



# **Recovery Plan**

## **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

### **2025 Report**



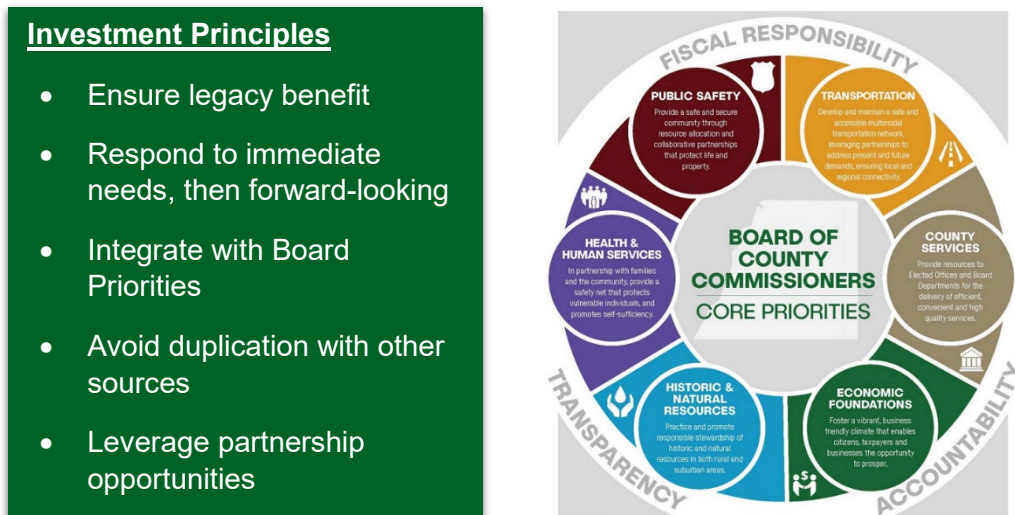
## Douglas County, Colorado 2025 Recovery Plan

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# Executive Summary

Douglas County's Board of County Commissioners developed a spending plan for its Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) allocation through a deliberative, transparent decision-making process. The process is directed by five investment principles and the Board's six Core Priorities:



These principles guided formation of a spending plan developed over the course of several months in 2021 and 2022. The spending plan prioritizes investment in seven key areas that are anticipated to provide legacy benefit for County residents, consistent with the County's primary investment principle. In some instances, this plan also identifies uses for interest earned on ARPA holdings and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF). This spending plan is subject to refinement as the County evaluates new opportunities and pursues other grant funding to offset or augment these projects. Going forward, the County will implement spending in these target areas with community partners, consistent with its objective to leverage partnership opportunities.

## Use of Funds

Douglas County developed a spending plan based on the County's Board Priorities, investment principles, and the input received through the community engagement process described in greater detail in the Community Engagement section of this report. American Rescue Plan Act funds may be used for specific purposes defined in the Act and in guidance promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Generally, ARPA funds can be used to:

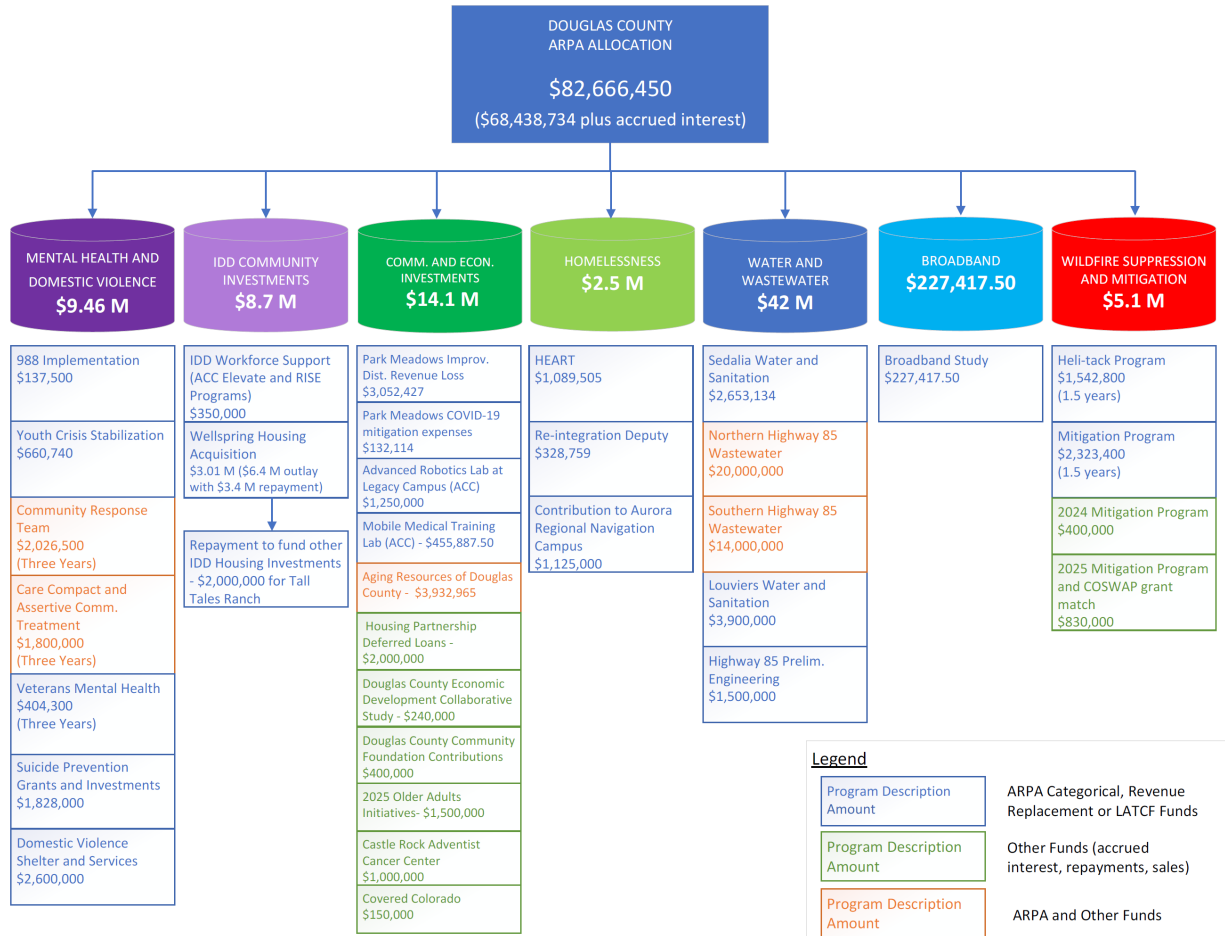
- Replace lost public sector revenue and invest in local government workforce
- Respond to public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Provide emergency relief from natural disasters or their negative economic impacts
- Support surface transportation projects subject to limitations
- Support eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant programs

For County fiscal years 2020 through 2024 Douglas County has identified \$45,415,353 of its allocation eligible for revenue replacement and use for government services. These funds are included in the uses described below.

Douglas County is investing its ARPA allocation in seven core areas:

- Water and Wastewater
- Mental Health and Domestic Violence Interventions
- Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Wildfire Suppression and Mitigation
- Homelessness
- Community and Economic Investments
- Broadband







## Water and Wastewater



Since 2000, Douglas County has made water a top priority in terms of securing a dependable water supply and advocating for water conservation. Douglas County partners with local water and wastewater authorities on projects. Maintaining water quality has also been a long-standing priority of the commissioners. A commitment to a dependable water supply and water quality protects property values, jobs, the economy and the overall quality of life of residents.

Direct investments in water supply initiatives began in 2013 when the County established the Water Alternatives Program as part of their 2013 initiatives to provide water alternatives to existing non-renewable water supplies in response to neighborhoods and small domestic water providers experiencing declines in well productivity and water quality.

In 2023, Douglas County formed a Water Commission as an advisory board to the County Commissioners comprised of elected officials, stakeholders, citizens, and water policy advisors. The Water Commission will develop a 2050 Comprehensive Douglas County Water Plan that will identify strategic policies addressing water infrastructure and storage, supply acquisition, reclamation, and conservation practices for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commission will also advise the Board of County Commissioners on water topics, including but not limited to, policies in the Douglas County Comprehensive Master Plan, state and federal legislative items, and regional and state-wide issues.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for investments in water and wastewater infrastructure. Douglas County allocated approximately \$42M to this priority in partnership with local water and wastewater districts, \$37.6M of which will be comprised of ARPA funds. Douglas County has also allocated accrued interest earned on its ARPA funds to water and wastewater projects. Planned water and wastewater projects are described in detail on subsequent pages. These expenditures are reported within Expenditure Categories 5.1 to 5.18 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure. A portion of expenditures in this category may also be reported within Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

#### Applicable Core Priorities



Economic  
Foundations



Health & Human  
Services



Historic & Natural  
Resources

#### Related Web links:

- Water Resources: <https://www.douglas.co.us/planning/water-resources/>
- Water Commission: <https://www.douglas.co.us/board-county-commissioners/boards-commissions/water-commission/>



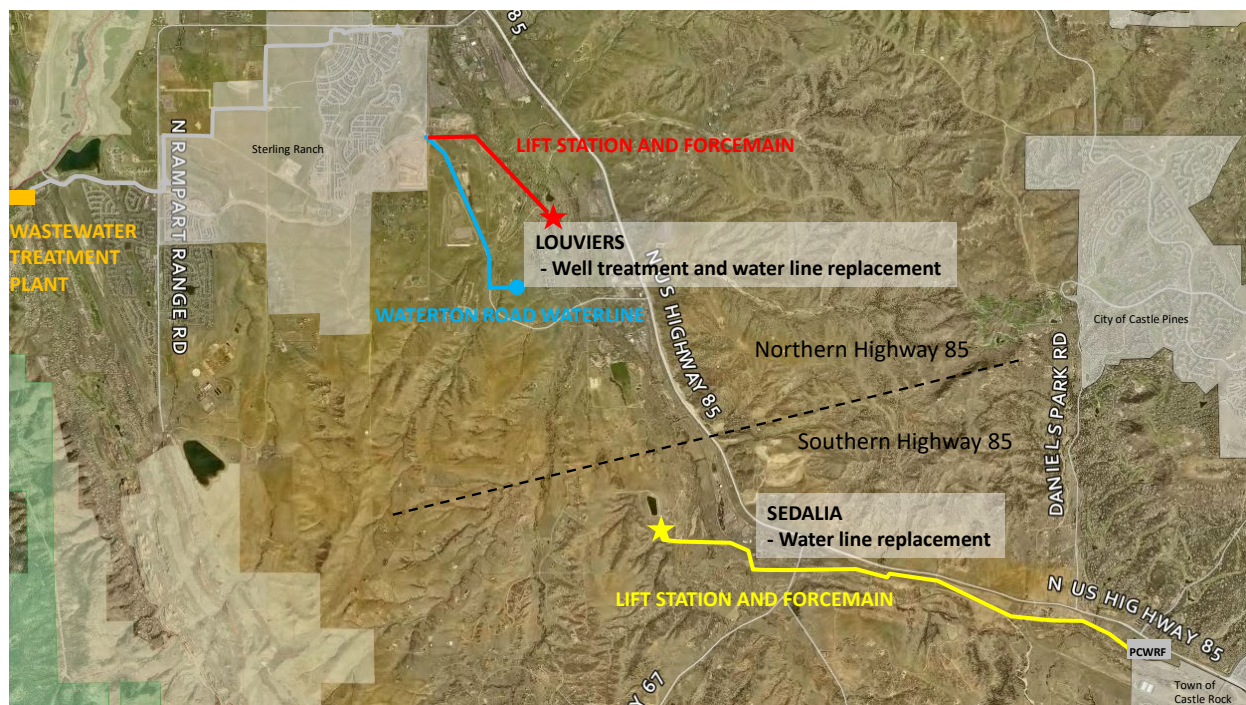
## Highway 85 Water and Wastewater Projects

Douglas County used American Rescue Plan Act funds to make major investments in water and wastewater service on the Highway 85 corridor.

These investments were the result of a significant stakeholder engagement process beginning in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2021 when the County began soliciting water and wastewater projected proposals from local districts and water providers. Approximately \$240M in proposals was received through this process. During the first half of 2022, Douglas County conducted due diligence on several of the larger water proposals, including a seven-part series of fact-finding public workshops on one of the proposals.

In the third and fourth quarters of 2022, the Commissioners narrowed their focus on the water and wastewater service to the Highway 85 corridor, a long-underserved section of northwest Douglas County. Collaboration between the water districts serving the area resulted in four projects that satisfied the Board's directive for a regional, comprehensive solution to the water and wastewater constraints in the area. In early 2023, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners approved intergovernmental funding agreements for each of these projects, which are described in greater detail on subsequent pages:

- The Northern Highway 85 Wastewater Project
- The Southern Highway 85 Wastewater Project
- Louviers Well Treatment and Water Line Replacement
- Sedalia Water Line Replacement



*Overview of County Water and Wastewater Investments*

## Louviers Well Treatment and Water Line Replacement

Douglas County awarded a total of \$3.9 million in grant funding to the Louviers Water and Sanitation District (LWSD) to build a radium treatment system and replace aging water lines. Douglas County's grant to LWSD is funded with both ARPA Revenue Replacement funds and LATCF funds.



Louviers is a former DuPont company town in rural Douglas County, Colorado. It is comprised of approximately 293 residents in 119 homes, a post office, small library, and a community clubhouse on the National Register of Historic Places. After DuPont ceased operations, The mutual water company was converted to a citizen-controlled water and sanitation district known as Louviers Water and Sanitation District. The infrastructure inherited from DuPont is aging and in need of significant repair. The infrastructure in Louviers dates back to the early 1900s. A replacement well drilled in 2018 introduced naturally occurring radium into the system at levels in excess of EPA drinking water maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). As a result, the LWSD drinking water system is currently the subject of a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Drinking Water Enforcement Order.

In addition to the ARPA-funded projects, the district will use a combination of local, state and federal grants to fund additional water line replacement needs. The District completed its ARPA-funded radium treatment system in early 2025. Tested radium levels in June of 2025 were below CDPHE MCLs.





## Sedalia Water and Sanitation District Water Line Replacement

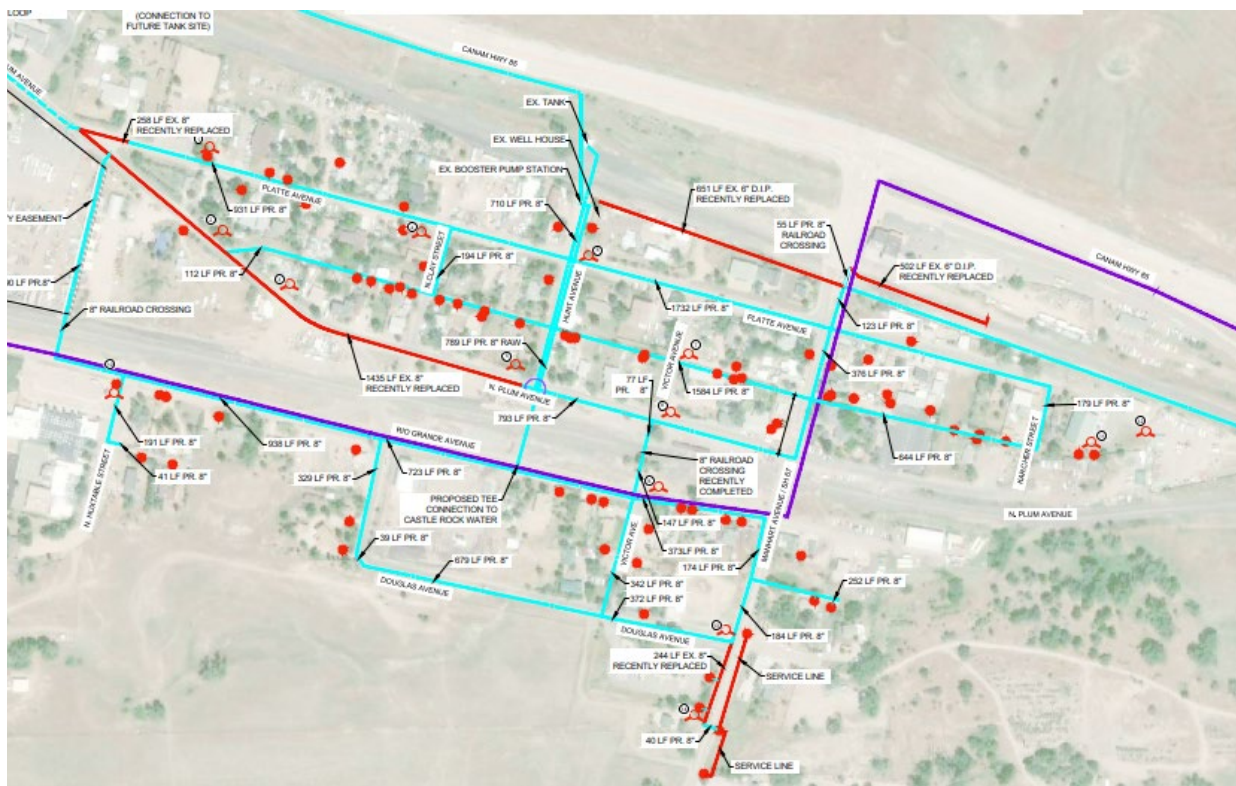


Like Louviers, Sedalia is a small railroad community with its own locally-controlled water district. Douglas County awarded a \$2.6 million grant to Sedalia Water and Sanitation District for leak repair and water line replacements.

The existing water distribution system experiences frequent water line breaks. Replacement of this aging infrastructure will alleviate water supply disruptions and increase system capacity. The Sedalia Water and Sanitation District project is the culmination of a

years-long effort to secure both a USDA-Rural Development infrastructure grant and voter-approved funding for system improvements. Douglas County's grant to SWSD is funded ARPA Revenue Replacement funds.

The water system improvements will prepare the community for interconnection to regional renewable water supplies upon project completion, and regional wastewater infrastructure upon completion of the Southern Highway 85 Wastewater System.

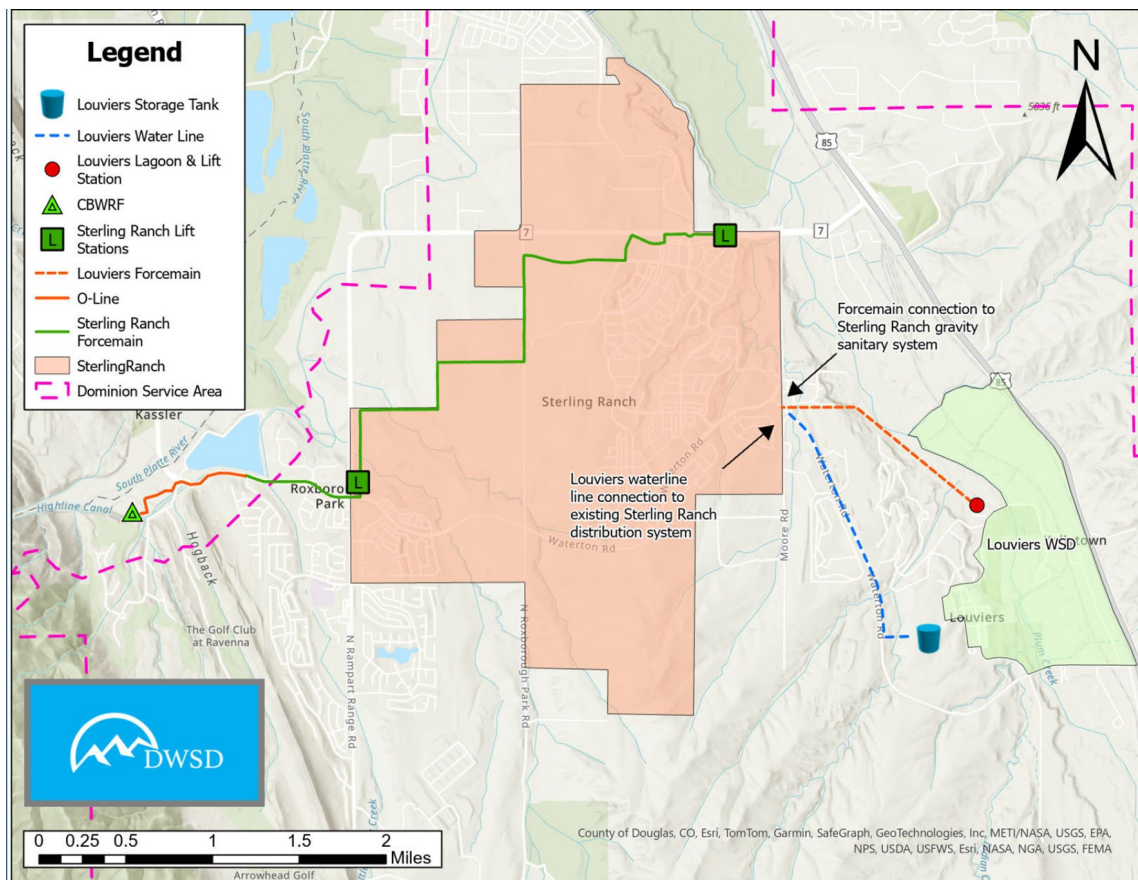


### The Northern Highway 85 Wastewater Project

Douglas County awarded \$20 million in grant funding to the project Dominion Water and Sanitation District for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to be owned and operated by Dominion, and a force main lift station to provide service to Louviers and surrounding underserved businesses and properties. The County's investment in this project will also result in the construction of a water line from Dominion Water and Sanitation District to Louviers for emergency and future renewable water supply delivery.



This regional investment will result in a wastewater collection and reuse system serving existing and new development along the northern portion of the Highway 85 corridor. This portion of the County is experiencing substantial new residential development, and the establishment of regional wastewater infrastructure is expected to result in improved economic development opportunities for commercial and light industrial areas in the corridor that originally developed without the benefit of central wastewater services. Douglas County's grant to Dominion is funded with ARPA Categorical funds, ARPA Revenue Replacement funds and other funding inclusive of accrued interest earned on the County's ARPA funds.



## The Southern Highway 85 Wastewater Project

Douglas County awarded over \$14 million to Castle Rock Water for its Southern Highway 85 Wastewater Project. The project will bring wastewater services to the Sedalia area, allowing residents and businesses that are currently reliant on septic systems the opportunity to connect to central service. This includes major area employers like CORE Electric Cooperative, and small local businesses along Manhart Sedalia.



The project will establish a lift station near Sedalia and extend a force main from Sedalia to the Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority treatment plant near Castle Rock.



Castle Rock Water was awarded an initial planning and preliminary design grant to evaluate options for wastewater collection and treatment system along the entirety of the US 85 in the northwest portion of Douglas County in conjunction with Dominion Water and Sanitation District. At the conclusion of the project's preliminary design phase, the parties recommended a dual-system design consisting of a northern and southern project.

The new systems are intended to improve water quality in Plum Creek and Chatfield Reservoir and stimulate economic development in the US 85 corridor by providing wastewater service to underserved areas and make modern, centralized wastewater systems available to landowners currently reliant on septic systems. The project is also expected to create new recreation opportunities with the construction of new trails along the force main alignment. Douglas County's grant to Dominion is funded with ARPA Categorical funds, ARPA Revenue Replacement funds and other funding inclusive of accrued interest earned on the County's ARPA funds.

### Related Web links:

- Castle Rock Water: <https://www.crgov.com/3455/Castle-Rock-Water>
- Dominion Water and Sanitation District: <https://www.dominionwsd.org/>
- Louviers Water and Sanitation District: <https://www.louvierswsd.com/>
- Sedalia Water and Sanitation District: <https://sedaliawatersd.colorado.gov/>
- Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority: <https://pcwracolorado.org/>



## Mental Health and Domestic Violence Intervention Services





With the support of the Douglas County Commissioners, and in response to several tragic mental health-related incidents, the Douglas County Mental Health Initiative (DCMHI) was established in 2014 to unite community partners, address unmet mental health needs, connect people to mental health services and prevent those in need from falling through the cracks of the mental health system.

In 2018 and 2019, the DCMHI developed its “Blue Print for a Community Based Mental Health System in Douglas County” which identified gaps in mental health service provision and established goals and strategies for addressing these service gaps. The County’s recent Community Health Assessment and Public Health Improvement Plan also highlighted behavioral health needs in the County.

Douglas County allocated \$6.69M in ARPA funds and an additional \$2.8M in accrued interest to mental health services, for a total of approximately \$9.5M for the provision of mental health services over three years. These investments target the gaps and service needs identified by the DCMHI, and include:

- Expansion of the County’s award-winning Community Response Team.
- Expansion of the Care Compact
- Increased access to walk-in clinic and crisis stabilization unit services for Douglas County youth.
- Suicide Prevention Grants
- Veterans Mental Health Services
- One-time funding for the Colorado 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline.
- Programming and supports for victims of domestic violence.

Initial expenditures on mental health services are reported within Expenditure Category 1.12 – Mental Health Services, and Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services. These initiatives are described in greater detail on subsequent pages.

#### Applicable Core Priorities



Health & Human Services



County Services



Public Safety

#### Related Web links:

- Douglas County Mental Health Initiative:  
<https://www.douglas.co.us/mental-health/mental-health-initiatives/>

## Community Response Team Expansion

The Community Response Team (CRT), established in 2017, by the Douglas County Mental Health Initiative, pairs a law enforcement officer with a mental health professional to help adults and youth experiencing a mental health crisis avoid the emergency room or jail and, instead, find the support they need to heal.

The Douglas County Community Response Team received an allocation of \$2.1 million dollars in ARPA funds for the expansion of CRT clinical staff, law enforcement provisioning and technology support to expand the reach of the CRT program. Douglas County's investments in these services is funded with ARPA Categorical funds, ARPA Revenue Replacement funds and other funding inclusive of accrued interest earned on the County's ARPA funds.

These funds allowed for the addition of three new teams, growing the program from six CRT units operating five-days a week to nine CRT units operating seven-days a week. The CRT program includes officers and deputies from Castle Rock Police, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Lone Tree Police, and Parker Police – with response capability seven days a week. Two of those teams focus solely on youth response, covering every school – public, private, and charter – in Douglas County.

Since the implementation of these new teams in 2023 the program has seen a 32% increase in individuals served, including 1,487 individuals in 2023. In 2024 the CRT program served over 1,500 individuals, responding to 1,072 911 calls and 1,343 referrals. The teams completed 2,758 successful encounters, diverting clients from the Emergency Department 171 times and from the jail 18 times. The efficacy of the program allowed 707 officers who would have otherwise continued to respond to a mental health situation return back to service throughout the year. Since its inception in 2017, the CRT program has responded to over 13,000 emergency and non-emergency calls and referrals for service and served approx. 7,000 individuals.



### The Care Compact:

The Care Compact is a project of the Douglas County Mental Health Initiative that formally links existing care coordination service providers through a streamlined network to serve vulnerable individuals with complex mental health issues, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disability needs. Douglas County's investments in these services is funded with ARPA Categorical funds, ARPA Revenue Replacement funds and other funding inclusive of accrued interest earned on the County's ARPA funds.



### Veteran's Mental Health:

Douglas County invested ARPA Revenue Replacement funding for a full-time, specialized, veteran-specific position employed by the community mental health center (AllHealth Network), available to the Douglas County Veteran Affairs Office to serve referred clients.

### Suicide Prevention Grants:

The Douglas County Mental Health Initiative invested ARPA Revenue Replacement funds in a grant program for evidence-based, research-informed, promising practices and/or innovative approaches for suicide prevention. The program awarded over \$1.7 million in grants over three years to The Aspen Effect, Castle Rock Pride, The Happy Crew, the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), National Alliance on Mental Illness Arapahoe/Douglas Counties (NAMI ADCO), Second Wind Fund, and You are Not Alone Mom 2 Mom (YANA M2M). Proposals covered an array of services and approaches, including animal-assisted mentoring, youth leadership development, post-partum peer support, and direct treatment programs – all that spanned the spectrum from prevention to intervention and recovery. The County convened a grant review committee with representatives from the County, Douglas County Health Department, Douglas County School District, Centura Health and AllHealth Network to evaluate and score each application, which resulted in the recommendation to fund seven proposals over three years based on performance. Data has indicated suicide disproportionately affects middle aged men. As a result, the Board is also allocating \$127,830 of the original \$1.5 million to programs for men and veterans, including a grant to Dads of Castle Rock for Mental Health First Aid Training.

### 988 Hotline

Douglas County contributed ARPA categorical funds in a contribution to Metro Crisis Services, doing business as Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners (RMCP). RMCP is the Colorado state-wide provider for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, now operating as 988. Funds provided by Douglas County contributed to operation of the hotline from October 2021 to March of 2022.

### Walk-in Clinic and Crisis Stabilization Unit

Douglas County anticipates investing ARPA accrued interest to increase access to walk-in clinic and crisis stabilization services for children and adolescents through partnerships with one or more mental health providers in the region.

## Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



*Wellspring Stars celebrate acquisition of the Unity on Park property with the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners.*





In 2001, Douglas County voters authorized a one-mill property tax dedicated to services for persons with developmental disabilities. Douglas County has allocated approximately \$8.7 M in ARPA revenue replacement funds for services and support to the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) community to augment ongoing funding available from this property tax levy.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for a broad range of public purposes when claimed as revenue replacement by a local jurisdiction. County expenditures in support of the IDD community are reported within Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

Funded initiatives include two investments in housing for individuals with IDD, and support programming for students Arapahoe Community College (ACC) students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Additional information on these initiatives can be found below and on the following pages.

#### Applicable Core Priorities



Health & Human  
Services



County Services

### IDD Student Support

In a partnership with Arapahoe Community College Douglas County provided funding for its Rising Together in Search of Excellence (RISE) Program and Elevate Program, which provide scholarships and educational support for ACC students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



#### Related Web Links:

- ACC RISE and Elevate Programs:  
<https://www.campusce.net/arapahoe/course/course.aspx?catId=103>  
<https://www.arapahoe.edu/advising-support/disability-access-services/elevate-acc>

### Housing for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:

Douglas County, in partnership with Wellspring Community and the Douglas County Housing Partnership, acquired a former hotel at 884 Park Street in Castle Rock to create a housing solution for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The project converted the former La Quinta Inn on Park Street into 42 affordable apartments with 20 reserved for adults with disabilities. There are 22 studios and 20 one-bedroom units, and 66 parking spaces. All of the housing units will be restricted to people making 30-80% of the area median income.

Wellspring will partially repay the acquisition cost of the property, resulting in funding that will be reinvested into other housing proposals for adults with IDD, including Tall Tales Ranch, a similar IDD housing project under development in the City of Lone Tree.



#### Related Web links:

- <https://www.douglas.co.us/wellspring-community-and-douglas-county-announce-partnership-to-tackle-housing-for-adults-with-i-dd/>
- <https://wearewellspring.org/residential/>



## Wildfire Suppression and Mitigation



Much of Douglas County lies within areas of high wildfire risk, with increased likelihood for high intensity fires in areas of wildland-urban interface. In 2002, the Hayman Fire burned 60,000 acres in one day and ultimately burned over 138,000 acres in the Pike National Forest. Since that time, Douglas County has invested significantly in wildfire mitigation efforts and suppression capabilities. Douglas County's Wildfire Action Collaborative acts to proactively address wildfire risk in concert with local, state, and Federal partners. County wildfire mitigation efforts include:

- Aerial suppression with a County-contracted helicopter.
- Emergency Operations planning and Preparedness
- A Prescribed Burn Pilot Program
- Initial biomass and timber management planning
- Community education and Community Wildfire Protection Plans.
- Construction of secondary evacuation routes from communities in the wildland urban interface.
- Fuel reduction and wildfire mitigation in conjunction with new development.
- Mitigation and fuel reduction on County land.
- Grant-funded assistance to landowners for fuel reduction.
- Planning for shaded fuel breaks across County, Federal and private land.

The County will invest \$3.6M in ARPA funds and \$1.5M in accrued interest in wildfire mitigation projects through 2026. Douglas County established a helitack fire response crew with ARPA funds and hired an additional wildfire mitigation specialist. The County also established two wildfire mitigation matching fund grant programs for homeowners, one run by the County and another in conjunction with the Colorado State Forest Service.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for public sector staffing to increase local government capacity. These expenditures are reported within Expenditure Category 3.4 – Public Sector Workforce: Other, and Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

#### Applicable Core Priorities



Public Safety



County Services



Historic & Natural  
Resources

## Helitack Program

This initiative funds initial equipment and staffing costs associated with the Douglas County Office of Emergency Management's Helitack Program. These trained wildland firefighters will respond to fire events in conjunction with the County's contracted fire suppression helicopter. Between 2022 and 2024 the helitack team has completed 687 water drops on 31 fires in the County, ensuring that small natural and man-made fires are managed before they are able to expand. In 2025 alone the crew has completed an additional 2027 water drops in response to 15 wildfires.





## Wildfire Mitigation:

This initiative expanded the County's wildfire mitigation defensible space program to include a chipping and mitigation cost-share program for fuel reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface area, and staffing costs associated with expansion of the program. The County also partnered with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) on a similar grant program.

In its first program year, Douglas County's Wildfire Cost Share Program funded 81 projects across approximately 750 acres. Projects ranged from individual landowners on smaller lots ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre) to larger tracts (approximately 40 acres) that were previously unmanaged. Most funding recipients were no longer able to physically complete the work on their own, given the considerable scale and cost of the task. Funding was allocated to link fuel reduction treatments in targeted areas and establish strategic corridor connections. Program awardees are committed to long term maintenance of fuels treatments. In 2024 DC ARPA Wildfire Cost Share Program funded 107 projects, including 99 individual and 8 community projects across ~300 acres. Projects prioritized and focused on the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) and defensible space, incorporating Gambel oak mastication across small acreage lots where possible.

In its first year, CSFS projects completed treatments on 561 acres across 6 different projects, connecting strategic fuels treatments, and protecting significant values at risk in the natural and built environments. In 2024, CSFS projects completed treatments on 287 acres across 5 different projects, connecting strategic fuels treatments, protecting significant values at risk in the natural and built environments, including a high use church camp along the Highway 67 corridor. These projects represent significant accomplishments in fuels treatments, mitigating negative wildfire and post fire impacts including erosion and stabilization, debris flows, and additional post fire rehabilitation efforts.



## Homelessness



The Douglas County Homeless Initiative utilizes a collaborative approach between the county, law enforcement, city council members, mayors, non-profit organizations, and business owners to develop strategies that help address homelessness challenges. The initiative focusses on the “Four Cs”: compassion, code enforcement, community services, and communication.

The efforts of the initiative were bolstered significantly with the investment of approximately \$2.5 million in ARPA categorical and revenue replacement funding to this priority. Funded investments include:

- Establishment of a homeless street outreach services known as the Homeless Engagement, Assistance & Resource Team (HEART).
- A contribution to a regional shelter and support services operated by the City of Aurora, CO, with a reservation of beds for Douglas County.
- Establishment of a reintegration deputy who assists with case management and transportation needs for homeless individuals upon their release from the County jail.

Douglas County experienced a 36% reduction in unsheltered homelessness in 2023, in part as a result of these services.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for expenditures to support unhoused persons. These expenditures are reported within Expenditure Category 3.4 – Public Sector Workforce: Other, and Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

#### Applicable Core Priorities



Health & Human  
Services



County Services



Public Safety

#### Related Web Links:

- Douglas County Homeless Initiative: <https://www.douglas.co.us/homeless-initiative/>
- Douglas County joins City of Aurora for regional navigation campus: <https://www.douglas.co.us/douglas-county-joins-city-of-aurora-for-regional-navigation-campus/>
- Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team (HEART): <https://www.douglas.co.us/homeless-initiative/heart/>
- Reintegration and Transportation: <https://www.douglas.co.us/homeless-initiative/reintegration-and-transportation/>



### Homelessness Outreach:

The Homeless Engagement, Assistance & Resource Team (HEART) Pilot Program consisting of co-response teams that pair outreach navigators with law enforcement to respond to community calls regarding homelessness and provide support to homeless individuals contacted. The HEART was placed in operation during October 2022.

### Reintegration Deputy:

The Reintegration Deputy Pilot Program funds a position within the Douglas County Sheriff's Office who is responsible for case management and transportation needs for homeless individuals upon their release from the County jail. The program has assisted over 300 individuals with transportation and services since its establishment, including 87 in 2024.

### Regional Homeless Navigation Campus:

In May, Douglas County agreed to partner with Aurora, Adams County, and Arapahoe County to contribute funding for the renovation of a hotel into a shelter for homeless individuals. The facility, to be known as the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus, will also provide support services for the individuals housed.



## Community and Economic Investments

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Douglas County invested significant portions of its CARES act funding for the benefit of businesses, awarding over \$13 million through the County's Impact Grant Program. Another \$1.2 million was awarded to non-profits. Additional funding was provided for support of food banks and direct aid to individuals through the County's Human Services Department.

With ARPA funds, Douglas County allocated approximately \$14.1 million to a range of services and purposes, including \$1.5 million in new investments for the benefit of older adults in the County, particularly in regard to the provision of housing, in-home services, access to information and transportation. The County initiated a \$1.5 million loan to the Douglas County Housing Partnership for acquisition of the Reyn Rock low-income senior housing building in Castle Rock, and is assisting Aging Resources of Douglas County expand its office space as well as its services to older adults in the Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, and Parker areas. Douglas County contributed \$1 million in accrued interest on ARPA funds in support of Castle Rock Adventist Hospital's new cancer center, and another \$150,000 in support of a non-profit, Covered Colorado, which assists women escaping human trafficking and sexual violence. Douglas County contributed \$400,000 in funding to the Douglas County Community Foundation as matching funds for private donations. All funds raised support the DCCF Community Emergency Relief Fund. These funds will provide direct assistance to our community, non-profit partners, and first responders during catastrophic events affecting Douglas County residents and ensure that emergency relief funds can be quickly accessed and distributed to those in Douglas County who need it most, when they need it most. The County made further investments in business support, economic development, and higher education.

These expenditures are reported within Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services. Douglas County has also allocated accrued interest earned on its ARPA funds to some of these initiatives. A portion of these projects are described in further detail on subsequent pages.

### Applicable Core Priorities



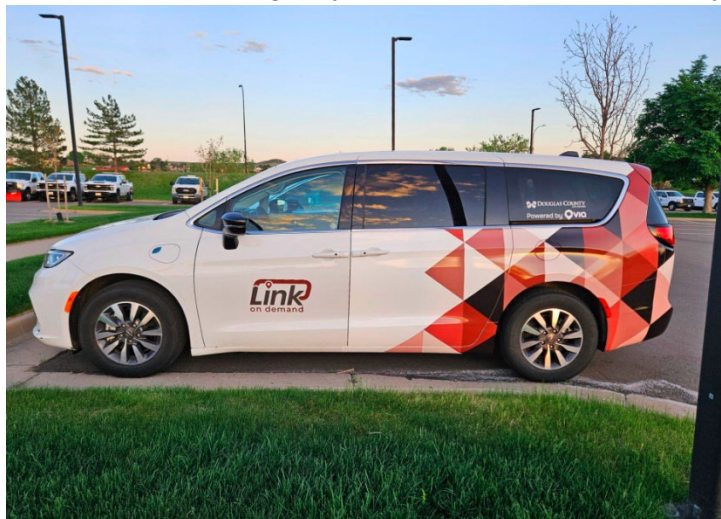
Economic Foundations



Health & Human Services



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## Higher Education

Douglas County invested in Arapahoe Community College's partnership with the Douglas County School District at its new Legacy Campus in Lone Tree. County investments at this new facility included funding for the Arapahoe Community College (ACC) Advanced Robotics Lab, to relocate and expand the Robotics and Automation program to the Legacy innovations Campus. The funding was used to equip the lab with updated equipment and software.



### Related Web Links:

- DCSD Legacy Campus: <https://www.legacycampus.org/>
- ACC at Legacy Campus: <https://www.arapahoe.edu/about-acc/locations/lone-tree>

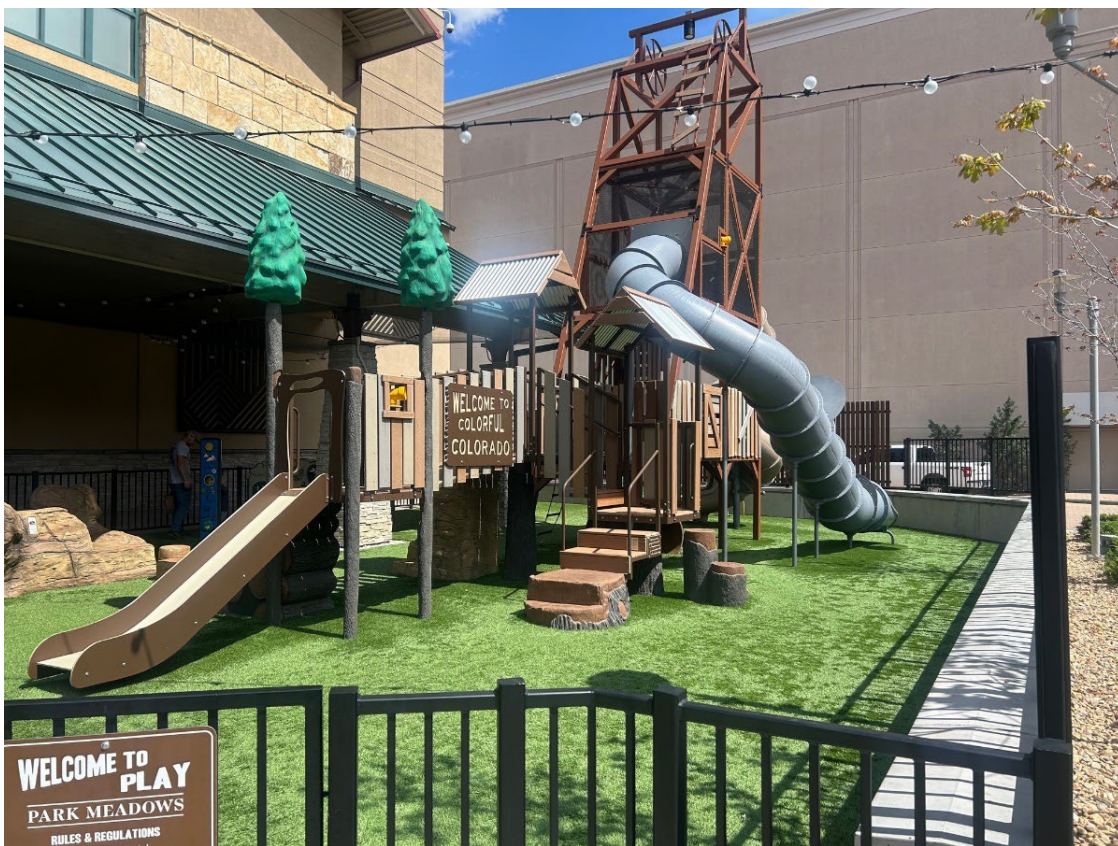
Douglas County also partnered to bring a mobile medical training lab and simulator equipment to the Legacy Campus, where ACC offers Allied Health coursework.





## Business Support

Park Meadows Retail Resort is a significant driver of economic activity in northern Douglas County. The Park Meadows Business Improvement District and the City of Lone Tree requested and were awarded funds for replacement of lost sales tax revenue equal to that portion of sales tax that the City of Lone Tree would have shared back with the Park Meadows Business Improvement District (BID) in 2020 and 2021. The BID is a local government special district that maintains portions of the public infrastructure in the Park Meadows Mall area. Douglas County also used ARPA funds to reimburse COVID-19 mitigation expenses incurred by Park Meadows Retail Resort to re-open the mall in accordance with public health orders. In support of the new Douglas County Economic Development Corporation, Douglas County also funded an economic development study and strategic plan.



### Related Web Links:

- Douglas County EDC and Chamber: <https://douglascountychamber.org/>
- Park Meadows Business Improvement District: <https://cityoflonetree.com/city-partners/>

## Senior Affordable Housing

Douglas County extended a low interest deferred loan to the Douglas County Housing Partnership to assist with acquisition of the Reyn Rock property in downtown Castle Rock. Acquired by DCHP in October 2023, Reyn Rock Senior Apartments provides 33 units for very-low income seniors over the age of 62, or disabled seniors over the age of 55.



### Related Web Links:

- Douglas County Housing Partnership: <https://douglascountyhousingpartnership.org/>
- Aging Resources of Douglas County: <https://www.agingresourcesdougco.org/>



## Broadband

Douglas County's Broadband initiative sought to identify the scope of unserved and underserved areas in the County and make funding available to extend service through either middle mile or last mile investments in partnership with providers. The County's County Broadband Master Plan, developed by H.R. Green, initially identified 15,000 to 18,000 residences in Douglas County that are unserved or underserved by existing broadband services.

Douglas County sought partnerships with providers in conjunction with the State of Colorado Broadband Office's Capital Projects Fund grant program. Through the grant cycle, broadband service was extended into unserved and underserved areas with little demand for the County's proposed supplement funding.

When the Colorado Broadband Office submitted its application for Federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funds, it committed to ensure universal high-speed broadband coverage to all Colorado households by 2027 with Federal BEAD funds.

Based on these outcomes, Douglas County redirected its planned broadband investments into other initiatives as described in this Recovery Plan.



## Community Engagement

Priorities within Douglas County's spending plan were developed based in part on a robust community engagement process that began in the second quarter of 2021. The process began with an internal need assessment, followed by consultation with stakeholder groups and task forces. Several of these task forces helped guide investments for the benefit of disproportionately impacted populations, and some were specifically formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to assist the County in responding to identified community needs. These task forces and stakeholder groups include:

- Mental Health Initiative
- Housing Partnership
- Human Needs Task Force
- Pastor Roundtable
- Community of Care service providers
- Homeless Initiative
- IDD service providers
- Wildfire Initiative
- Special Districts
- Economic development organizations

The County began soliciting proposals from partner entities in mid-2021. All proposals received have been considered in public work sessions. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2021, the County began soliciting water and wastewater project proposals from local districts and water providers. Approximately \$240M in proposals was received through this process. During the first half of 2022, Douglas County conducted due diligence on several of the larger water proposals, including a seven-part series of fact-finding public workshops on one of the proposals.

Townhall meetings (live and virtual) were held to further solicit input on several of the priority investment areas. These included ARPA-specific Town Halls in December of 2021 and June of 2022. Topical town halls included January 20, 2022 and April 19, 2022 town halls on workforce considerations, a May 3, 2022 town hall on addiction and fentanyl, a May 5, 2022 town hall on mental health, a June 8, 2022 town hall on broadband, and a June 22, 2022 town hall on homelessness.

Information about Douglas County's American Rescue Plan Act funding is available to interested citizens at [www.douglas.co.us/ARPA](http://www.douglas.co.us/ARPA), where a dashboard of expenditures can be reviewed.

## Labor Practices

As of July 31, 2025, no funds have been expended on County-managed infrastructure projects. For any future County-managed infrastructure projects funded with SLFR Funds, Douglas County will consider the appropriateness of relevant labor practices as encouraged in published SLFRF guidance, and report on the use of such practices as required by applicable Treasury Department Compliance and Reporting Guidance.

For infrastructure projects to be carried out by subrecipients, those entities are made aware of reporting requirements related to labor practices, prevailing wages, and the potential use of community benefit agreements as described in Treasury guidance.

## Use of Evidence

To date, Douglas County fully implemented one project in the mental health expenditure category and began implementation of several others. Discussions on the use of evidence in each project can be found at the end of this report in the project inventory.

# Performance Report

At an organizational level, evaluation of the County's APRA investments will emphasize consistency with the Board's Investment Principles. Primary among these is the County's emphasis on investments that result in long-term legacy benefit. Below is an overview of how these principles are applied to proposals in different categories:

## Infrastructure

Investments in water, wastewater, and broadband will be evaluated in part on the extent to which each project demonstrates long-term benefit to present and future residents the County. This may include a project-level evaluation of the number of benefitting households, a demonstration of community need, and when appropriate, whether the project responds to immediate needs like water quality concerns.

## Capital Improvements

Where capital improvements are proposed, those proposals will also be evaluated based on compliance with the ARPA Final Rule and the extent to which each project demonstrates long-term benefit to present and future residents of the County. This may include estimates of the number of beneficiaries, housing units created or preserved, or job training enrollments and completions.

## Pilot Projects

In some instances, proposals represent pilot projects that support target populations with services, including mental health services, services for the unhoused, or wildfire mitigation and suppression services. These pilot programs will be evaluated by clients served where feasible, acres mitigated (wildfire fuel thinning), or other similar metrics to the extent feasible.

For those County departments that receive pilot program funding, proposals will also be evaluated based on the ability of the pilot project to secure additional funding on an ongoing basis, whether through successful budget requests in future years or grant funding from state or Federal funding opportunities. These objectives are expressed in the investment principles related to avoiding duplication with other funding sources and leveraging partnership opportunities.

## Investment Principles

- Ensure legacy benefit
- Respond to immediate needs, then forward-looking
- Integrate with Board Priorities
- Avoid duplication with other sources
- Leverage partnership opportunities



## **Appendix: Project Inventory**

### Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

EC	Expenditure Category and Subcategory	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Public Health		
1.12	Mental Health Services	\$625,043.04	\$91,858.59
2	Negative Economic Impacts		
2.16	Long-Term Housing Security Services for Unhoused persons	\$1,125,000.00	\$1,125,000.00
3	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		
3.2	Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff	\$2,159,276.72	\$666,827.86
5	Infrastructure		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance	\$0	\$0
5.21	Broadband: Other Projects	\$227,417.50	\$7,480
6	Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$24,995,759.88	\$2,931,462.23
TOTAL		\$29,132,497.14	\$4,822,628.68

Please see the following pages for details on projects and expenditures in each category.

## **Public Health: Provision of Mental Health Services**

### **988 Operational Contribution, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners**

Project: Lifeline Crisis Center Hotline [RMCP]

Funding amount: \$137,499.77

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 – Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners is the certified state-wide provider of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, now operating as 988. Douglas County's contribution partially funded operations between October 2021 and March 2022, including salaries and benefits for Crisis Specialists who respond to calls and Crisis Leads who manage phone queues.

Use of Evidence: This project was intended to support operations of the 988 hotline in Colorado until such time as additional operational funding was received from SAMHSA. Funds are intended to support operations during the transition from a 1-800 hotline number to the three digit 988 number for the benefit of Douglas County residents and Coloradoans generally. SAMHSA and the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration also provide funding and oversight over the 988 hotline and are better positioned to conduct comprehensive evidence-based program evaluations than Douglas County. \$0 of the total project spending allocated towards evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report: During the covered period from October 2021 to March 2022, 23,909 phone calls were received and 6,255 text conversations occurred. Call volume increased 146% from the same period the prior year. Of the clients served, 2,087 did not identify a county of residence. 99 indicated residence in Douglas County or one of its municipalities. Of the 99 calls directly attributable to Douglas County, 67% were return callers, split evenly by gender (51/49 M/F). Three of those calls resulted in urgent referrals to either a walk-in crisis center or a mobile crisis dispatch. In addition to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners also provides staffing for the Colorado Crisis Line, the National Problem Gambling Helpline, and other crisis hotline services. During the funded timeframe, these additional lines served 659 clients who indicated Douglas as their county of residence.

### **Community Response Team (CRT) Expansion**

Project: Community Response Team (CRT) Expansion [CRT Staffing]

Funding amount: \$309,150 total contractual obligation, \$309,150 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 – Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Community Response Teams are a unique team comprised of fire/EMS, law enforcement, and a mental health clinician responding at the scene when mental health is the primary issue. Funding will allow for expansion to nine teams total, including a second youth CRT to expand coverage to include all schools within the county. Information about this program is available here: <https://www.douglas.co.us/mental-health/community-response-team/>. ARPA funds support clinical staff associated with three of the expanded teams. During the period of this project, mental health clinicians were provided through a contract with Caring Communities of Colorado.

Use of Evidence: Co-Response models vary by community, but typically pair law enforcement and mental health professionals who respond together to mental/behavioral health crises. Douglas County specially trains its Co-Responding officers and clinicians to provide enhanced de-escalation. Co-Responder teams reduce the pressure on first responders by way of diversion from the emergency and crisis systems and reducing first responder time on scene. Co-Responders provide a differential response that involves assessment, safety planning, and placement, which can divert from the criminal justice system and emergency departments in favor of the right services at the right time.

SLFRF funds expended on this program are funding payroll, benefits, and equipment for program practitioners. No funding is allocated to formal evidence-based interventions or a comprehensive evidence-based program evaluation

Performance Report: ARPA funds allowed for the addition of three new teams, growing our program from six CRT units operating five-days a week to nine CRT units operating seven-days a week. Since the implementation of these new teams in 2023 the program has seen a 32% increase in individuals served, including 1,487 individuals in 2023. In 2024 the CRT program served over 1,500 individuals, responding to 1,072 911 calls and 1,343 referrals. The teams completed 2,758 successful encounters, diverting clients from the Emergency Department 171 times and from the jail 18 times. The efficacy of the program allowed 707 officers who would have otherwise continued to respond to a mental health situation return back to service throughout the year. Since its inception in 2017, the CRT program has responded to over 13,000 emergency and non-emergency calls and referrals for service and served approx. 7,000 individuals.



## **Care Compact**

Project: Care Compact [Care Compact]

Funding amount: \$1,294,100.31 total contractual obligation, \$178,393.27 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 – Mental Health Services

### **Project Overview:**

The Care Compact (TCC) is an enhanced care coordination program that links existing case management and care coordination service providers. It is offered through Douglas County and a network of dedicated community partners. The Care Compact supports individuals with mental health, substance use disorder or intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) needs. The Care Compact is specifically designed to serve adults involved in multiple systems who have complex and overlapping needs – for example someone with IDD who also has a chronic disease and mental health concerns. People who work with The Care Compact frequently have unmet basic needs, or their basic necessities are unstable. In addition to case management services, a portion of the funding can be used for payments to individuals to assist with basic needs while they are seeking mental health or substance use treatment. Information about this program is available here: <https://www.douglas.co.us/mental-health/mental-health-initiatives/care-project/>. ARPA funds support clinical staff acting as case managers for participating individuals. During the period of this project, mental health clinicians were provided through a contract with AllHealth Network.

Use of Evidence: The provision of enhanced care coordination or wraparound services is an evidence-based practice. A SAMHSA publication from June of 2019 notes that:

“Research has demonstrated positive outcomes associated with high fidelity and quality implementation of Wraparound as defined by the National Wraparound Initiative, inclusive of particular sets of activities and necessary system and organizational elements, including accountability. Wraparound is most appropriate to support children and youth whose needs exceed the resources and expertise of any one provider organization or child- and family-serving system. At the youth and family level, Wraparound is a team-based care planning approach that builds upon strengths to identify appropriate formal and informal supports to address needs and root causes of challenges.”

While this project will not include a comprehensive evidence-based program evaluation nor will funds be used for formal evidence-based interventions, the program design is based on recommendations from a statewide needs assessment.

Performance Report: From July 2024 to June 2025, the Care Compact enrolled 67 new clients, serving a total of 118 individuals. These individuals received 605 services across 1,778 interactions, including mental health outpatient care, referrals, case management, crisis services, and peer support.

## **Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance**

### **Regional Homeless Navigation Campus**

Project: Regional Homeless Navigation Campus [Regional Homeless Campus]

Funding amount: \$1,125,000.00 total contractual obligation, \$1,125,000.00 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16-Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused persons

Project Overview: Contribution to the construction of the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus, a facility to be located in Aurora, Colorado that will provide services and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness in Aurora, and the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas, Colorado.

Performance Report: The construction project is approximately 20% complete. During the winter of 2025, before its full opening, the ARNC offered limited overnight sheltering services. The total number of bed nights from January 2025 through April 2025 was 9,419. The ARNC commercial kitchen and laundry room are active, and the operator, Advance, prepares food and washes bedding for the Aurora Day Resource Center. The Center serves individuals 18 years and older who are homeless or experiencing housing insecurity. Currently, the day and overnight sheltering services provide relief to 75 to 100 individuals daily.

## **Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff**

### **Staffing for ARPA funded Initiatives**

Project: ARPA Initiatives - Salaries and Benefits [ARPA Salaries]

CRT In-house Staffing [CRT in-House Staff]

Funding amount: \$2,482,567.46 total salary obligation, \$2,159,276.72 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 3.2 – Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff

Project Overview: Salaries and Benefits for Staff (19 FTE) in the County's Wildfire Mitigation, Helitack, and Reintegration Deputy Programs. In 2024, Douglas County hired mental health clinicians for its Community Response Teams that were previously contracted from Caring Communities of Colorado. For all positions, Douglas County separately used revenue recovery funds for equipment and training costs associated with these staff positions.

Performance Report: Funding covers 19 FTE in four programs.

Between 2022 and 2024 the helitack team has completed 687 water drops on 31 fires in the County, ensuring that small natural and man-made fires are managed before they are able to expand. In 2025 alone the crew has completed an additional 2027 water drops in response to 15 wildfires.

In 2024, In 2024 DC ARPA Wildfire Cost Share Program funded 107 projects, including 99 individual and 8 community projects across~300 acres, all supported by the ARPA funded Forester position.

The reintegration deputy provides transportation services to homeless inmates upon their release from incarceration. In 2024, the position facilitated 87 transports, including 13 to inpatient treatments programs, 12 to sober living facilities, and seven to other shelters.

In 2024, Douglas County hired mental health clinicians for its Community Response Teams that were previously contracted from Caring Communities of Colorado.

## **Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance**

### **Regional Wastewater Project**

Project: Regional Wastewater Project [Regional Wastewater Hwy85]

Funding amount: \$17,216,459.98 total contractual obligation, \$0 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 5.2-Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance

Project Overview: Provision of central sewer (wastewater) service to communities along the Highway 85 corridor, including Louviers and Sedalia.

Performance Report: These projects are in the design phase.

## **Infrastructure - Broadband: Other Projects**

### **County Broadband Master Plan**

Project: Broadband Master Plan [HRGREEN]

Funding amount: \$227,417.50 total contractual obligation, \$227,417.50 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 5.21 – Broadband: Other projects

Project Overview: Development of a Broadband Master Plan for Douglas County. The contact work plan identifies a process including a public engagement phase, evaluation of existing County policies, and inventory and assessment of public and private fiber assets, development of a technology plan and network design, financial analysis, and implementation plan. Collectively, these components are intended to form a broadband strategy for Douglas County that creates the greatest opportunity and value to implement solutions that are capable of meeting current and long-term community needs.

Performance Report: In August 2021, Douglas County commissioned HR Green to complete a broadband study on the status of broadband capacity within the County. The plan has initially identified 15,000 to 18,000 residences in Douglas County that are unserved or underserved by existing broadband services.

Douglas County sought partnerships with providers in conjunction with the State of Colorado Broadband Office's Capital Projects Fund grant program. Through the grant cycle, broadband service was extended into unserved and underserved areas with little demand for the County's proposed supplement funding.

When the Colorado Broadband Office submitted its application for Federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funds, it committed to ensure universal high-speed broadband coverage to all Colorado households by 2027 with Federal BEAD funds.

Based on these outcomes, Douglas County redirected its planned broadband investments into other initiatives as described in this Recovery Plan.



## **Revenue Replacement - Provision of Government Services**

### **Homelessness Response**

Project: 3Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [REV REPL]  
4Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 4Q 2022]  
1Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 1Q 2023]  
2Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 2Q, 2023]  
3Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 3Q 2023]  
4Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures, [4Q 23 Rev Rep]  
HEART 2024 [HEART 2024]

Funding amount: \$1,089,505.00 allocated, \$866,196,71 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Homeless Engagement, Assistance & Resource Team (HEART) Pilot Program consisting of co-response teams that pair outreach navigators with law enforcement to respond to community calls regarding homelessness and provide support to homeless individuals contacted. Funds were also used for equipment and training costs associated with the HEART Team.

Performance Report: The HEART was placed in operation during October 2022. The HEART received 1,370 referrals in 2023 and 1,035 to date in 2024. Through June 30, 2023, the HEART has received 1,179 referrals from the community and law enforcement partners, providing case management services in 790 cases in 2023, and 210 to date in 2024. For all of 2024, the HEART responded to 555 law enforcement referrals, 137 public referrals and 130 partner referrals. This resulted in proactive street outreach in 1344 instances, serving over 400 people with case management, resource navigation, transportation, housing and hotel vouchers, food, employment, mental health services, and other needs.

### **Housing for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

Project: 4Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 4Q 2022]  
Tall Tales Ranch [Tall Tales]

Funding amount: \$6,411,093.54

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Partnership with Wellspring Community to create a housing solution for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through the acquisition and renovation of property at 884 Park Street in Castle Rock for approximately 35 apartment units where adults with IDD can live independently.

Performance Report: The project converted the former La Quinta Inn on Park Street into 42 affordable apartments with 20 reserved for adults with disabilities. There are 22 studios and 20

one-bedroom units, and 66 parking spaces. All of the housing units will be restricted to people making 30-80% of the area median income.

Wellspring will partially repay the acquisition cost of the property, resulting in funding that will be reinvested into other housing proposals for adults with IDD, including Tall Tales Ranch, a similar IDD housing project under development in the City of Lone Tree.

### **Investments in Higher Education**

Project: 4Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 4Q 2022]

Arapahoe Community College Investments [ACC Investments]

Funding amount: \$2,055,887.50 total contractual obligation, \$1,880,888 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provision of funding to Arapahoe Community College to establish and equip an Advanced Robotics and Automation Lab with up to date robotics equipment, advanced manufacturing technology, and simulation equipment.

Provision of funding to Arapahoe Community College to establish and equip a Mobile Health and Medical Skills Lab and Classroom.

Provision of funding to Arapahoe Community College to be used for staffing, counselling, mentoring, tutoring, transportation to internships, leadership development, and scholarships for Douglas County students in its Elevate Program which provides supports for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and it's Rising Together In Search of Excellence (RISE) Program for students with Traumatic Brain Injury.

Performance Report: To date, 76 students have enrolled in and completed the Robotics Program, 65 students have enrolled in and completed the Emergency Medical Technician/Emergency Medical Services (Legacy Campus) Program, 5 students have completed the RISE Leadership Program, and 2 students have completed the RISE Employment Training and Placement Program. 100% of the 2024 Douglas County RISE graduates have obtained permanent employment.

### **Economic Support**

Project: 4Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 4Q 2022]

Funding amount: \$3,184,541

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Park Meadows Business Improvement District and the City of Lone Tree requested replacement of lost sales tax revenue equal to that portion of sales tax that the City of Lone Tree would have shared back with the Park Meadows Business Improvement District (BID) in 2020 and 2021. The BID is a local government special district that maintains portions of the public infrastructure in the Park Meadows Mall area.

Provision of reimbursement to Park Meadows Mall for COVID-19 mitigation costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to re-open the mall in accordance with public health orders.

Performance Report: COVID-19 mitigation at Park Meadows Mall allowed this anchor retail location to re-open in accordance with public health orders and resume operations. Reimbursement of lost sales tax revenue to the Park Meadows Business Improvement District will allow the BID to invest in public infrastructure and amenities.

### **Wildfire Mitigation and Suppression**

Project: 3Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [REV REPL]  
4Q 2022 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 4Q 2022]  
1Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 1Q 2023]  
2Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 2Q, 2023]  
3Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [Rev Rep 3Q 2023]  
4Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures, [4Q 23 Rev Rep]  
Wildfire Mitigation Grants 2024 [WFM Grants 2024]

Funding amount: \$2,294,105.21, fully expended

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Initial equipment and first year staffing costs associated with the Douglas County Office of Emergency Management's Helitack Program. These trained wildland firefighters will respond to fire events in conjunction with the County's contracted fire suppression helicopter.

Expansion of the County's wildfire mitigation defensible space program to include a chipping and mitigation cost-share program for fuel reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface area.

Performance Report: Through mid-2024, the 8-person Helitack Team had completed 687 water drops on 31 fires in the County, ensuring that small natural and man-made fires are managed before they are able to expand.

The wildfire mitigation cost-share program has funded Douglas County's ARPA-funded Wildfire Cost Share Program funded 81 projects across approximately 750 acres.

CSFS projects completed treatments on 561 acres across 6 different projects, connecting strategic fuels treatments, and protecting significant values at risk in the natural and built environments. These projects represent significant accomplishments in fuels treatments, mitigating negative wildfire and post fire impacts including erosion and stabilization, debris flows, and additional post fire rehabilitation efforts.



## **Vehicles and Equipment**

Project: Helitack and Reintegration Deputy Equipment 2024 [Helitack Equipment 2024]  
CRT Vehicles 2024 [CRT Vehicles 2024]

Funding amount: \$149,593.93 for Heli-tack and Reintegration Deputy equipment and provisions  
\$104,458.24 for CRT vehicles and equipment; all fully expended.

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Equipment and vehicle expenses associated with the Douglas County Office of Emergency Management's Helitack Program, Reintegration Deputy, and CRT Teams.

Performance Report: NA

## **Revenue Replacement Water and Wastewater Projects**

Project: Revenue Replacement Water and Wastewater Projects [RR WWWP]

Funding amount: \$20,038,527.72 total contractual obligation, \$3,195,240.91 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Expenditure of Revenue Replacement funds on:

- Water line replacement in conjunction with the Sedalia Water and Sanitation District
- Well water treatment in conjunction with the Louviers Water and Sanitation District
- Construction of a Regional Renewable Water line in conjunction with Dominion Water and Sanitation District
- Construction of Regional Wastewater Infrastructure in conjunction with Castle Rock Water

Performance Report: Funding expended to date covered costs associated with:

- leak repair within the Sedalia Water and Sanitation District in preparation for water line replacements.
- Design costs for well water treatment (Louviers Water and Sanitation District).
- Design costs for a Regional Renewable Water line in conjunction with Dominion Water and Sanitation District.
- Design costs for Regional Wastewater Infrastructure in conjunction with Castle Rock Water and Dominion.

### **Suicide Prevention Grants**

Project: 4Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [4Q 23 Rev Rep]  
Suicide Prevention Grants 2024 [SP Grants 24]

Funding amount: \$1,712,480.00 obligated, \$1,703,666.82 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Grant program for evidence-based, research-informed, promising practices and/or innovative approaches for suicide prevention.

Performance Report: The Douglas County Mental Health Initiative invested ARPA Revenue Replacement funds in a grant program for evidence-based, research-informed, promising practices and/or innovative approaches for suicide prevention. The program awarded over \$1.7 million in grants over three years to The Aspen Effect, Castle Rock Pride, The Happy Crew, the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), National Alliance on Mental Illness Arapahoe/Douglas Counties (NAMI ADCO), Second Wind Fund, and You are Not Alone Mom 2 Mom (YANA M2M). Proposals covered an array of services and approaches, including animal-assisted mentoring, youth leadership development, post-partum peer support, and direct treatment programs – all that spanned the spectrum from prevention to intervention and recovery. The County convened a grant review committee with representatives from the County, Douglas County Health Department, Douglas County School District, Centura Health and AllHealth Network to evaluate and score each application, which resulted in the recommendation to fund seven proposals over three years based on performance. Data has indicated suicide disproportionately affects middle aged men. As a result, the Board is also allocating \$127,830 of the original \$1.5 million to programs for men and veterans, including a grant to Dads of Castle Rock for Mental Health First Aid Training.

### **Aging Resources Facility**

Project: 4Q 2023 Revenue Replacement Expenditures [4Q 23 Rev Rep]  
Aging Resources Senior Center 2024 [AGR 2024]

Funding amount: \$ 3,907,964.8

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds for the acquisition of a facility for Aging Resources of Douglas County.

Performance Report: NA

**Veterans Mental Health Services**

Project: Veterans Mental Health Services [Veterans MH]

Funding amount: \$276,979.00 total contractual obligation, \$162,414.62 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for a full-time, specialized, veteran-specific position employed by the community mental health center (AllHealth Network), available to the Douglas County Veteran Affairs Office to serve referred clients.

Performance Report: To date, this new service has served 113 veterans, providing 1,682 services.

**Domestic Violence Shelter and Services**

Project: Domestic Violence Shelter and Services [ARPRRDVS]

Funding amount: \$1,501,855.60 total contractual obligation, \$1,501,855.60 expended to date

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 – Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Acquisition and remodeling of DV shelter.

Performance Report: Renovation Underway