressing student and family concerns that did not meet the threshold for CPS involvement but still required timely, targeted support.

In 2023, the program-maintained services in the original 64 schools while onboarding 20 additional sites. A total of 26 liaisons received 2,363 referrals through a streamlined school-based process, reflecting growing confidence in and reliance on the model. By 2024, the program operated in 121 schools—including 88 new expansion sites—and was staffed by 23 liaisons. That year, referrals rose to 2,768, underscoring increased demand and system-wide integration.

In 2025, 26 liaisons remained embedded across all 121 schools, receiving 2,889 referrals—serving 2,772 individuals. This marked the program's highest referral and service volume to date and affirmed its status as a cornerstone of the county's school-based mental health infrastructure. Over four years, the ACCESS Liaison program has become a key element in identifying early warning signs, reducing barriers to care, and equipping schools to meet the social-emotional needs of their students and families.

#### **Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialists Accomplishments**

The expansion of the Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialist (PZSES) program has significantly enhanced Tier 1 and Tier 2 social-emotional supports in schools across Onondaga County. These embedded specialists provide direct interventions with students, support family engagement, and consult with school staff to foster trauma-informed, restorative school cultures. Their presence has become central to helping schools proactively respond to student needs and promote a healthy learning environment.

In 2022, 41 FTE specialists supported 56 schools across 14 districts, with 37 positions filled by May. That year, **5,699 students** received support through **84,268 interventions**, including checkins, de-escalations, and skills groups. Student engagement specialists also facilitated **817 family contacts**, **11,553 staff consultations**, and **125 referrals** to more intensive services. In 2023, the program continued across 15 new districts with the same staffing allocation and reached **7,508 students** through **119,191 interventions**, **1,119 family contacts**, and **17,077 staff consultations**.

By 2024, the program grew to **47 FTE** supporting **55 schools**, including new coverage in Fayetteville-Manlius. That year, **6,604 students** received services and specialists delivered a record **176,137 interventions**. Staff also completed **2,037 family contacts**, **20,599 staff consultations**, and made **248 referrals**. In 2025, **41 specialists and 5 supervisors** served **44 expansion school buildings**, supporting **6,550 students** through **145,581 interventions**. Despite a slight reduction in building coverage, the program maintained high impact. Across four years, the Student Engagement model has proven to be a sustainable, flexible, and deeply valued part of the school-based mental health system, strengthening student well-being, school climate, and the overall capacity of educational teams.

#### Non-Profit Veterans Initiative

Appropriated Amount: \$1,000,000.00

**Expended Amount: \$970,770.00** 

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 provides safe housing assistance to elderly veterans through a home repair program administered by Onondaga County Community Development. Eligible homeowners can apply for help covering the cost of essential home repairs. To qualify, applicants must be veterans who are at least 62 years old, have owned and occupied their home for at least one year, have current property taxes, valid homeowners' insurance, an honorable discharge from the U.S. military, and meet specific household income and size guidelines.

#### **Public Health Fellows**

Appropriated Amount: \$229,075.16

Expended Amount: \$229,075.16
Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: Complete

# **Project Summary**

We ensured the continuation of essential Public Health Fellow work through 2024 by expanding salary support for approximately 12 key Fellows employed in the Department. These Fellows carried out high-priority initiatives in areas such as maternal health, immigrant and refugee health, early childhood health and education, and increased access to cancer screening services, among other critical efforts. During this period, many Fellows successfully transitioned to new roles supported by NYS Department of Health or Health Department grant funding or moved into new opportunities and initiatives within the Department and the broader local health and human services community.

#### 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, Onondaga County Parks experienced a significant increase in visitors. To maintain the necessary level of service and improve efficiency for staff, the County used funding to replace outdated parks equipment. This project was successfully completed

#### 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**

The Onondaga County Department of Transportation used these funds to replace outdated equipment within the department. The funding supported the purchase of road equipment, including pavers, excavators, payloaders, and chippers. Acquiring this equipment enabled the department to operate more effectively and efficiently. The project was completed in 2022.

#### **Carnegie Building Renovations**

Appropriated Amount: \$4,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$3,993,487.22

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

This \$4 million County project involved the rehabilitation of the historic Carnegie building, which had remained mostly vacant since the Syracuse City School District ceased using it as a special education program site in 2011 and returned it to Onondaga County. The County fully renovated the building to accommodate departmental use and consolidate services. This renovation created additional space for other County departments to expand. Departments relocated to the building included Economic Development, Community Development, and the Syracuse/Onondaga County Planning Agency. This project was completed near the end of 2024.

#### **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.

#### **Emergency Response**

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

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County utilized ARPA funding to enhance emergency response and rescue capabilities in coordination with local fire departments, EMS agencies, and law enforcement. The County assessed its readiness through training exercises and by reviewing after-action reports from other jurisdictions. This evaluation identified the need to improve rescue capabilities for individuals trapped or injured in difficult terrain. As a result, the County procured a specialized vehicle capable of operating in snow-covered streets, swamps, rough terrain, icy waters, and remote areas. The vehicle was deployed in partnership with local agencies responsible for leading rescue efforts.

#### **Industrial Wastewater**

Appropriated Amount: \$2,094,734.40 Expended Amount: \$1,889,313.33

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

Status: Complete

# **Project Summary**

The Industrial Wastewater Project is progressing in preparation for the expansion and construction of the semiconductor manufacturing and supplier network that will support this industry. The project will expand capacity to manage increased wastewater flow from new facilities and the overall growth of industrial operations in this area of Onondaga County.

# **Economic Development**

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

Appropriated Amount: \$5,000,000.00 Expended Amount: \$2,367,596.51

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

Status: More than 50% complete

#### **Project Summary**

The CNY Arts Film Incentive Fund is an economic development initiative designed to award production incentives to qualified film projects with the goal of stimulating the local economy, expanding workforce opportunities, increasing filmmaking capacity, and showcasing the benefits of filming in Central New York. In addition to promoting economic revitalization, the program specifically supports the growth of the cultural sector and the development of a sustainable local film industry that can continue attracting filmmakers beyond the incentive period. The program also offers incentive bonuses for career development and promotes inclusion by supporting projects from underrepresented or minority communities and veterans. This project remains ongoing.

# **Site Development & Workforce Incentives**

Appropriated Amount: \$19,729,708.62 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 partnered 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 helped fuel and accelerate economic welfare, general prosperity, and workforce development for the benefit of the Onondaga County

community. The loan from Onondaga County to OCIDA was used, as needed, to support asset development and remediation, acquire and market project sites to a broader range of businesses, attract high-tech industries, and create high-paying jobs for the County's diverse population. OCIDA agreed to reimburse Onondaga County using agency fees collected from projects that received financial assistance through tax abatements.

#### White Pine Business Park Development

Appropriated Amount: \$8,886,493.18 Expended Amount: \$8,886,493.18

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Onondaga County used these funds to support development at the White Pine Business Park in preparation for the recently announced \$100 billion Micron semiconductor manufacturing complex. This once-in-a-lifetime, transformational economic development opportunity was expected to reshape the County over the next 20 years. The project was projected to create over 9,000 on-site jobs and generate an additional 40,000 spin-off jobs in the region. The funds were used to support essential physical infrastructure improvements, including road upgrades and site clearing, as well as critical workforce and community infrastructure enhancements.

# **Center for Advanced Manufacturing**

Appropriated Amount: \$10,000,000

Expended Amount: \$0

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

Status: Less than 50%

**Project Summary** 

The Center for Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing will bring together expertise in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, process engineering and robotics to advance the science of semiconductor manufacturing. Advances in semiconductor manufacturing are required for the US to complete globally.

The Center for advanced semiconductor manufacturing will be an interdisciplinary center at Syracuse University and be situated within the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The center will position SU and central New York as a global leader in research, education, and applications of process engineering automation, and the intelligent manufacturing of semiconductors.

This Center will direct and operate Syracuse University's advanced semiconductor manufacturing teaching and research facility. This new state of the art teaching and research facility will support cutting edge scholarship and hands on education that integrates cyber-physical systems, machine learning, artificial intelligence and AI enabled packaging, digital twins, 5G wireless, and human-robot collaborative environments into a program of activities situated within an intelligent semiconductor manufacturing context. The center will generate the educational and research outcomes required to support leading edge semiconductor manufacturing in the US and drive associated process and practice innovation into the future. The center will also design, direct, and implement a new standard of manufacturing advanced minor that will be available to students in any academic discipline.

New discoveries and engineering approaches are needed in advanced semiconductor manufacturing to ensure that the US outcompetes its global rivals. Semiconductor manufacturing consists of two sets of processes: front and wafer fabrication and back-end packaging, assembly and testing. These processes integrate over 50 types of sophisticated equipment and as many as 300 specialized materials. While other centers focus on the design of chips, this center will focus on the design of the semiconductor manufacturing process itself.

Central to Micron's competitive advantage is the firm's ability to deliver its product through the most high-quality and cost-effective manufacturing processes possible. This imperative extends beyond chip design, to optimizing every aspect of the manufacturing process. The center will be the first of its kind in the region and one of the first of its kind in the entire US system of higher education.

The CASM project is currently moving along well. Construction will be complete by July 18, 2025. Technology installation will start in mid-August. The purchase of the robotics will replicate an automated manufacturing facility. These robots will support manufacturing demonstrations for K-12 students, degrees that develop workforce in the advanced manufacturing space for college students, and research initiatives for Syracuse University faculty, students, and research colleagues in the region. Final project completion will be no later than September 30, 2025. The targeted grand opening is October 2025.

#### **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 leading this study also sought input from various community members/groups. This study was completed in 2022.

#### **Aquarium**

Appropriated Amount: \$6,616,643.20 Expended Amount: \$6,616,643.20

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

# **Project Summary**

The Onondaga County Aquarium is in the process of development and will be a state-of-the-art facility located on the bank of the Syracuse Inner Harbor. This approximately 76,000 sq ft facility will hold up to 550,000 gallons of water to showcase 21 signature exhibits and 9-10 jewel tanks. The saltwater and freshwater exhibits will be interactive, educational, and entertaining. The Aquarium is slated to open in July 2026.

#### Restore

Appropriated Amount: \$1,250,000.00 Expended Amount: \$1,250,000.00

Source of Funds: 6. Revenue Replacement

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

**Status: Complete** 

#### **Project Summary**

Funding from Restore was used to support housing initiatives and economic development projects currently proposed in the inner harbor. Providing assistance in the harbor will be vital to turning it into a strong economic and residential district.

# **Project inventory:**

Projects can be found on this link: https://americanrescueplan.ongov.net/stimulus-projects/

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