

County of Berks, Pennsylvania  
**Recovery Plan**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds**

2021 Report

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Executive Summary**

Berks County will be receiving \$81.68 M. At the end of May, the County received 50% of its allocation in the amount of \$40,903,085. One year after receipt of the first tranche of funds, we will anticipate receiving the remaining 50%. The County will have until December 31, 2024 to obligate these funds, and until December 31, 2026 to expend the funds.

In addition to the County's allocation:

- Berks County municipalities will be receiving a total of \$96.7 M
- Berks County School Districts will be receiving a total of \$160.3 M.

### **Use of Funds**

The Berks County Commissioners are committed to the effective and purposeful deployment of these resources into our community and has established the following process:

#### **Berks County American Rescue Planning (ARP) Committees**

**Purpose:** To oversee a cross-community collaborative approach for impactful investment in Berks County that addresses the needs of our residents and the vulnerabilities of our economy.

**Responsibilities:** Each Commissioner will Chair a Committee that is an Area of Focus. These committees may be further broken down into sub-committees as may be determined by the Chair to address the details of specific activities or areas of specialization. There will be consideration given to:

1. Identify short-term, mid-term, and long-term objectives
2. Funding that is appropriate to meet the identified needs and objectives
3. Long- term benefit and legacy improvements
4. Coordination of funding resources and with other organizations/local government to avoid duplicity of efforts.
5. Determine which projects/programs/activities will be most impactful and assign priority.

At the discretion of the Chair, there may be additional resource partners that will be asked to attend one or more meetings to provide real-time relevant data on funding sources, identified resident, community, and/or business needs.

**Time Frame:** It is anticipated that the information-gathering and prioritization phases may take from 2 – 6 months prior to allocating any ARP funds.

*NOTE:* this will not preclude the consideration of urgent need requests to appropriately address the pandemic and the health and well-being of Berks County residents and the community.

**Outcomes:** Berks County effectively utilizes ARP funds; leveraging available resources and collaborating with community partners to ensure the maximum level of positive and lasting impact for our residents.

### **Administrative Committee**

**CAO**

This committee will be responsible for reviewing and assigning time and resources to address unforeseen situations that might arise in the future or otherwise not covered by other Committees.

## **Community Engagement**

### **Community Support Committee**

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

This Committee will review workforce issues, food insecurity, homelessness, affordable housing, MH, health inequities and identify any unmet social service support needs. In addition, this committee will evaluate and study Community Health Needs.

## **Labor Practices**

### **The Business Response Committee**

**Commissioner Rivera**

This Committee will review the programs offered to support businesses to date and determine if there are unmet needs. This will include small businesses, Main Streets, Tourism, Hospitality, and manufacturing operations.

### **Special Projects and Infrastructure Committee**

**Commissioner Leinbach**

This Committee will review and assess Transportation, Broadband, Water and Sewer, and Special Projects – which may include, but not be limited to Housing, and Arts and Culture.

## **Use of Evidence**

**County Operations - Assessment and Needs Committee**

**Senior Leadership**

This Committee will assess and document the negative financial impact on the County budget and operations as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The intent will be to lessen any negative or additional tax burden on residents.

**Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category**

<b>Category</b>		<b>Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)</b>	<b>Amount spent since last Recovery Plan</b>
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
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

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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
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

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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	\$17,813,979	\$17,813,979
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$19,595.03	\$19,595.03
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

## Project Inventory

### 1. Grants Coordinator Administrative Position

## Performance Report

The Grants Coordinator position was created to assist the County fulfill its purpose to oversee a cross-community collaborative approach for impactful investment in Berks County that addresses the needs of our residents and the vulnerabilities of our economy and outcome of effectively utilizing ARP funds; leveraging available resources and collaborating with community partners to ensure the maximum level of positive and lasting impact for our residents. Payroll for Grants Coordinator salary from start date 08/04/2021 to 12/31/2021 - \$18,702.03 and expenses for training from 08/04/2021 to 12/31/2021 - \$893 for a total of \$19,595.03. This will be an ongoing expense therefore the "Status of Completion" will

remain at "Completed less than 50%" until all reporting requirements are completed and funds are disbursed.