

Kalamazoo County
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Kalamazoo County Government recognizes the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had within our community and the historic opportunity State, and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide to address that impact. When Treasury released the Interim Final Rule in May 2021, Kalamazoo County Government staff began the considered process of participating in a variety of webinars hosted by the White House, National Association of Counties, State of Michigan, and the Government Finance Officers Association to gain a thorough knowledge of the eligible uses of these funds and the corresponding reporting requirements. Kalamazoo County Government received our first deposit of \$25,742,981.50 at the end of June 2021, and presentations to the Board of Commissioners, which outlined important planning information, began in July 2021.

The work to layout Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioner priorities and obtain community input will extend from August 2021 into September. As one of the Board's top priorities, equity will be a foundation of the process for distributing these funds. The Board of Commissioners is currently working to establish a scoring matrix and grant application process to facilitate their review and decision-making in the coming months. Kalamazoo County Government is committed to a collaborative, transparent process that will address the negative impact of COVID-19 in our community.

Uses of Funds

Preliminary discussions with the Board of Commissioners have outlined the need to explore uses that support public health, including addressing community violence issues and mental health, broadband infrastructure, education assistance, premium pay for essential workers, revenue losses that occurred in 2020, and those that may arise in future years. We anticipate that facilitated Board of Commissioner discussions over the next month will outline strategies to maximize programmatic impact and ensure effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes.

Kalamazoo County is also eligible for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds through ERA1 and ERA2 funding. These funds have been flowing through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority with three local service providers, Housing Resources Inc, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, and Open Doors facilitating the application and disbursement process. At the end of July 2021, the three service providers had assisted 1,365 families and spent about \$7.5 million in rental and utility assistance.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has established equity, diversity and inclusion as a top priority for our County. As the Board of Commissioners work through the establishment of a grant application process and scoring matrix, the beginning steps for ensuring equitable outcomes will be realized. Additional feedback from the community as well as required qualitative and quantitative data will be utilized to monitor our equity goals.

Community Engagement

Kalamazoo County Government has received some community feedback through the public comment portion of our Board of Commissioners meetings. A community feedback session is planned for August 24, 2021. This session will utilize dialogue with the community along with virtual polling features. At the same time, an online survey will be released for those unable to attend. Kalamazoo County recognizes that it is vital that community feedback remain a central theme throughout this process and is considering additional methods of obtaining feedback throughout the performance period.

Labor Practices

At this time, Kalamazoo County does not have any infrastructure projects outlined. Considerations is being given to a potential broadband expansion project. If this project is selected for funding, Kalamazoo County will detail how that project will use strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

Use of Evidence

Kalamazoo County staff have begun to outline some preliminary considerations for the Board of Commissioners that will insure that evidence-based interventions and/or rigorous program evaluations are incorporated into the overall approach for funding distribution. During future Board of Commissioners planning sessions, staff will work with the Board to outline the Board's desired overall approach for using evidence and evaluation.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	\$0.00	
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	\$0.00	
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	\$0.00	
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	\$0.00	
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	\$0.00	
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	\$0.00	
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	\$0.00	

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	\$0.00	
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	\$0.00	
1.10	Mental Health Services	\$0.00	
1.11	Substance Use Services	\$0.00	
1.12	Other Public Health Services	\$0.00	
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	\$0.00	
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$0.00	
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	\$0.00	
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	\$0.00	
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	\$0.00	
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	\$0.00	
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	\$0.00	
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	\$0.00	
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	\$0.00	
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	\$0.00	
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	\$0.00	
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	\$0.00	
2.13	Other Economic Support	\$0.00	
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	\$0.00	
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	\$0.00	
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	\$0.00	
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	\$0.00	
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	\$0.00	
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	\$0.00	
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	\$0.00	
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	\$0.00	

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	\$0.00	
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	\$0.00	
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	\$0.00	
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	\$0.00	
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$0.00	
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	\$0.00	
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	\$0.00	
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	\$0.00	
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	\$0.00	
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$0.00	
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	\$0.00	
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	\$0.00	
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	\$0.00	
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	\$0.00	
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	\$0.00	
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	\$0.00	
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	\$0.00	
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	\$0.00	
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	\$0.00	
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	\$0.00	
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	\$0.00	
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	\$0.00	
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	\$0.00	
5.13	Drinking water: Source	\$0.00	
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	\$0.00	
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	\$0.00	
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	\$0.00	
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	\$0.00	
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$0.00	
7	Administrative and Other		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	\$0.00	
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	\$0.00	
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	\$0.00	

Project Inventory

At this time, no projects have been undertaken.