

County of Kern
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

As of July 31, 2021 Report

County of Kern
2021 Recovery Plan

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The County of Kern is the southernmost county of the State of California's San Joaquin Valley. It spans 8,161 square miles of which 8,132 square miles is land and 31 square miles is water, making it the state's third largest county by geographical size.

Based on the United States Census data, Kern County's population is 900,202 as of July 2019. 54.6% of the population is from Hispanic or Latino origin. The county's economy is heavily linked to a large agricultural base and is a significant producer of oil, natural gas, hydro-electric power, solar power, and wind power.

Despite its geographic size, the County of Kern is considered a rural community. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on rural populations has been severe, with significant impacts on unemployment, mental health, and homelessness. A significant number of children fell behind due to school closures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19. To keep the children learning, school districts implemented remote education, yet many children, particularly those in poor households, do not have internet access. Early on, research showed that preexisting conditions such as asthma, hypertension, and obesity increased the risk of severe illness from COVID-19. The most recent community health assessment indicates that the top health problems in our community are obesity, sexually transmitted illness, mental health, and asthma. The top challenges and barriers to a healthy living include limited income, unemployment, unsafe neighborhoods, and lack of health insurance. A person's physical environment can impact their health in several ways based upon the Social Determinants of Health including health and health care, social and community context, neighborhood and build environment, and education and economic stability.

The recovery plan proposes to respond to the public health emergency and related negative impacts by supporting programs that increase access to healthcare, behavioral health, substance use services, provide training for individuals in industries severely affected by the public health emergency, provide education through our countywide libraries, and make investments to restore our tourism industry. It also includes investments in neighborhoods through necessary improvements in water, sewer, and internet infrastructure. The plan also addresses economic stability by compensating essential workers that continued to provide services despite the heightened risk created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The public health emergency has not only affected the economic stability of individuals in our community, but our County experienced significant budget shortfalls which affect the ability to provide services and improve the health of our community.

The initial plan, while subject to change as more information is known (COVID-19 Developments, final guidance, actual revenue losses and other emerging needs), provides the framework to respond to the pandemic and its economic impacts through the accountable, transparent, and careful use of the \$174,853,685 allocated to Kern County:

A. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus disease or its negative economic impacts:

Description	Amount
Support for homelessness, behavioral health, and substance use	\$15,000,000
Access to health care services through the Public Hospital	\$10,000,000
Improve educational opportunities through the Countywide Library System	\$2,450,000
Economic stability of tourism industry	\$600,000
Improve job training opportunities	\$150,000

B. To improve neighborhoods and build environment through investments in water, sewer, or broadband:

Description	Amount
Flood mitigation	\$10,000,000
Water improvements	\$6,487,000
Sewer improvements	\$15,000,000
Public Wi-Fi at Kern County Parks	\$10,000,000

C. To respond to workers performing essential work during the public health emergency by providing premium pay for eligible workers:

Description	Amount
Economic stability – Premium pay for eligible workers	\$25,836,000

D. For the provision of governmental services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency:

Description	Amount
Estimated revenue loss to be used for governmental services	To be determined

Uses of Funds

Support for homelessness, behavioral health, and substance use (\$15,000,000)

COVID-19 has had a clear and direct impact increasing homeless and substance abuse issues and exasperating mental health conditions. While this project is still being developed, we recognize the need to provide services to this unsheltered population that has been disproportionately impacted by the public health emergency. Many of these individuals have been unable or unwilling to seek traditional help through our homeless shelters or behavioral health services. This funding will allow for a proactive approach to engaging with those in need.

1. Implementing four co-response teams pairing mental health workers and conservators with public safety to directly engage with the homeless community throughout the County.
2. Adding four additional Mobile Evaluation Team units to increase mental health response to those in crisis including the homeless population.

3. Funding rapid response teams to respond to unsafe and illegal encampments and mitigate the public health and safety risk to the community.
4. Expand capacity in City and County navigation centers to move individuals out of homelessness and into permanent supportive housing.
5. Create new temporary housing solutions for individuals not able to function in congregant settings where substance abuse and mental health services can be administered.
6. Create safe camping and parking spaces to provide alternatives for unsafe and illegal encampments for those unwilling or unable to go into a shelter or navigation center.

The intent of the project is to create a multi-agency approach to engage individuals impacted by homelessness, COVID-19, mental health, and substance use.

Data Collection will include:

- a. Number of calls for service received by type.
- b. Number of individuals engaged
- c. Number of individuals linked to Navigation Centers, homeless shelters, temporary housing, and/or permanent housing.

This project will include collaboration with incorporated cities as well as other non-profit agencies that deliver direct services to this population.

Access to health care services through the Public Hospital (\$10,000,000)

Since 1867, the County's public hospital, Kern Medical, has served as an integral part of the community, caring for the most underserved in Kern County. As a safety net and designated public hospital, Kern Medical has the unique opportunity to serve the most vulnerable populations. As an academic institution, their role in the community is critical to the important health issues residents face. In addition to being the only trauma center, Kern Medical operates 11 outpatient clinic sites that provide primary services and most physician specialty services. Nearly all of Kern County is in a medically underserved area and as the safety net and largest healthcare service provider for the County, Kern Medical has a pivotal role in delivering affordable, accessible, quality care to the most vulnerable populations of our community. The patient population (e.g., underserved, undocumented, unsheltered, incarcerated, impoverished, linguistically isolated) is often uninsured or underinsured with a payer mix of over 50% Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal).

Since the beginning of the public health emergency, Kern Medical has been providing several COVID-19 related services to all residents, including housing and medical care for COVID-19 patients that required isolation, drive-thru testing sites, and mobile vaccination clinics for farmworkers and other high-risk populations. Since then, Kern Medical has made large strides in increasing vaccine accessibility to Kern County's most vulnerable populations. Kern Medical's mobile clinic team has been working diligently to improve access to vaccination throughout different areas of Kern County, including some of the most underserved areas such as Wasco, Taft, Lamont, and Arvin.

The proposed allocation seeks to continue with the existing efforts to address the medical needs of the community as a result of COVID-19 including the long-term medical effects of the virus, Valley Fever awareness, mental health awareness and navigation, preventative screening, and mobile vaccination sites for COVID-19 – all free for our community.

Improve educational opportunities through the Countywide Library System (\$2,450,000)

The Kern County Library system includes 24 branches and 2 bookmobile routes across the County. Over the last fiscal year, operations at all locations have been impacted due to capacity and social distancing guidelines, coupled with budgetary and staffing concerns. Due to loss of revenue, only 12 branches remain open for public use.

The proposed plan allocates \$2.45 million in funds to be used within the next three years to backfill for positions lost during the Coronavirus pandemic. This funding will be used to hire employees to run operations at 22 branches across the county. Each branch will have a team of staff providing dedicated service to each individual community. With this additional funding and through the libraries reopening plan, the county will be able to provide full indoor service while continuing to provide curbside service at 22 library branches across the county. Restoring and expanding on these library services will provide community members of all ages access to programs in various forms. This improved service is all for the shared goal to continue providing reading and other educational opportunities to communities across the county.

Economic stability of tourism industry (\$600,000)

Kern County's tourism industry was severely impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. These funds will be used to reinvigorate tourism in this region through internal and external programs. This is an opportunity to use diverse multimedia campaigns to showcase Kern County's abundance of activities to out-of-towners and reintroduce residents to the opportunity of adventure right in their own backyards. Through various multimedia campaigns, these funds will pay for video production and graphic design services with the intention of increasing the attraction of Kern County. It is anticipated that this will result in increased spending in our region, and a more positive view of our area throughout the state.

Content is king in today's world. Through thoughtfully produced and well-executed videos and online multimedia campaigns, the positive attributes of the diverse communities and areas of Kern County will be shown to millions of potential tourists through the reach of social media (including paid promotional content), television, and the Kern County website. This will greatly market Kern County to outside areas, as well as to existing residents, encouraging people to visit or move here, and spend their money locally, boosting Kern County's economy and aiding in COVID-19 Pandemic recovery efforts. This will be tracked through data analytics by using carefully targeted social media advertisements.

Kern County can be seen as a historically underserved and marginalized region of the state. Rarely is Bakersfield, and other communities within Kern County, a top destination in for tourists. However, with proper education through these multimedia campaigns, Kern County can be properly showcased. This fresh content will educate people about the opportunities that lie within this region of the Central Valley, both for recreation and business.

The success of these campaigns will be measured through number of visitors and growth in spending at various locations. The County will partner with organizations such as Kern Economic Development Cooperation and various chambers of commerce to create measurable outcomes.

Improve job training opportunities (\$150,000)

The restaurant industry was especially hard-hit during the past year of COVID-19. Many restaurants closed and those that remained opened had to adapt quickly to the impacts of the public health emergency. Although many restaurants are beginning to foresee a normalizing of business conditions, the recovery for the restaurant workforce will be longer. Many employees left for other jobs and are not returning to this industry. This project proposes using the existing training program to reintroduce individuals to this restaurant business.

The training will provide career opportunities and require mastery of entry-level skills, including knowledge and professional attitude related to food preparation and service. Students will be given career-oriented hands-on experience in the planning, preparation, and delivery of meals in the on-campus restaurant by serving the community, as well as through community classroom events and internship training.

The pandemic has changed the way food is prepared, as well as the job training of servers and cooks. With the proposed allocation, improvements to the training facility will provide training in the digital world which is instrumental to hiring within the restaurant business. These improvements will provide additional equipment as and online learning library materials.

The socio-economic backgrounds of students are varied. The overwhelming majority of students have barriers to employment including criminal records or prior substance use issues. This program provides students the opportunity to gain confidence and enter the workforce of an industry in need of employees. The goal of the program is to enroll 50 students per session.

Flood mitigation (\$10,000,000)

The Lamont Stormwater Mitigation Infrastructure Project will divert and mitigate hazardous stormwater delivered from the Caliente and Walker Basin Creeks that has been the source of regular flooding in Lamont, California, and surrounding communities.

The intent is to create the most natural landform and geomorphology possible in the Caliente Creek riparian area to spread and slow flood flows of water, maximizing flood mitigation of a 500-acre portion of land, and protecting the communities from stormwater using landform and vegetation communities. Stormwater mitigation will ensure roads remain open for emergency services, workplaces, schools, and commercial needs for economic sustainability, as well as reducing potential damages, hazardous contamination, and loss of life or property for these already economically burdened communities.

The communities served include census tracts (CT) 62.01, 62.02, 60.04, 64.01,64.03, and 64.04. The census tracts are predominantly Hispanic or Latino (of any race), estimated at 89.16% of the population (2019 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, table DP05). The identified census tracts have an average California Healthy Places index of 10.9, or worse conditions than 89.1% of other census tracts in the State of California for clean environments. The census tracts have a Disadvantaged Community Percentage (DAC) of 74.17, meaning 74.17% of these census tracts are disproportionately burdened by exposure to multiple sources of pollution and heightened social and economic vulnerability. An average of 31.82% of the census tracts' residents lives below the poverty line (2021 FFIEC Geocode Census Report).

This project has received significant public input. A feasibility study was completed, and multiple public meetings were conducted to review the outcome of the study.

Water improvements (\$6,487,000)

COVID-19 has shown we all need public space more than ever. Public space is an essential part of mental health and public health. During the public health emergency, we faced an immediate need for outdoor space that allowed for safe physical distancing and provided our community with the necessary amenities. The proposed three projects include water improvements to camp facilities and recreational areas.

Camp Condor. This project involves the restoration of a sustainable potable water source to the Camp Condor facility. The camp consists of two distinct areas: the upper group camp and cabins and the lower camp and caretaker cabins. Both areas of the camp were previously served by a spring water system which originated above the upper camp. Because of the extended drought period the spring's water production has reduced to a level that is not consistent enough to open the facility for use. It has been shuttered for a few years. A charter school currently occupies the lower camp facilities. Because of the lack of potable water, the school received a grant from the State Department of Public Health to have hauled water brought to a temporary tank and pressure system to serve the school only.

In order to identify a permanent water source, the County engaged a hydrogeologist to provide a recommendation for water well siting, size and depth and expected water production. The preliminary design of the system involves the rehabilitation of the existing water system currently reliant on water collected in the spring boxes. A new water well is planned to be constructed 400-foot deep towards the lower part of the facility per the hydrogeologist recommendation. A new 84,000-gallon tank will be sited near the new well and will serve as the main supply and fire flow for the lower portion of the camp. New 4- and 6-inch water lines will provide potable and fire water to the lower area. A booster pump and connection to an existing 2-inch pipe will connect the supply water to the Camp Condor tank located in the upper area. The Camp system will also be pressure-tested, and leaks repaired. A new chlorination system will be installed to disinfect the spring water system which will serve as a backup supply.

Camp Okihi. This project involves the restoration of a potable water service line from the south side of the Kern River at the water purveyor connection to the north side of the river at the camp distribution system connection. The previous water line was encased in a submerged conduit across the river. The conduit was damaged over time by water scour resulting in the ultimate loss of the conduit and internal potable water line.

This project will involve the underground installation of 280 lineal feet of 30-inch steel casing using the bore and jack method to cross the Kern River a minimum of 15 feet below the river bottom. A 30-inch casing is recommended due to the size of the rocks and cobbles expected during the boring operation. Temporary bore pits located on both sides of the river will be utilized to align the bore machine and install the casing and water line. A 4-inch ductile iron water pipe will then be installed within the casing and connected to the existing Camp Okihi water system and the existing Cal Water connection. The ends of the casing will be sealed with grout, the pits will be backfilled, and the ground surfaces restored. This construction method will also avoid the need for a Section 404 (US Army Corps of Engineers) and a Section 401 (State Water Quality) permit. It will also avoid a Streambed Alteration Notification to California Fish and Wildlife.

Making the camps available again for community use including for underserved and at-risk groups is the primary goal. Improving the camp condition is a secondary goal; without potable water, it is not feasible to improve the camp condition if basic services cannot be provided. Upon project completion, a successful outcome will result in the use of the facility for groups or individuals 20 times per year.

Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area. This project involves improving the production capacity of the replenishment water wells for the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area (BVARA). BVARA is a regional recreation facility that serves all community groups, including those underserved and at-risk groups in Kern and Los Angeles counties.

The facility was created through a State Davis-Grunsky Act Grant in 1971. The recreation lakes were created with the intention to use agricultural irrigation water conveyed from the Kern River to the Buena Vista Water Storage District and Henry Miller Water District. Essentially, the conveyance canals that connected the water source to the agricultural water system were expanded to allow the water to flow into the lakes with an outlet at the other end for continued agricultural use. The agreement with the water districts requires the County to be responsible for all water losses in the lakes, including losses via evaporation and percolation. In exchange, the agricultural water is used for recreation in the lakes.

The water wells at BVARA used to replenish losses in Lake Evans and Lake Webb, and their current operational statuses are:

Well	Depth (ft)	Casing (in)	Status
9	300	16	Operating
10	300	10	Abandoned
11	300	16	Operating
12	300	16	Operating
13	1000	16	Operating
14	1000	16	Operating
15	1000	16	Operating

In the worst summer water loss conditions, the existing wells system is unable to overcome the total losses. An improvement of 15% of capacity is needed to match the worst-case loss conditions. This project involves the installation of 2 new water wells to replace Well 10 and either 11 or 12 with 1000-foot-deep wells with 16-inch casings. The project will also involve the investigation and rehabilitation of the remaining wells and pumps. The project is estimated to improve water production capacity by 20-25 percent.

Over the years, the capacity and efficiency of the wells has diminished, resulting in the County not being able to keep up with losses during the summer growing season. This condition is not sustainable and results in the County having to purchase or lease water from other sources at market rates which are typically 400 to 1200 percent of the cost to pump ground water. This results in the diversion of resources from facility upgrades to serve all community groups, including underserved and at-risk groups.

Sewer improvements (\$15,000,000)

Three projects are proposed (one for new and two for repair) to reduce/remove the disproportionate economic and environmental burden of future sewer backup/failure and resulting property and roadway damages in the unincorporated communities of east Bakersfield, Ford City/Taft Heights, and western Rosedale.

The purposeful planning and careful implementation of these projects has prioritized the economic, social, and racial equity of disadvantaged communities in Kern County to reduce the burden that insufficient or outdated water and sewer infrastructure have on these traditionally marginalized communities. These projects serve residents in areas identified as disadvantaged, low income, and unhealthy. CalEnviroScreen 3.0 report was used to determine that most of the census tracts these projects serve, or benefit are disadvantaged, with high levels of exposure to pollution and increased vulnerability to the adverse effects of pollution. The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) report was used to determine that most of the census tracts the projects serve are also significantly below the poverty line (5% - 38% below the poverty line). The California Healthy Places Index was used to determine that every community that these projects serve have the top 20% worst clean environment conditions in the entire state. Equity is and will continue to be measured by access to sufficient sewer infrastructure.

The sewer repairs in the communities of Ford City/Taft Heights and east Bakersfield will improve sewer infrastructure by providing much needed repair and maintenance on sewer lines that if left unattended will burden economically disadvantaged homeowners. The western Rosedale project is designed to reduce the disproportionate burden of old or nonexistent sewer infrastructure by providing access to sewer facilities which reduce cost and risk to homeowners for septic failure and associated economic and environmental health concerns.

Public Wi-Fi at County Parks (\$10,000,000)

The Public Wi-fi at County Parks project is designed to modernize and build out wi-fi infrastructure across Kern County Parks to address the digital divide and technology equity gaps. The public health emergency made abundantly clear that there is a gap in internet access throughout our community. Many households lack basic services. Forty-three Kern County parks, all of which are located or serve disadvantaged communities, will benefit from this program with each park servicing its unique communities. Providing public health information is challenging as many households and public facilities lack access that can be used to connect and provide communication and critical information related to the available resources for those affected by the public health emergency. Internet services provided through this investment will be provided to the community at no charge, allowing residents a no cost way to access the internet for essential functions such as applying for jobs, engaging in education, and connecting to their broader community.

Economic stability – Premium pay for eligible workers (\$25,836,000)

The County of Kern continued to operate at all times throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. While some offices temporarily closed or reduced on-site staffing, core functions of County government and services to the public continued. County employees continued to work in some degree during the pandemic (outside of office closures or leaves of absence). Many employees fell ill with

COVID-19 or had family members or friends affected by the disease. Some employees assisted with efforts (including local, state, and federal programs) to test or vaccinate the general public locally during the pandemic. Employees continued to make sure the public was being served and protected, while dealing with their own risks, stresses, and difficulties related to working and living through the global pandemic. The County is proposing premium pay of \$3,000 for our public eligible employees.

Estimated revenue loss to be used for governmental services (To be determined)

The public health emergency has not only affected the economic stability of individuals in our community, but our County experienced significant budget shortfalls which affect the ability to provide services and improve the health of our community. The County is currently working on the calculation of revenue loss using the allowable formula provided in the regulation. The actual loss will be determined annually, and funds will be used in accordance with the regulations to provide governmental services including but not limited to public health services.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The County, similar to many governmental agencies, is in the process of developing the framework and steps that will enable us to ensure equitable outcomes of each project. The following strategies will be utilized:

- Engagement of community groups by listening to their concerns. Our projects focus on areas identified to have inadequate conditions. Community groups have been engaged in the dialogue with our departments and members of the Board of Supervisors.
- Operate with urgency and accountability. The proposed projects were selected as urgent to support more equitable distribution of resources in our community.
- Data driven. This is one of the most challenging strategies for governments. While cost benefit analysis is used for most county activities, we will need to use data in a manner that identifies measurable and articulable outcomes to be responsible to those benefitting from these projects.

Community Engagement

The County incorporates multiple methods to engage the community. The proposed projects balance community goals and public master planning activities. The County has a demonstrated history of working with disadvantaged communities and advocacy groups, community-based organizations, and residents. Management of our different operational departments meet regularly with community groups and disadvantaged communities to hear their concerns, resulting in their influence on these selected projects.

In addition, through regular or special public meetings with the Board of Supervisors and Parks and Recreation Commission, public outreach and community discussion have been facilitated regarding parks facilities and projects.

A community survey was recently conducted to determine the priorities of our community.

Labor Practices

For all infrastructure projects, the County requires contractors and subcontractors to pay workers no less than the applicable prevailing wage. Local and state funded infrastructure projects require compliance with wage determinations set by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), whereas federally funded projects require compliance with wage determinations set by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

The County contracts for construction services through the competitive bidding process as outlined in Public Contract Code. These requirements ensure full compliance with competitive bidding statutes as a means of protecting the public from misuse of public funds; provide all qualified bidders with a fair opportunity to enter the bidding process, thereby stimulating competition in a manner conducive to sound fiscal practices; and eliminate favoritism, fraud, and corruption in the awarding of public contracts.

The County requires all contractors to comply with labor non-discrimination. Contractors shall not discriminate in the employment of persons upon public works on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or sexual orientation, except as otherwise provided in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

Use of Evidence

Each project prior to its implementation is evaluated for a cost benefit analysis. Details are included in the narrative of each project above.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

As of the July 31, 2021, the County has not incurred any expenditures or obligations. All the projects are in the planning stage. All expenditures and obligations will follow the County's budgetary process and approval.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	0	0
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	0	0
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	0	0
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	0	0
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	0	0
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	0	0
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	0	0

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	0	0
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	0	0
1.10	Mental Health Services	0	0
1.11	Substance Use Services	0	0
1.12	Other Public Health Services	0	0
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	0	0
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	0	0
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	0	0
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	0	0
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	0	0
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	0	0
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	0	0
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	0	0
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	0	0
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	0	0
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	0	0
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	0	0
2.13	Other Economic Support	0	0
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	0	0
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	0	0
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	0	0
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	0	0
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	0	0
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	0	0
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	0	0
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	0	0

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	0	0
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	0	0
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	0	0
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	0	0
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	0	0
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	0	0
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	0	0
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	0	0
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	0	0
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees	0	0
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	0	0
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	0	0
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	0	0
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	0	0
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	0	0
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	0	0
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	0	0
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	0	0
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	0	0
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	0	0
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	0	0
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	0	0
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	0	0
5.13	Drinking water: Source	0	0
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	0	0
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	0	0
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	0	0
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	0	0
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	0	0
7	Administrative and Other		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
7.1	Administrative Expenses	0	0
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	0	0
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	0	0
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	0	0

See Section C (7) on page 27 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

Project Inventory

See Attached.

Additional Projects

None

Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)

Not Applicable

American Rescue Plan Act - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - County of Kern

Project	Community Served	Project Description	Expenditure Category	Intended Outcomes	Delivery Mechanisms	Estimated Project Timeline	Cost Estimate	Funding Allocated	Census Tracts (CT) Benefitted	(California Healthy Places Index) - Clean Environment Percentile Ranking (These census tracts have worse conditions than ___% of other census tracts in the State of California for Clean Environments category)	Disadvantaged Community (DAC) % (CalEnviroScreen 3.0) - These census tracts are disproportionately burdened (___%) by exposure to multiple sources of pollution and heightened social and economic vulnerability	Average % of Census Tract below Poverty Line
Support for Homelessness	Countywide	Proactive approach for engaging homeless population by co-response teams, crisis mobile units, expansion of capacity at navigation centers, temporary housing for individuals unable to function in congregant settings and creation of safe alternatives for unsafe and illegal encampments.	1.12 Other Public Health Services	This project is designed to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in the homeless population and address the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Implementation of co-response teams pairing mental health workers, conservators and public safety to directly engage	Project plan development will be completed by December 2021, implementation and hiring of staff by March 2021, full implementation will begin April 2021	Initial cost \$15,000,000, ongoing cost beyond the ARPA funding will be covered with existing resources or through the allocation of loss revenue.	\$15,000,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Support for Public Hospital	Countywide	Financial support for public hospital to continue providing services to medically underserved population.	1.12 Other Public Health Services	Ensure the stability of the public hospital. Continue with existing programs to mitigate the public health emergency.	Will deliver medical care to the medically indigent population. Testing and vaccination to the entire community.	This project is an extension of the existing services currently being provided by the hospital.	Support will be limited to \$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Library system- Rehire Staff	Countywide	Will rehired staff to the pre-pandemic levels to open libraries that were closed and provide educational opportunities across the entire community.	2.14 Rehiring Public Sector Staff	The County will rehired 23 staff that were reduced due to the economic impacts due to the pandemic. The County will utilize staff to reopen library branches and provide educational opportunities across the entire community.	The County will rehired staff and will begin the reopening phase of the 22 libraries. Services to the communities will be based on the specific needs.	Rehiring of staff began in July 2021, reopening of libraries will begin Mid September 2021, with completion of reopening no later than November 2021.	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Economic Stability of Tourism Industry	Countywide	Will complete countywide tourism outreach through multiple mediums to reintroduce the County's amenities to our residents and individuals in other communities.	2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	This project will include an education about the opportunities that are within the County for tourism. At the same time it will assist the industry that has been impacted by the pandemic.	Multi-media campaign	This project will begin August 2021 and will continue until through December 2024.	\$600,000	\$600,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Job Training Opportunities		Will provide training in the restaurant industry for individuals that have difficulty obtaining employment.	2.7 Job Training Assistance	Train a minimum of 50 individuals per semester.	In-person training, classroom activities and operation of the County café.	Project development in progress. Purchase of necessary material completed by September 2021. Training beginning began August 23, 2021. This program has two semesters per years.	\$150,000	\$150,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Water Improvements - Camp Condor	Countywide	This project involves the restoration of a sustainable potable water source to the Camp Condor facility.	5.11 Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution	Rehabilitation of the existing water system, new water well and installation of a 84,000-gallon tank for the site to make the site usable for the community.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 4-8 months, Construction complete 16-20 months.	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000				
Water Improvements - Camp Okihi	Countywide	This project involves the restoration of a potable water service line.	5.11 Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution	This project involves underground installation of service line to make the camp usable to the community.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 4-8 months, Construction complete 8-12 months.	\$625,000	\$625,000	51.03 location but serving all County	All	All	Countywide
Water Improvements - Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area	Countywide	This project includes improving the production capacity of the replenishment water wells of the recreation area in order to make the aquatic recreational area available to the community.	5.15 Drinking Water: Other water infrastructure	Make the aquatic recreational area accessible to the community year round.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 6-12 months, Construction complete 15-21 months.	\$4,762,000	\$4,762,000	33.03 location but serving all County	All	All	Countywide
Park Improvements - Wi-Fi Parks	Countywide	This project is designed to modernize and build Wi-Fi infrastructure across Kern County Parks		Provide the community at no charge internet access, allowing residents essential access.	In house design. Construction and service provider contracts.	Project development in progress. Project will begin September 2021 with implementation at regional park followed by community parks.	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	All	All	All	Countywide
Economic Stability Premium pay for eligible public workers	Countywide	The county is proposing one-time premium pay for our public eligible employees.	4.1 Public Sector Employees	Provide economic stability to eligible public workers.	Payment of one-time premium pay.	Estimated payment before end of December 2021.	\$25,836,000	\$25,836,000	All	All	All	Countywide

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Project	Community Served	Project Description	Expenditure Category	Intended Outcomes	Delivery Mechanisms	Estimated Project Timeline	Cost Estimate	Funding Allocated	Census Tracts (CT) Benefitted	(California Healthy Places Index) - Clean Environment Percentile Ranking (These census tracts have worse conditions than ___% of other census tracts in the State of California for Clean Environments category)	Disadvantaged Community (DAC) % (CalEnviroScreen 3.0) - These census tracts are disproportionately burdened (___%) by exposure to multiple sources of pollution and heightened social and economic vulnerability	Average % of Census Tract below Poverty Line
Revenue Loss for the provision of governmental services	Countywide	Governmental Services	6.1 Provision of Governmental Services	The County is in the process of completing the revenue loss calculation.	The County will utilize the funding to provide governmental services.	The County will finalize its calculation by mid-September 2021 and will prepare a plan for the use of the funds.	To be determined	To be determined	All	All	All	Countywide
Caliente Creek	Lamont	Design and construction/acquisition for stormwater/flood mitigation activities to reduce flooding experienced from Caliente Creek.	5.6: Clean Water: Stormwater	Reduced economic and public health burden from stormwater damages. Increased public health and safety by promoting equal opportunities, implementing sustainable development, and promoting growth and better quality of life.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 12-18 months, Construction/Acquisition - start in 18-24 months, complete 36-48 months.	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	62.01, 62.02, 60.04, 64.01, 64.03, 64.04	(94.65)	74.17	31.82
Ford City - Taft Heights (FCTH) Sanitation District	Ford City & Taft Heights	Design and construction of approximately 12,505 ft of sewer replacement	5.5: Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure	Reduced economic and public health burden from sewer damages. Increased public health and safety by promoting equal opportunities, implementing sustainable development, and promoting growth and better quality of life.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 6-9 months, Construction - start in 12 months, complete 24 months.	\$7,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	34.00, 35.00, 36.00	(83.10)	75.83	27.87
Kern Sanitation Authority (KSA)	Southeast Bakersfield	Design and construction of approximately 3,652 ft of sewer replacement	5.5: Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure	Reduced economic and public health burden from sewer damages. Increased public health and safety by promoting equal opportunities, implementing sustainable development, and promoting growth and better quality of life.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 6-9 months, Construction - start in 12 months, complete 24 months.	\$2,008,600.00	\$2,000,000.00	7.00, 9.04, 9.05, 9.09, 11.03, 12.01, 12.02, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 23.01, 23.02, 24.00, 25.00, 30.00	(98.94)	78.17	38.36
County Service Area (CSA) 71	Western Rosedale	Design and construction of approximately 21,900 ft of new sewer trunk line construction	5.5: Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure	Reduced economic and public health burden from septic maintenance and failure. Increased public health and safety by promoting equal opportunities, implementing sustainable development, and promoting growth and better quality of life.	In house design. Construction contract.	Design - complete in 6-9 months, Construction - start in 12 months, complete 24 months.	\$19,046,500.00	\$6,000,000.00	38.03, 38.09, 38.13	(98.83)	29.17	5.31