

Ada County

**Recovery Plan** 

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** 

July 2023 Report

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# 2023 Recovery Plan

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# **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

# **Executive Summary**

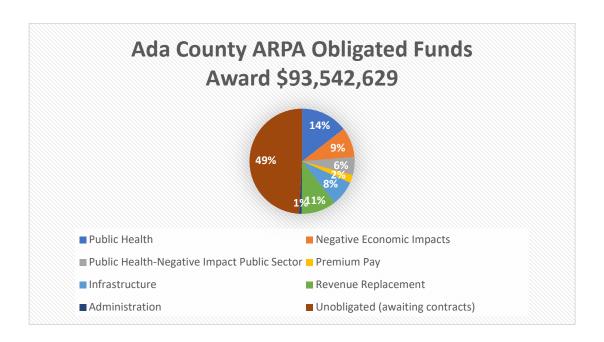
In 2021 Ada County was awarded \$93,542,629 of State and Local Assistance Recovery Funds or also known as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Board of Commissioners received the first 50% tranche of \$46,771,314 on October 12, 2021. The second tranche of \$46,771.315 was received in June 2022.

Ada County is an urban community serving a population of 520,056 residents (both incorporated and unincorporated) and has experienced a 32% population growth since 2010. The county and community have demonstrated strong resilience and leadership since the pandemic began in March 2020 utilizing a proactive approach to provide resources and necessary tools to the County and its municipal/community partners. In response to the public health emergency and its impacts, Ada County, under guidance released from the Treasury, conducted an analysis of overall impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including impacts to services provided and operations. Part of the analysis included identifying operations and expenses as part of the County's direct response to the pandemic, and project needs anticipated to be unmet moving forward due to revenue and operational impacts. As a result of the revenue loss, Ada County under direction of the Board of County Commissioners resolved to utilize the ARPA revenue replacement standard deduction under category EC 6 – and identified strategies to initiate projects and expenditures.

Following the impact analysis, Ada County developed a framework for distribution of ARPA funds while keeping within Interim Final Rule and Final Rule requirements. A *Call for Proposals* was sent out to identify areas of emergent need and respond accordingly, and a community survey was deployed to engage the public. All proposals are given a thorough review to ensure alignment with grant terms and conditions and Ada County priorities. This to continually identify and evaluate the harmful effects of COVID-19 and allowable uses of ARPA to mitigate those direct and secondary effects promoting recovery and resiliency. Furthermore, the county's Qualified Census Tracts ("QCT") are within its jurisdiction allowing the County to provide certain services designated as allowable uses to residents within a QCT.

After initial implementation, expenditures, and evaluation of the ARPA Grant, the County continues to promote public safety, accountability, transparency, fiscal responsibility, equitable outcomes, high level of service to the community, and to relieve disproportionately impacted areas of the County, by prioritizing the following areas of focus:

- 1. Public Health
- 2. Negative Economic Impacts
- 3. Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
- 4. Premium Pay (through April 2023)
- 5. Water, sewer, and broadband Improvements
- 6. Revenue Replacement



# **Ada County Framework**

The governing board of Ada County is the Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") and is composed of three members, each elected to either a two-year or four-year term.

As the primary policy-determining body of Ada County Government, the BOCC translates public will into public policy and monitors the execution and implementation of its policies and directives through the various County agencies, departments, and offices. It is the mechanism through which the BOCC:

- Monitors the execution and implementation of its policies and directives
- Ascertains that budgeted funds are used according to established policy
- Provides direction in accordance with its priorities

During weekly public meetings the BOCC reviews and approves SLFRF/ARPA resolutions brought forth after the grant review and vetting process, which includes Grants office review for acceptable use, Legal review and advice, and a technical committee review. As each award is prepared, goals, key performance indicators, and measurable outcomes are applied. Each award/project is approved separately as eligibility is determined.

## **Uses of Funds**

# A. Public Health (EC 1) - \$13,532,676

Ada County is committed to keeping the public safe from the spread of COVID-19. Ada County's expenditures for categories 1.2 COVID-19 Testing; 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings; 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment; 1.6 Medical Expenses; 1.9 Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19; 1.12 Mental Health Services; 1.13 Substance Abuse Services; and 1.14 Other Public Health Services, span across services provided by several departments and

community partners. The services provided under these expenditure categories address the goal of mitigating COVID-19 effects within our community.

Ada County has allocated \$13,532,676 for public health eligible uses and administrative expenses to mitigate COVID-19 and the ongoing effects within the county service area. These include testing, prevention, personal protection, public health and surveillance, community mental health and substance abuse, grant administration, and audit services.

# B. Negative Economic Impacts (EC2) - \$8,657,308

Ada County expenditures for categories 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality; 2.12 Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting; 2.18: Housing Support; 2.21: Medical facilities for disproportionately impacted communities; and 2.22: Strong healthy communities, to include projects and services aiding communities and individuals most impacted by the public health emergency.

Ada County has allocated \$8,657,308 for negative economic impacts to Parks & Waterways, Expo Idaho County Fairgrounds, Central District Health, Terry Reilly Health Services, and the City of Boise/Interfaith Sanctuary.

C. Public Health – Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3) - \$5,163,322

Ada County expenditures for categories 3.1 Public Sector Workforce, and 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery is used to retain current employees while providing support and hiring incentives to rebuild capacity within essential services sectors since the beginning of the public health emergency. Long-term and secondary effects continue to impact Ada County employee hiring and retention efforts.

The Ada County BOCC determined the following categories of workers: Sheriff's Office Health Services, Juvenile Services, Trial Court Administration, and the coroner's office, suffered significant shortages and retention concerns. The most critical shortages occurred in nursing staff in the detention areas requiring emergent recruitment and retention efforts. The County further determined that providing retention pay and increasing salaries was the best solution to mitigate critical sector shortages.

Ada County allocated \$5,163,322 for hiring and retention pay for Sheriff's Office Health Services, Juvenile Services, Trial Court Administrators, and Coroner's office for retention of essential personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic, hiring and current employee incentives to continue Ada County employment, and restoration of pre-pandemic hiring levels.

# D. Premium Pay (EC 4) - \$2,300,556

Ada County recognizes emergency and essential personnel and that these employees have been and continue to be relied on to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, including those who are critical to protecting the health and well-being of their communities. The County identified significant threats to its ability to respond to the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 and the resulting ability to protect both staff and the community we serve.

The Ada County BOCC identified essential categories of workers to include Emergency Medical Services, Development Services and Operations. The County further determined that approximately 83% of essential personnel fell below the average annual pay threshold with Ada County ranking in the bottom half of the nation's largest counties.

Ada County allocated \$2,300,556 for premium pay and bonuses for emergency and essential personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure no disruption to operations and critical infrastructure sectors.

# E. Water, sewer, and broadband Infrastructure (EC 5) - \$7,225,286

Ada County expenditures for categories 5.2 Clean water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance; 5.6 Clean water: Stormwater; 5.9 Clean water: Nonpoint Source; 5.12: Drinking water: Lead Remediation; 5.13 Drinking water: Source; 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells; and 5.21 Broadband: Other projects, falls within the infrastructure section of SLFRF/ARPA framework to address concerns of clean water, drinking water and broadband survey.

Ada County has allocated \$7,225,286 for clean water, drinking water, private wells, and broadband projects to identify and mitigate infrastructure weaknesses within the community.

# F. Revenue Replacement (EC 6) - \$10,000,000

Ada County has opted to use the revenue replacement standard deduction of \$10,000,000. Part of the funds have been used to purchase ten (10) ambulances and one (1) Battalion Chief vehicle to replace part of Ada County's aging fleet.

#### **Emergency Rental Assistance Programs (ERA 1 and ERA 2)**

Ada County was awarded a total of \$51,892,476 in Federal Emergency Rental Assistance ("ERA1 and ERA2") Funds established by section 501 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. These funds are the primary source to address housing support in the County. ERA1 and ERA2 funds provided rental assistance and housing stability services to eligible households. The County contracted with the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority to administer the program on the County's behalf. ERA1 expired 12/29/2023 with expenditures totaling

\$17,095,275 serving a total of 2475 households. Remaining funds were returned to the U.S. Department of Treasury. ERA2 funds expire 9/30/2025. To date, the County has expended \$14,570,781 supporting over 3000 households. Furthermore, remaining ERA2 funds are being considered for a low-income housing project in collaboration with the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority and the City of Boise.

# **Promoting equitable outcomes**

"Ada County is committed to equitably and effectively utilize federal resources to help our community respond to the pandemic in the best way possible. To do this we look to fund projects that impact the lives of those communities disproportionately impacted by COVID without utilizing scarce taxpayer resources."

The equitable distribution of services is in the forefront of Ada County's programs and projects that utilize these funds. To ensure that the County's efforts promote equitable outcomes, designing programs that assess and facilitate recovery at the community level is and will continue to be a priority. Consideration will be given to underserved and vulnerable communities in the county especially those within qualified census track.

Ada County's community-based service approach evaluates the needs of residents and how projects impact county services, natural resources, health, and wellness, COVID response, mental health, and areas experiencing slow recovery and limited resources to services. A recovery framework may be used to assist in ensuring equitable outcomes.

#### Recovery at the Community Level

**Assessment:** Continual assessment of resources that help facilitate recovery based on identification of community needs resulting from the long-term impacts of the pandemic. By evaluating each situation and identifying what is needed and what resources are available, community needs can be met.

- Provide factual and trusted information and resources
- Determine remaining or changed needs and resources
- Identify assets available through county departments, i.e., Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Parks and Waterways, and Neighborhood Engagement: greenbelts, parks, community services, Expo Idaho rehabilitation efforts
  - Infrastructure: wells, drinking water, wastewater/stormwater, broadband
  - Public safety and health services: emergency medical services, courtroom support, juvenile services and recreation, jail nursing support
  - County Services: premium, hazard, and continuance pay for essential services
- Collection of data and tools to assist in designing and implementing programs
  - Use of Qualifying Census Tracts mapping
  - Community based organizations, economic development, nonprofit data sharing
  - Federal, State, County health indicators

The County focuses to serve historically underserved communities identified by the assessment to accomplish closing gaps, reaching universal levels of service, and ensuring programs are evaluated to indicate equity progress.

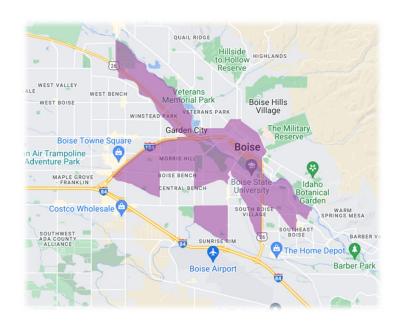
**Partnerships:** Continually Identifying community partners to be involved in the long-term recovery efforts. Collaborating and bringing these partnerships together inspires a thoughtful process in recovery efforts.

- On-going identification and engagement with community leaders at all levels, i.e., nonprofit organizations, State and City leaders, economic development
- Public safety
- Identifying opportunities to link and foster connections with committee and subgroups

**Equitable Practices and Resources:** It is vital and valuable to recognize and honor that many diverse individuals and communities make up Ada County. These individuals and communities may have special needs.

- Address and respond to groups in the community and consider for example:
  - Geographic communities
  - Age
  - Ethnicity
  - o Language
  - Veteran status
- Reduce barriers and increase access
- Find community gatekeepers and request involvement

2022 and 2023 Ada County Qualified Census Tracts (QCT)



# **Community Engagement**

Ada County scheduled two opportunities to submit proposals for both tranche one and tranche two of the U.S. Treasury allocation. In addition to the State, Cities and Central District Health coordination and outreach efforts, the County has maintained the following landing page to track ARPA recovery funds. Ada County developed and launched an online survey tool to engage residents and find out what mattered to the community. The results were reviewed and evaluated. Where possible, suggestions enabled alignment of priorities with community need. Additionally, Ada County holds community engagement meetings in neighborhoods directly affected by current and upcoming projects.

Home > > American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) Ada County's Plan To identify projects for funding, Ada County developed a three-tiered approach. First, to use funds to address COVID-19 response needs  ${\bf w}$ AMERICAN Ada County services to protect both staff and the people we serve. During the second tier, the County will consider new projects needed to reduce the **RESCUE PLAN** spread of COVID-19 and fiscally recover to pre-pandemic levels. The third tier will incorporate our partners to support additional services to Ada **FUNDS** + Recovery Performance Plan + 2021 Interim Report Federal Award + Project & Expenditure Reports On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Offiviaria 11, 2021 (H.B. 1319) (ARPA) into law. The \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health and economic impacts. + Administration Information As part of ARPA, the \$362 billion <u>Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> provides local fiscal aid to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ada County is committed to equitably and Ada County received a total of \$93 million in emergency funding. The Ada County Commissioners are making investments in the County and will continue to decide on ARPA funding initiatives. effectively utilizing federal resources to help our community respond to the pandemic in the best way possible. To do this we look to fund projects that impact the lives of those communities disproportionately impacted by COVID without Support public health expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

utilizing scarce taxpayer resources.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID19 Response - Ada County Clerk

Community Survey Results: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Survey

· Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health

#### **Labor Practices**

Ada County has extensive requirements to ensure strong labor standards to promote the effective and efficient delivery of County projects and/or services and such as strict adherence to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708). The County is also aggressively supporting economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

Currently, Ada County only has approximately ten capital projects in progress. The final approved and signed contracts verify that the contractor is using strong labor standards and posted appropriate labor notices at job sights. Current contractors have either previously worked with Ada County, providing detailed paperwork to verify their labor practices and payroll, or have been advised of federal and local labor practices to ensure compliance. All

contractors ensure employees are paid prevailing wages, that they have hired local skilled workers, they do not discriminate on any basis, and they are using safe labor standards and measures. The contractors also comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor. The Operations Department of Ada County reviews and verifies all information and reports for accuracy and compliance.

## **Use of Evidence**

Ada County may use funds for evidence-based interventions and includes components of Use of Evidence into its recovery efforts. The County has evaluated programs to ensure accountability and identify opportunities to improve them on a regular basis. Detailed evidence information for each project is, or will be, included in the Project Inventory if the SLFRF funds being used require evidence-based interventions. Programs are evaluated and evaluation standards applied to ensure accuracy, equity, and compliance with SLFRF/ARPA Final Rule.

# **Performance Report**

Ada County utilizes evidence-based decision making, while providing quality, transparent, and equitable delivery of services and programs. The performance indicators prioritize important output and outcome measures. As we progress through projects and work with project sponsors, the County practice includes identifying, tracking, and reporting measures that more fully illustrate the impacts of each project.

Ada County looks forward and continues to, through the SLFRF/ARPA grant, work closely with all County departments to improve our evidence in each of the vital projects that we ultimately include in our reports. Through this process, we hope to improve our ability to evaluate the impacts of our services to our communities.

Below is a table of expenditures by category followed by project inventory. Where applicable, output and outcomes are noted.

# **Expenditures by Category**

	ARPA Category	Amount Obligated	Cumulative Expenditures to date
1	Public Health Total	\$13,532,676	\$6,397,319
1.2	Covid-19 Testing	\$6,250	\$6,250
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings	\$4,623,456	\$120,398
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	\$100,000	\$40,497
1.6	Medical Expenses	\$2,125,191	\$1,772,883
1.12	Mental Health Services	\$3,683,397	\$1,578,113

1.13	Substance Abuse Services	\$210,050	\$94,847
1.14	Other Public Health Services	\$2,784,332	\$2,784,331
2	Negative Economic Impacts Total	\$8,657,308	\$3,694,083
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality	\$3,476,594	\$1,655,394
2.12	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	\$995,600	\$371,215
2.18	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$608,165	\$608,164
2.21	Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$589,900	\$589,900
2.22	Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety	\$2,987,049	\$469,410
3	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector	\$5,163,322	\$2,299,021
3.1	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers	\$2,666,631	\$1,306,123
3.4	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	\$2,496,691	\$992,898
4	Premium Pay Total	\$2,300,556	\$2,300,555
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	Public Sector Employees	\$2,300,556	\$2,300,555
5	Infrastructure Total	\$2,300,556 \$7,225,286	\$2,300,555 <b>\$1,249,161</b>
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# PROJECT INVENTORY

1. Public Health	
Project:	Ada County Emergency Medical Services Covid Test Kits
Funding Amount:	\$6,250 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.2 Covid-19 Testing

**Project Overview:** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is committed to serving Ada County citizens during health crises and other urgent care events. To do that their employees need to be healthy and at the ready. Covid test availability is essential for the EMS department.

https://adacounty.id.gov/paramedics/

# **Performance Report:**

Output: Identify positive COVID cases in the community.

**Outcome:** Reduce wait times for administering tests and protect the community.

Project:	Ada County Juvenile Services Outdoor Recreation Area
Funding Amount:	\$1,808,747
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

**Project Overview:** Ada County Juvenile Services practices a balanced and restorative approach to juvenile justice, which emphasizes reducing the number of youths involved in the justice system, repairing the harm caused by juvenile crime, and giving victims and the community a voice in the process. The juvenile detention center is in an aging building and the outdoor facilities are not equipped to be a healthy environment for exercise or other programming. This existing area also did not provide appropriate space for social distancing. The outdoor area will be enlarged, new sports accessories will be added. The new outdoor facilities will be available in 2024.

https://adacounty.id.gov/juvenilecourt/

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Create outdoor space in congregate juvenile facility.

**Outcome:** Provide healthy environment to reduce/mitigate the spread of COVID in a congregate setting.

Project:	Ada County Jail UVC Light Installation
Funding Amount:	\$203,710
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

**Project Overview:** The Ada County Jail , built in 1977, now has a capacity to hold 1,224 inmates. The Barrister Campus contains numerous areas where the Public and Staff congregate in close proximity. There will be 26 ceiling mounted UVC disinfecting light fixtures installed throughout the campus with the purpose of disinfecting the air while meeting minimum air quality standards.

https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/ada-county-jail/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Filter and disinfect recirculated air in congregate setting. **Outcome:** Improved air filtration and reduction of viral spreading.

Project: Ada County Drug Court HVAC Replacement	
Funding Amount:	\$787,245
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

**Project Overview:** Ada County purchased a building on Elder Street in Boise for the purpose of running Drug Treatment Courts. The purchase of this building was to combat an increased need due to population growth during the pandemic and continuing to this day. The building needs remodeling, to include replacing the existing HVAC system which doesn't meet the Ada County Standard for Clean Air - Merv Rating of 13. Seventeen rooftop units, two A/C units, Thermostatic Controls, and minor electrical work are on the agenda to be replaced.

https://adacounty.id.gov/judicial-court/district-court/drug-courts/

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Meet minimum air quality standards and increase air circulation.

Outcome: Better air movement, improved air quality and reduction of viral spreading.

Project:	Expo Idaho HVAC Replacement
Funding Amount:	\$1,412,809
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

**Project Overview:** Expo Idaho is one of Ada County's largest event centers and at approximately 23 years old. During Covid, the Expo was not able to operate at its normal capacity, nearly 650,000 visitors per year, due to an inadequate HVAC system which could not provide proper ventilation. No events were held from early 2022 through August 2021, in part because of the poor air circulation caused by the aging HVAC system. With the system no longer meeting the Ada County Standard for Clean Air - Merv Rating of 13, a total of eight roof top units will be replaced at all three bays of the Expo Building by 2024.

## https://expoidaho.com

## **Performance Report:**

Output: Meet minimum air quality standards and increase air circulation.

Outcome: Better air movement, improved air quality and reduction of viral spreading.

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Project:	Ada County Benjamin HVAC Replacement
Funding Amount:	\$96,317
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

**Project Overview:** Five different Ada County Department are located at 400 N. Benjamin Ln. in Boise, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Courts, Drug Courts, Elections, and Drivers Licensing. It is one of Ada County's most publicly visited facilities. Due to an old and outdated HVAC system, normal business operations were unable to be maintained during Covid. The system is nearly fifteen years old and no longer meets the Ada County Standard for Clean Air - Merv Rating of 13. Four roof top units will be replaced by 2024.

https://adacounty.id.gov/operations/county-buildings/benjamin-campus

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Meet minimum air quality standards and increase air circulation.

Outcome: Better air movement, improved air quality and reduction of viral spreading.

Project:	Ada County Jail HVAC Replacement	
Funding Amount:	\$314,628	
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings	

**Project Overview:** The Ada County Jail is located at 7200 Barrister Dr. in Boise. It is the largest local law enforcement agency in Idaho. Dorms 2, 4, and 5 can hold a maximum of 96 inmates per dorm, however, during Covid the dorms were reduced to 24 inmates. Increased confinement led to elevated levels of tension. Better air ventilation may have normalized day room use. The HVAC for dorms 2, 4, and 5 are approximately 20 years old and no longer meet the Ada County Standard for

Clean Air - Merv Rating of 13. Three roof top units will be replaced by 2024.

https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/

## **Performance Report:**

Output: Meet minimum air quality standards and increase air circulation.

Outcome: Better air movement, improved air quality and reduction of viral spreading.

Project:	Ada County Operations
Funding Amount:	\$100,000
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Project Overview:** Ada County Operations is the main supplier of PPE to non-emergency departments. They are acting as the hub for any department orders so they can efficiently control, manage, and distribute the supplies as needed during the pandemic.

https://adacounty.id.gov/operations/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Provide all county employees and the public with personal protective equipment while working and or visiting Ada County buildings and offices.

Outcome: Reduce and/or stop the spread of COVID-19 in public settings.

Project:	Ada County Human Resources Health Insurance Fund
Funding Amount:	\$2,125,191
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.6 Medical Expenses

**Project Overview:** Ada County maintains a self-funded health insurance plan and administrators identified claims directly attributable to employee medical care due to Covid-19. Administrators predict additional claims through 2024 that can be reimbursable and hold a "reserve" account of funds.

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Protect funds due to increased costs in healthcare related to COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Reduction in County burden for increased premiums resulting from COVID-19 and enhanced benefits related to COVID-19 reducing the out-of-pocket costs to members.

Project:	Central District Health - Student & Family Assistance Program
Funding Amount:	\$3,683,397
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.12 Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Stay-at-home orders during the pandemic exacerbated mental and behavioral health issues and aggravated an otherwise healthy individual. This not only caused a problem for students, but with parents and extended family who were forced to juggle their work and childcare needs. This challenge led to an increase in substance use and misuse and reports of domestic violence. Central District Health (CDH) partnered with BPA Health bringing the Student and Family Assistance Program (SFAP) to Ada County. This program is offered at the three major Ada County school districts of Boise, West Ada, and Kuna. Free of charge to students and family members of students, SFAP allows five sessions of behavioral health services. BPA SFAP includes a Critical Response Team (CRT) in addition to the counseling sessions. In the event of a community crisis or traumatic event, they will be deployed to schools withing 24-48 hours. CDH wants to protect students and their families from the burden Covid-19 caused on their mental health, while also eliminating the financial burden of seeking help when it's most needed. Funding is scheduled to be expended by the end of December of 2024. bpahealth.com/sfap-home/

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Provide confidential mental and behavioral health services at no-cost in schools.

Outcome: Decreased mental and behavioral health issues/increased support in schools.

Project:	Central District Health - PROVIDE
Funding Amount:	\$101,384
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.13 Substance Abuse Services

**Project Overview:** Covid-19 played a crucial role on mental health during the pandemic. There were drug overdose deaths caused by this negative impact on the mental health of many individuals. Central District Health (CDH) offers PROVIDE, a program with a goal to Prevent Overdose with Instruction, Distribution, and Education. Individuals can attend instructional training sessions on overdose prevention and response with Ada County. CDH provides overdose rescue kits, keychain rescue breath shields, pulse oximeters, safe sharps disposal grabber tools, quart size sharp containers, and intramuscular naloxone hard case overdose rescue kits to organizations who treat and serve people who use drugs. PROVIDE has a goal to educate and distribute overdose prevention supplies because of the increased overdose deaths Covid-19 plagued Ada County with. Funding is scheduled to be expended by December 2024. **cdh.idaho.gov/hl-rx-drugs.php** 

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Provide supplies and training relating to overdose prevention and safe disposal.

Outcome: Reduce overdose deaths in Ada County.

Project:	Central District Health - SBIRT
Funding Amount:	\$108,666
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.13 Substance Abuse Services

**Project Overview:** Central District Health (CDH) delivers screenings, early intervention, and treatment referral to people with substance use disorders (SUD) and those at risk of developing SUD through a program known as Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Substance use increased among Ada County youth during and after the Covid-19 Pandemic. SBIRT offers two sessions of train-the-trainer educational opportunities to school personnel and youth-serving organizations located in Ada County, allowing 20 people to become knowledgeable on SBIRT techniques. Youth-serving organizations will have the opportunity to conduct substance use screening through schools and after-school programs for prevention and early intervention. Funding is scheduled to be expended by December 2024. **cdhd.idaho.gov/hl-pfs.php** 

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Training and substance abuse screening and early intervention in schools.

Outcome: Prevent/reduce drug use in school aged children.

Project:	Ada County Indigent Services FY 2022
Funding Amount:	\$1,311,276 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.14 Other Public Health Services

**Project Overview:** Indigent Services responds to the needs of the indigent population for emergency medical and nonmedical assistance exacerbated by the pandemic. COVID-19 has resulted in harmful consequences for those with lower paying service jobs, who do not have insurance. COVID impacts have increased the need for indigent assistance, as those without medical insurance are often front-line workers and were at greater risk of COVID exposure. In addition, they bore the brunt of unemployment when businesses closed, had resulting housing instability and the lack of financial resources to address medical needs.

https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/indigent-services/

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Court ordered mental health service oversight.

**Outcome:** Mitigate the increased prevalence of mental health conditions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Sheriff Health Unit Contracted Nurses
Funding Amount:	\$1,473,056 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	1. Public Health 1.14 Other Public Health Services

**Project Overview:** The Ada County Sheriff's Health Unit (HSU) inside the jail was experiencing severe difficulties with recruiting nurses, in part, due to current market conditions resulting from the pandemic. Only 14 of the 29 nursing positions were filled and they were not able to fulfill NCCHC accreditation standards due to timeliness of care issues. Competitive nursing rates nationwide and the travel nursing contracts that pay double or triple are causing recruiting issues. The additional contracted nurses are helping care for individuals inside the county jail, especially when there is a spike in Covid cases. <a href="https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/ada-county-jail/health-services/">https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/ada-county-jail/health-services/</a>

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Sheriff's Health unit can hire contracted nurses as outlined in the grant.

**Outcome:** Sheriff's Health Unit can staff our health services without becoming critically low on staff or out of compliance with state and federal requirements.

2. Negative Economic Impacts	
Project:	Ada County Expo Idaho & Turf Club Roof Replacement
Funding Amount:	\$2,935,682
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts (Interim Rule) 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

**Project Overview:** People come to Expo Idaho from surrounding states depending on whether it is for a car show, the Western Idaho Fair, and vendor markets all year long. Two of the main facilities utilized are the Expo Building and the neighboring Turf Club Building. The roofs were leaking which in turn limited the availability to customers and the leakage was causing additional damage to the facilities. The leaks were significantly impeding facility usage for tourism, travel, and hospitality in the Treasure Valley. During the pandemic, the space could not be used for its traditional functions. Instead, buildings were utilized to provide court services that could function around the leaks and puddling water. To get the facility to be fully operational and hold the maximum number of events, the roofs needed to be replaced and are at the end of life and warranties. Roof replacements were directly delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and related income reduction. The roofs should be completed by the end of 2023. https://expoidaho.com

#### **Performance Report:**

Output: Replace roofs in dire need of replacement.

**Outcome:** Expo Idaho can continue to provide and restore services to the citizens of Ada County not possible during the pandemic.

Ada County Parks and Waterways Barber Park
\$540,912 (completed)
2. Negative Economic Impacts (Interim Rule) 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

**Project Overview:** Ada County Parks and Waterways manages Barber Park which sits 5 miles southeast of downtown Boise along the Boise River. The Park is used by a wide array of the public for events, floating the river, fishing, or just enjoying the outdoors. The 0.25-mile segment of the former asphalt access road and associated bridges in Barber Park functioned as an internal forest loop pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists with access to a fishing pier site on the Boise River. The

"pathway" was an old, dilapidated road constructed in the 1970's with speedbumps and parking stalls within the black cottonwood forest. This current loop "pathway" contains two bridges for crossing a seasonal side channel of the Boise River, but the bridges do not contain any safety railings nor ADA compatible decking and are beyond repair/refurbishment. The entire loop and associated features are currently a safety concern for the hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to Barber Park. The Covid-19 pandemic created a significant increase to park visitation given that outdoor public recreation and park areas have become refuges for those seeking safer havens for emotionally and physically healthy activities. During the Covid summers of 2020 and 2021 when the Boise River float season was in full swing and Barber Park experienced its highest volume of visitors, there was a documented 12% increase in vehicle entry over the 2018 and 2019 summers. This increase in visitation has thereby introduced more visitors to an unsafe and non-compliant (in terms of ADA accessibility) area within Barber Park and exacerbated the need for this project. The pathway will be rebuilt with long-lasting materials, made ADA compliant, handrails on the bridges, and added educational signage. This project completed in May 2023.

https://adacounty.id.gov/parksandwaterways/open-space-and-trails/barber-park/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Replacement of cracked dilapidated/eroded asphalt and two unsafe recreational bridges with new ADA compliant Stalok pathway surface and two new bridges with safety railings. **Outcome:** A safe, sustainable, ADA compliant recreational pathway loop within Barber Park to support the sharp increases in use and integrated as an outdoor learning opportunity for local

schools and groups in education and outreach programming.

Project:	Central District Health - Nurse Family Partnership
Funding Amount:	\$725,696
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts 2.12 Healthy Childhood
	Environments: Home Visiting

**Project Overview:** Central District Health (CDH) offers Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) to vulnerable, low-income mothers pregnant with their first child. NFP is a community health Home Visiting (HV) program which sends bachelor trained registered nurses (RN) to the home of pregnant mothers so that they can receive the care and support they need to have a healthy pregnancy. Mothers may remain in the program until their child's second birthday. Referrals will be established to include Ada County Jail, Ada County Juvenile Detention, Child Protection Services, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and regional healthcare systems and clinics. The benefits of NFP include, but are not limited to, decreases in low-birth weight, pre-term delivery for women who smoke, and in-home accidents and poisonings, improved parent-child bonds, increased parental employment, and a reduction in child abuse and neglect. CDH is helping families thrive in a time when they would otherwise be overcome by the stresses involved with having their first child during the pandemic and during the aftermath a pandemic brings to low-income families. Funding is scheduled to be expended by December 2024.

# cdhd.idaho.gov/parents.php

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Provide first time, vulnerable mothers with essential prenatal care.

**Outcome:** Reduce pre-term delivery, low-birth weight, and other birth related concerns.

Project:	Central District Health - Parents as Teachers
Funding Amount:	\$269,904
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts 2.12 Healthy Childhood
	Environments: Home Visiting

Project Overview: Central District Health (CDH) utilized their Parents as Teachers (PAT) Home Visiting (HV) program to connect caregivers to basic needs, empower mental and behavioral health issues, and provide support and advocacy for families in need because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. With the closure of daycares, quarantining, and operational fluctuations in school, caregivers had no choice but to take on all the duties they may not be equipped to do. PAT HV provides trained professionals to expecting parents, new parents, caregivers, and their young children through five years of age. These certified parent educators are taught to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parent practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and potential health issues, prevent childhood abuse, and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and school success. CDH will work with the Ada County Jail, Ada County Juvenile Detention, Child Protection Services, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and regional healthcare systems and clinics through a referral service. Together, through CDH and these community partners, and the use of the Qualified Census Tract and Difficult Development Areas for 2020 and 2021, which identifies nine low-income housing units, PAT HV aims to keep children safe. Funding is scheduled to be expended by December 2024.

## cdhd.idaho.gov/hl-pat.php

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Provide parenting support, training and resources to parents and caregivers of young children.

**Outcome:** Increase early childhood development, prevent abuse, and neglect, and increase school readiness.

Project:	City of Boise & Interfaith Sanctuary
Funding Amount:	\$608,165 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts 2.18 Housing Support: Other
	Housing Assistance

**Project Overview:** Interfaith Sanctuary partnered with the City of Boise and The Red Lion Hotel to provide shelter for the most vulnerable homeless community. The concern for the spread of Covid-19 urged Interfaith Sanctuary to find a way to shelter the homeless most at risk of exposure to Covid. The groups moved into the hotel included families with children, senior citizens, and the medically fragile. The decision to move this group into the Red Lion Hotel allows for a stable shelter with 24/7 indoor access, connection to case management, supportive services, nutritional needs, transportation to and from medical appointments, medical management support, and housing services to ensure these guests find appropriate housing outside the shelter system. Interfaith initially started sheltering the homeless community at the Red Lion Hotel when Covid came about. Once the Emergency Shelter Grant expired, ARPA funding was used to continue housing these people for an additional four months. The contract ended in June 2023.

# https://interfaithsanctuary.org

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Contract hotels rooms for temporary homeless placement.

**Outcome:** Ensure medically fragile, elderly and families have a warm place during the winter months when no other shelter option is available.

Project:	Terry Reilly Meridian Clinic
Funding Amount:	\$589,900
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts 2.21 Medical Facilities for
	Disproportionately Impacted Communities

**Project Overview:** Terry Reilly Health Services has been around since 1971. Providing primary care, behavioral health, dental care, and an on-site pharmacy, Terry Reilly assists those who would not

be able to access care whether they are uninsured or those who fall below the Federal Poverty Level. Currently there are 19 clinics serving communities throughout Ada, Canyon, and Owyhee counties. Six of those clinics operate within Ada County. Covid-19 as well as population growth has caused a strain on the current facilities. The City of Meridian, located in Ada County, is one of the largest growth areas. The closest facility to Meridian is nearly eight miles away, requiring travel for patients living below poverty who are sensitive to inflation, cost of living, and availability of transportation. A new facility in Meridian will provide access to existing patients and support growth within the community. There is already a lease in place for a building located at 3115 E Florence Drive, which was already a medical facility, ideal for a remodel. Terry Reilly will be using ARPA funds to make improvements and update the structure of the building. In the end, the facility will have a pharmacy, vaccine services, behavioral health services, enabling services, six primary care medical exam rooms, four dental operatories, and the capacity to add imaging services. The facility is scheduled for completion by December 2023. https://www.trhs.org

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Provide medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health services to low-income individuals and families currently having to travel to other cities for care.

Outcome: Provide local care reducing travel and other hardships.

Project:	Expo Idaho ARPA Park Design
Funding Amount:	\$2,987,049
Project Expenditure Category:	2. Negative Economic Impacts 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities:
	Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

**Project Overview:** Garden City lacks sufficient outdoor space and is an underserved, disproportionately impacted community. With the growing population and nearly 88 acres of Ada County owned property adjacent to the Expo building and Boise River Greenbelt Pathway, the Expo Idaho ARPA Park will give an easily accessible green space to the residents of Garden City. Currently, there isn't a park in Garden City that directly correlates with the Greenbelt and the parks are small and not easily accessible to all residents. The park will be a staple within the community, not only for Garden City, but for the entirety of Ada County. We are currently in the design phase consisting of 9 acres of Adventure Play and Greenbelt Gardens, 9 acres of All Wheel-Sports and Greenbelt Gardens, both of which connect to the Greenbelt Pathway and Boise River, 20 acres of lowlands, 12.5 acres of ridges, and 2.5 acres of the Expo Edge Plaza. Design features vary for each aspect of the park. Decisions on these features are being carefully thought out by the leaders of Ada County with the best intentions for everyone. The design phase should be completed by 2024 and the park completed by the end of 2026.

#### https://adacounty.id.gov/commissioners/expo-idaho-project/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Provide a healthy outdoor park space for a disproportionately impacted community with no current options.

**Outcome:** Multi-use park with greenspace, play areas for exercise, and natural water features to both enhance community health outcomes, protect the adjacent river, and preserve local fauna and flora.

3. Public Health - Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	
Project:	Ada County Coroner's Office Retention Pay
Funding Amount:	\$288,670
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health

**Project Overview:** Ada County Coroner's Office staff are directly impacted by the unprecedented increase in workload resulting from Covid-19 and are severely hampered in providing services. To retain current staff and attract much-needed employees during this pandemic, retention pay will be paid in a lump sum every 6 months at an amount calculated at 10% of the employee's base pay. Employees will be required to have worked the entire previous pay period or be on approved leave to receive the retention pay. They will be paid until June 2023. Fifty-five payments have been made between March and June 2023.

# https://adacounty.id.gov/coroner/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations in the coroner's office during COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Sheriff's Health Unit Retention Pay
Funding Amount:	\$202,274
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health

Project Overview: The Ada County Sheriff's Office received funds to assist them in hiring and retaining essential emergency service employees (RN's, LPN's, & MA's) during the Covid-19 pandemic and current medical labor shortage. The Ada County jail is Idaho's largest jail with a capacity of 1,224 inmates. They were running at approximately 80% of capacity. In addition to housing approximately 1,000 inmates per day, they have inmates being booked into the jail daily and usually hourly. All these inmates are required to have a medical evaluation as they are being booked into the jail. Covid has also impacted the jail in how to test during intake, contact trace, quarantine, vaccinate, and conduct other medical services beyond what was required pre-Covid. The health needs of our jail population, per capita, exceed that of the general population on average due to substance abuse, mental health, and other factors. The jail had 33 essential medical positions at the Sheriff's Office and 13 of those 33 were vacant positions. Many of these positions have been vacant for many months and there have not been adequate applicants to fill these open positions. Administrators agreed to pay hiring bonuses as well as retention bonuses to our essential medical professionals. The bonuses are paid out as follows: \$1,000 at the time of hire (or implementation of the plan for current employees), then \$1,500 at the completion of 6 months of service, \$1,500 at the one-year mark, then one final bonus of \$1,000 two years after hire/implementation. For a total bonus amount of \$5,000 per eligible person. Eighteen employees received payments between March and June 2022. Payments will continually be made until June 2025.

## https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations in the detention facility during COVID-19. Also address the nursing shortages and income disparities.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Juvenile Services Retention Pay
Funding Amount:	\$360,415
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health

**Project Overview:** Ada County Juvenile Services practices a balanced and restorative approach to juvenile justice, which emphasizes reducing the number of youths involved in the justice system, repairing the harm caused by juvenile crime, and giving victims and the community a voice in the process. Detention Officers and Detention Medical Assistants have been responsible for the security and care of detention residents throughout the pandemic. Detention staff has conducted

all job duties on-site while having contact with youth both exposed to Covid and/or sick with Covid. Detention staff intake and assess all youth surrendered to the detention facility and are responsible for handling medical issues and protocols, including Covid-related testing and treatment. The current staffing shortage makes it difficult for day shift officers to supervise youth and manage intakes and releases while also facilitating Covid protocols, activities, visits, and virtual court appearances for detained youth. Night shift has recently been operating with as few as four Detention Officers, who must perform the necessary safety checks, staff the control room, and provide supervision to the residential pods pursuant to ratios required by PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) and intake and assess youth. Their employees are paid a \$1,500 hiring/retention bonus for each employee, followed by three \$1,500 retention payments at six-month intervals (a total of \$6,000 for covered employees). Forty-seven payments have been paid between March and June 2022. The project will continue through December 2023.

https://adacounty.id.gov/juvenilecourt/juvenile-detention-center/

## **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations in Juvenile Detention Center during COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Trial Court Administration Counselor's Retention Pay
Funding Amount:	\$71,754
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health

**Project Overview:** The Trial Court Administration's Treatment Services Division was critically impacted by staffing shortages which were impacting the Covid-19 response. Substance abuse counselors in the Division of the Trial Court Administration were needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Ada County. A signing and retention bonus program like those offered at direct employment competitors and the state of Idaho were offered to current and newly hired detention officers and medical assistants. All newly hired staff positions were provided \$1,000 upon hire, \$1,000 at 6 months, \$1,000 at 1 year, and \$1,000 at the 2-year mark. Retention bonuses were provided \$1,000 upon commencement of the program, \$1,000 at 6 months, \$1,000 at 1 year, and \$1,000 at the 2-year mark. The project will continue through September 2023.

https://adacounty.id.gov/judicial-court/district-court/drug-courts/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations during COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Coroner's Office Temporary Pathologist
Funding Amount:	\$224,919 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits
	for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

**Project Overview:** The Coroner's Office has seen a major increase in caseload due to Covid-19 and an additional pathologist is needed to carry out the statutory functions of the office. The pathologist is assisting the coroner in the investigation of deaths, conducting analyses, reviewing medical records, completing death certificates, and communicating findings with families (most from a 2021 backlog). The pathologist was employed via ARPA funds for a 12-month period.

# https://adacounty.id.gov/coroner/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Case assignment increased by 112 during peak of COVID-19 causing backlog of nearly six months.

**Outcome:** In cooperation with two Ada County Pathologists, conduct and process autopsies in a rotation, allowing one doctor to focus on backlogged or incomplete case work. Accreditation standards require autopsies to be completed with 90 days, this position allows the Coroner's Office to catch up on critically delinquent reports and ease monetary and emotional hardship for families as well as delays in criminal case work.

Project:	Ada County Trial Court Administration Temporary Clerk Staffing
Funding Amount:	\$20,188 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits
	for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

**Project Overview:** The Ada County Trial Court Administrator needed temporary clerks to assist with courtroom paperwork needs in the jail. The positions are necessary to comply with the September 22, 2021, Idaho Supreme Court Order that states, "all court proceedings shall be held remotely, i.e., with all participants utilizing remote technologies including teleconferencing and video conferencing." Remote hearings are necessary to reduce exposure to Covid-19 and to protect public health during the pandemic.

#### https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/court-assistance/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Cover emergent needs to process documentation needed for initial appearances and district court arraignments and ensure court paperwork is completed and filed before virtual arraignments because of COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Provision of linguistic access and accommodations per the American with Disabilities Act for defendants scheduled for virtual appearances or district court arraignments.

Project:	Ada County Trial Court Administration Temporary Bailiffs
Funding Amount:	\$1,498,411
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits
	for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

**Project Overview:** The Ada County Trial Court Administrator needed seven temporary full-time bailiffs to assist with the legal backlog resulting from the pandemic. The courts have not been able to process the volume of cases and case filings, conduct in-person jury trials, or hire additional staff to manage new in flux. Also, the September 22, 2021, Idaho Supreme Court Order states, "all court proceedings shall be held remotely, i.e., with all participants utilizing remote technologies including teleconferencing and video conferencing" which has slowed things down immensely. The hiring of the bailiffs was approved for 12 months but has since been extended through September 30, 2025, due to continued need.

https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/court-assistance/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Increase number of cases going to trial to address the backlog created by COVID-19 and comply with Supreme Court direction of staffing each in-person proceeding.

**Outcome:** Processed a record number of trials and met compliance with Supreme Court courtroom staffing minimum standards.

Project:	Ada County Information Technology - Data Core Switches, VPN, IDF Switches
Funding Amount:	\$2,496,691
Project Expenditure Category:	3. Public Health 3.1 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

**Project Overview:** During Covid, internet practices became more frequent and the need for security more important. Security needs along with accessibility to Ada County specific programs while working from home exacerbated the need for fully updated and operational software. With the Data Core Switches and IDF Switches reaching end of life and the VPN no longer providing the necessary security features for today's security landscape, it has been decided that replacement of these three components necessary.

https://adacounty.id.gov/information technology/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Increase security measures, update software, and simplify the internal/external user experience.

**Outcome:** Little to no security breaches, better user interface, simplified customer service delivery and navigation.

4. Premium Pay to Eligible Workers	
Project:	Ada County Emergency Medical Services Hazard Pay
Funding Amount:	\$602,588.29 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	4. Premium Pay 4.1 Public Sector Employees

**Project Overview:** Ada County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff (paramedics, EMTs) have been and continue to provide essential work that maintains continuity of operations of an essential critical infrastructure sector. This essential work protects the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Ada County. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the essential workers have regularly performed in-person work involving interactions with the public and coworkers and/or touched items that were handled by others. Covid-19 mitigation and exposure response efforts have increased unique demands on staff and increased direct exposures and hazards related to Covid-19. Ada County Commissioners decided to give 113 EMS essential workers a one-time \$5,000 bonus in June 2022 for their indispensable help during Covid-19.

http://adacounty.id.gov/paramedics/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made due to increased risks and exposure in response to COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Emergency Medical Services Premium Pay Part One
Funding Amount:	\$666,673.60 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	4. Premium Pay 4.1 Public Sector Employees

**Project Overview:** Ada County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff (paramedics, EMTs) have seen an increased workload due to the pandemic. EMS field workers are continually pushed to their limits. Administrators requested premium pay as an incentive for workers to sign up for overtime during 6-week stints. Workers received \$1,000 + benefits to sign up and were given an additional \$1,000 at the certified completion of their overtime. This was awarded in December 2021 and remained in place until the end of June 2022. Two hundred and thirty-seven payments were made to EMS workers who worked overtime between March and June 2023.

https://adacounty.id.gov/paramedics/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of services while addressing increases in demand in response to COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Development Services Premium Pay
Funding Amount:	\$9,950 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	4. Premium Pay 4.1 Public Sector Employees

**Project Overview:** Development Services requested premium pay for their four building inspectors, During the pandemic, the need for building inspections did not cease and ultimately increased due to the significant rise in housing demand. Building inspections call for the physical examination of the exterior and the interior of new and existing commercial and residential structures to verify compliance with the Ada County Building Code and are required to enable structure occupancy. Inspections involve in-person interactions with individuals who are known to be less likely to wear masks or isolate themselves if infected. Inspections also call for entering existing homes and businesses occupied by individuals with unknown sanitation, infection, and vaccination status. One of the four employees responsible for inspections contracted COVID-19 from contact with someone while fulfilling their job duties. A 1\$ increase per hour was given to each employee. Four payments have been paid and another four payments were made in September, to end the program.

#### https://adacounty.id.gov/developmentservices/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations during COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Operations Premium Pay
Funding Amount:	\$484,340 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	4. Premium Pay 4.1 Public Sector Employees

**Project Overview:** Ada County Operations staff was required to report in person during the duration of the pandemic. Operations provides maintenance, facility, and new construction services for all Ada County Offices, Departments, and existing buildings. The Ada County Board of Commissioners determined that Operations employees were critical workers and key to keeping the County infrastructure running and operational. Operations interfaces daily with the Sheriff's Department and Jail, Juvenile Detention, the Coroner's office, and Morgue, and the Courts and Courtrooms to name a few, and constantly risked exposure to COVID-19. Additionally, they provided special cleaning services for Covid-19 countywide. Employees also installed all sneeze guards, social distancing devices and signage, and delivered PPE to all County departments. Administrators gave a one-time bonus of \$7,500 to 55 employees in April 2022.

# https://adacounty.id.gov/operations/

# **Performance Report:**

Output: Payments made to maintain the continuity of operations during COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

Project:	Ada County Emergency Medical Services Premium Pay Part Two
Funding Amount:	\$537,004 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	4. Premium Pay 4.1 Public Sector Employees

**Project Overview:** Ada County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff (paramedics, EMTs) have seen an increased workload due to the pandemic and spikes of Covid variations. EMS field workers have been continually pushed to their limits. Administrators requested another 6 months of premium pay as an incentive for workers to sign up for overtime during 6-week stints. Workers received \$1,000 + benefits to sign up and were given an additional \$1,000 at the certified completion of their overtime. This was awarded in June 2022 and ended May 2023. Facilitators documented the justification for overtime each pay period.

https://adacounty.id.gov/paramedics/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Continuation of incentive payments made to maintain the continuity of services while addressing increases in demand in response to COVID-19.

**Outcome:** Avoided lapses in service throughout the pandemic.

5. Infrastructure: Water, Sewer, or Broadband	
Project:	Ada County Landfill Leachate Pond
Funding Amount:	\$1,250,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

**Project Overview:** Located on 2,700 acres, the Ada County Landfill is expanding, likely from a population increase. More trash is being brought in which in turn generates more leachate. There is room to construct a third leachate pond which will prevent groundwater contamination caused by any infiltration and overflow. Design is underway and construction is scheduled to begin late 2023.

#### https://adacounty.id.gov/landfill/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Mitigate increased leachate production in the landfill. **Outcome:** Prevent overflow and contamination of groundwater.

Project:	Ada County Parks and Waterways Greenbelt Pathway
Funding Amount:	\$3,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Overview: Ada County Parks and Waterways manages sections of the Greenbelt, a longpaved winding path, along the Boise River. A 1.64-mile segment of Greenbelt is in a state of disrepair because of damages that occurred during a 2017 destructive flood. The result is a narrow, cracking, sawcut, potholed pathway with unstable riverside cut banks that erode unpredictably and negatively impact water quality during storm events. Erosion, transport, and deposition of sediment into the Boise River also occurs during typical seasonal fluctuations in river flows and the erosive cut banks are threatening to collapse portions of the pathway into the river. To prevent the potential of catastrophic pit capture and protect the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Facility from failure, any future flood fight will require the staging and operation of heavy equipment and flood mitigation measures on the pathway itself. Concrete is a more suitable surface than asphalt for waging a flood fight and preventing pit capture as it is not as susceptible to cracking, erosion, and damage that can occur (and did occur in 2017) because of flooding and flood prevention measures. The current pathway surface width (9-10' wide) does not meet Ada County's standard (11' wide) and the asphalt surface needs to be replaced with concrete to mitigate future stormwater and flood risks. Phase one of the project, Riverbank Stabilization, completed in March 2023 and phase two, Pathway repavement, is scheduled for Fall 2023.

## https://adacounty.id.gov/parksandwaterways/boise-river-greenbelt/

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Replacement of cracked, dilapidated/flood damaged asphalt, ADA compliance, stabilize cutbanks on the river contributing to stormwater pollution and streambank erosion.

**Outcome:** Prove a safe and sustainable recreational pathway corridor for public access while protecting adjacent lands from pit capture and subsequent pollution from flood events.

Project:	Ada County Expo Idaho Removal of Horse Stables
Funding Amount:	\$800,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source

**Project Overview:** The County Expo property includes dozens of dilapidated horse stalls and stables that were used in prior decades during summer horse racing. The stalls are in a floodway near the Boise River and new construction is not allowed in the area. Removing the stalls will decrease potential non-point sources of pollution and will create a new green space and erosion control area. The new grass green space will serve as a buffer for any runoff from the Expo area and will stabilize the area for future extreme weather events. Completion is scheduled for mid-2023.

# https://expoidaho.com

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Prevent sediment in the area from leaching into the river in the event of flooding.

**Outcome:** Create a stable and useable space for the public increasing healthy outdoor options.

Project:	Ada County Juvenile Services Water Main Replacement
Funding Amount:	\$135,300
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.12 Drinking Water: Lead Remediation,
	including in Schools and Daycares

**Project Overview:** There are approximately 65 staff members employed at the Detention Division for Juvenile Services located at 6300 W Denton St. in Boise. They provide health care, food services, and educational programs to the youth of Ada County who reside within the facility. The internal piping has been replaced, however, the water main from the meter to the building is showing trace amounts of lead. This 4" copper water main will be replaced with a lead-free alternative for the safety of the staff and residents.

# https://adacounty.id.gov/juvenilecourt/

## **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Mitigate contamination in existing water source pipes.

Outcome: Replace aging lead pipes with non-contaminant option.

Project:	Ada County Operations: Solid Waste Hidden Hollow
Funding Amount:	\$1,622,306
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.13 Drinking Water: Source

**Project Overview:** The current water treatment system at the Ada County Landfill has reached its maximum capacity and there is a small plume of contamination beneath the capped Hidden Hollow landfill cell. A new granulated charcoal filtration system will be installed and will use the existing well system. The new system will help the landfill meet all compliance milestones and pull the plume back to the landfill property. The water will be drawn into our existing well system, get treated, and then reinjected into the groundwater for usage by downgradient residents. Although all the homes that could have been affected by the plume are now on city water for drinking, the groundwater is still being used for irrigation at these residences.

## https://adacounty.id.gov/landfill/

## **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Treat groundwater plume as its source.

Outcome: Fully treat and remove the plume removing all groundwater contamination.

Project:	Southwest Boise Wells Feasibility Study
Funding Amount:	\$200,000
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells

**Project Overview:** Water levels have dropped, putting private wells at substantial risk of drying up and becoming burdensome for homeowners. With only two options, digging a new well or paying for water main construction, this becomes problematic in both time and cost. The waiting list for a new well is from 1-3 years and the cost a minimum of \$25,000. Water main construction costs are

also too high for people in this area to manage. A Feasibility Study, partnered with the City of Boise, will show further insight on timing and scope, allowing discussion on funding options to assist the public. The study began in December 2022 and is set for completion in mid-2023.

# **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Determine how many residents have viable wells and the impacts of transition to municipal water.

Outcome: Prevent future dry wells with early intervention and/or hookup to municipal water.

Project:	Ada County Information Technology Broadband Survey
Funding Amount:	\$167,680 (completed)
Project Expenditure Category:	5. Infrastructure 5.21 Broadband: Other Projects

**Project Overview:** For Ada County to make an informed decision on what would benefit the public most with a proposed fiber network, a study was performed of all citizens residing within the County and their current broadband usage and/or needs. This survey is shared with all citizens and the data given to all cities for their consideration. The county partnered with the City of Boise so that the same comprehensive survey could be leveraged within the county. The study finalized in May 2023.

## **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Explore data supporting countywide, intergovernmental fiber network that can assist citizens and small businesses as a joint venture with the City of Boise.

**Outcome:** Create and deploy a joint survey to all Ada County citizens regarding internet use, access, and needs.

6. Revenue Replacement	
Project:	Ada County Revenue Replacement
Funding Amount:	\$10,000,000
Project Expenditure Category:	6. Revenue Replacement 6.1 Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Ada County opted to take the \$10,000,000 revenue replacement option rather than using the calculation.

Project:	Ada County Paramedics Emergency Vehicles
Funding Amount:	\$4,547,047
Project Expenditure Category:	6. Revenue Replacement 6.1 Provision of Government Services

**Project Overview:** Due to Covid-19, the Ada County Paramedics have experienced an unprecedented demand for services. This demand, in return, has caused wear and tear on the emergency vehicles. The EMS fleet consists of 31 EMS response vehicles. These vehicles need replacement, maintenance, and availability of critical infrastructure. With the use of revenue replacement funds, the Ada County Paramedics will be able to purchase ten Horton Emergency Vehicles and one EMS Battalion Chief vehicle. The vehicles are on order, but due to production shortages it will take up to a year for them to be ready, possibly by the end of 2023.

# https://adacounty.id.gov/paramedics/

#### **Performance Report:**

**Output:** Mitigate aging and costly ambulances by purchasing new replacements.

Outcome: Better emergency service delivery, fewer costs, and maintenance.

7. Administration: ARPA Funds	
Project:	ARPA Grant Administration
Funding Amount:	\$779,213
<b>Project Expenditure Category:</b>	7. Administration 7.1 Administrative Expenses

**Project Overview:** Ada County has hired a Grant Administrator, Grant Specialist, and Administrative Specialist to help administer the ARPA grant through 2026. Funding also covers other administrative costs including paying for legal notices, equipment, training, and supplies. https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/budget-finance-explorer/arpa/

# **Performance Report:**

Output: Fiscally sound decision-making and federal grant compliance.

Outcome: Successful administration, compliance, and monitoring of grant funds.



**Ada County Projects**