

American Rescue Plan Act



FEBRUARY 2022 **UPDATE**



ARPA FUNDING BACKGROUND

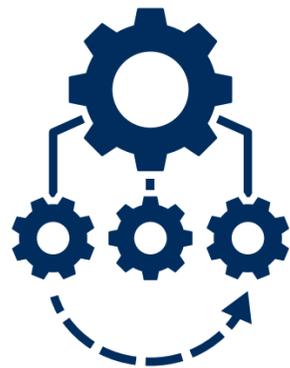
ARPA FUNDED PROJECTS MUST FALL UNDER ONE
OF THE FOUR LISTED CATEGORIES



Respond to public health emergency or its negative economic impacts including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality



Government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in previous years (not applicable to EPC)



To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure



Premium pay for eligible workers, performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency

TOTAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT: \$139.9 MILLION



GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW

- Custom grant applications were developed for each category
- Initial allocations for categories were identified
- Staff review committees thoroughly reviewed all applications received
- Each category was assigned a Commissioner Liaison for oversight
- Applicants were reviewed for ARPA and program eligibility
- All applicants were scored using a detailed custom rubric by the committee
- Committee grant recommendations were presented to the Commissioner Liaison for approval

REGIONAL BUSINESS RELIEF FUND

COMMISSIONER LIAISON - STAN VANDERWERF

- Economic development awarded two rounds of funding through the El Paso County Regional Business Relief Fund.
- 627 businesses were funded for a total of **\$10,381,441**
- Of the 627 businesses funded, 525 were small businesses and 102 were nonprofit organizations

PROJECT STATUS: **COMPLETED**

501(c)(4) & (6) GRANT

COMMISSIONER LIAISON - STAN VANDERWERF

- Grants for Chambers of Commerce (501(c)(6)) and Business League Organizations(501(c)(6)) focused on regional tourism efforts and Non-lobbying (501(c)(4)) with an economic driven mission. Grants can be used for various purposes outlined in the program, that promote economic recovery for the region in the areas of business support services or tourism industries.
- 11 applicants were funded for a total of **\$2,703,700**

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY FACILITIES GRANT

COMMISSIONER LIAISON - STAN VANDERWERF

- Grant was available to both for and nonprofit entities. Funds may be used for planned expansions or upgrades to tourism and hospitality facilities delayed due to the pandemic and COVID mitigation efforts
- 8 applicants were selected for funding; **\$2,087,700**

PROJECT STATUS: **MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE**

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

COMMISSIONER LIAISON - CAMI BREMER

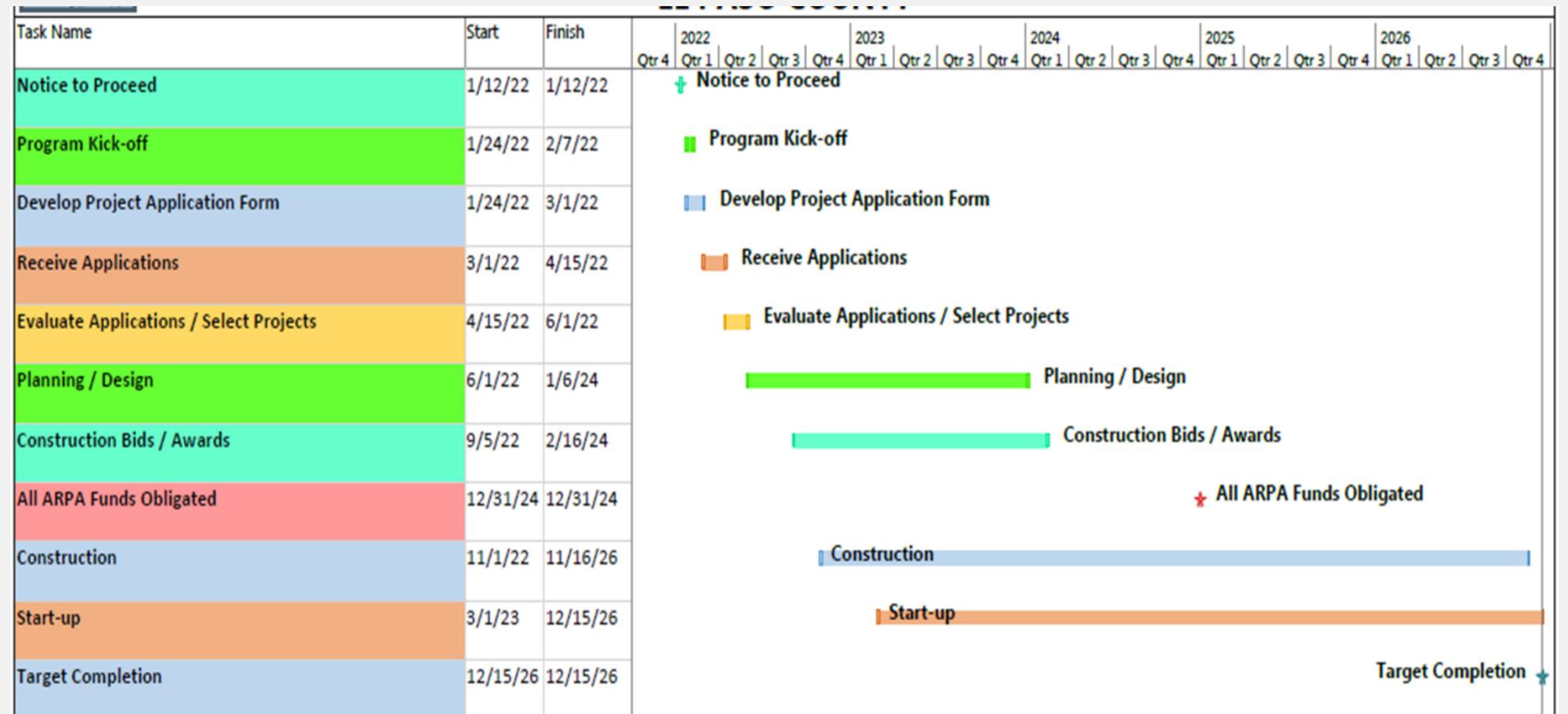
- Grant was open to non-profit 501(C)(3) organizations. Funds may be used to create/expand programs meant to provide a wide range of services that respond to the pandemic while addressing the public health and economic challenges associated with such.
- 50 applications were selected for funding; **\$8,954,635**

PROJECT STATUS: **EXECUTE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS** 7

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMISSIONER LIAISONS - HOLLY WILLIAMS & LONGINOS GONZALEZ, JR.

- Forsgren Associates Inc. has been selected to assist with the development of the water projects
- Notice of Interest is open until full application is developed
- Received 20 notice of interests to date



PROJECT STATUS: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

- El Paso County Department of Public Works has identified 7 stormwater projects totaling \$10 million
- An additional \$5 million has been allocated for projects that are yet to be determined
- Preliminary project timelines are between 18-33 months

PROJECT STATUS: **PLANNING / DESIGN**

STORMWATER PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SCOPE	INITIAL COST ESTIMATE	PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE
Colorado Center Drainage Improvements	Design and Construction	\$1,750,000	24 months
Park Vista (Coordination with COS)	Design and Construction	\$5,000,000	33 months
Security Widefield Drainage Basin Planning Study	Planning Study	\$400,000	24 months
Templeton Gap Drainage Basin Planning Study	Planning Study	\$400,000	24 months
Windmill Gulch Drainage Basin Planning Study	Planning Study	\$400,000	24 months
Doe Creek Drainage Improvements	Construction (Design in Progress/funded)	\$750,000	18 months
Clover Drainage Improvements	Construction (Design in Progress/funded)	\$1,000,000	18 months
Contingency Costs		\$300,000	
Other Projects TBD		\$5,000,000	
	TOTAL	\$15,000,000	

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMISSIONER LIAISON - CARRIE GEITNER

- The ARPA Fiber Program will construct middle mile infrastructure to connect County facilities and create opportunities for partnerships with last mile commercial broadband providers with a goal of improving availability, speed and price for underserved/unserved El Paso County residents
- County facilities to be connected include the Calhan Area Campus and Public Health South for an estimated \$4.5 million and \$1.5 million respectively

BROADBAND TIMELINE

October 12, 2021	Release Request for Information and Expression of Interest (RFEI)
November 16, 2021 December 13, 2021	Solicitation Closed Discuss Program and Interest- State of Colorado, IT Office
Feb/Mar 2022	Final Design, Cost Allocation, Formal Agreements
Apr-Dec 2022	Estimated Preliminary Construction Window

PROJECT STATUS: **PLANNING**

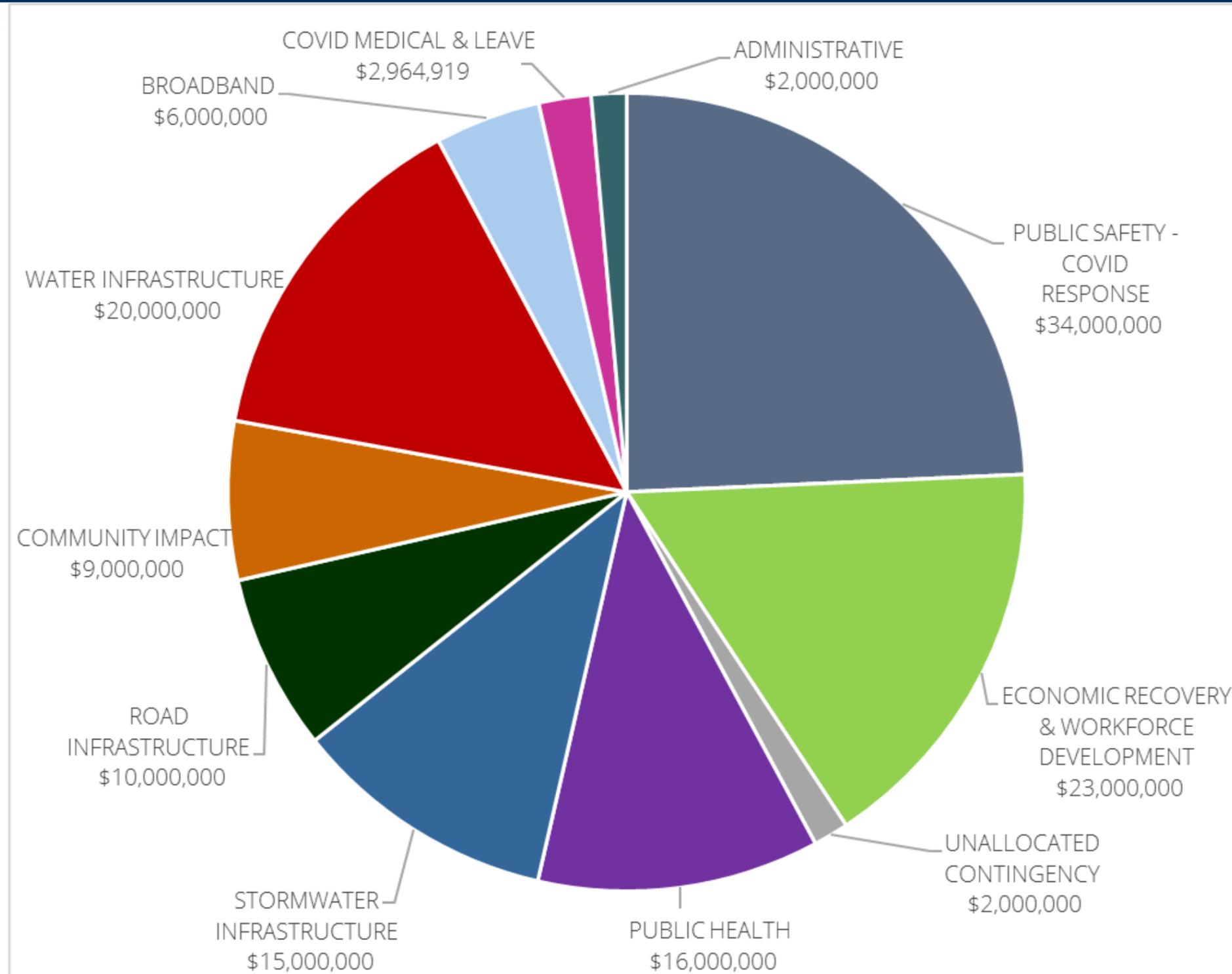
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

ROADWAY PROJECTS

- ARPA Final Rule provided a provision to take a one-time standard allowance of \$10 million dollars to fund government services - including roads
- \$10 million is in addition to the \$14 million appropriated to roads during the 2022 regular budgeting process, for a total of \$24 million



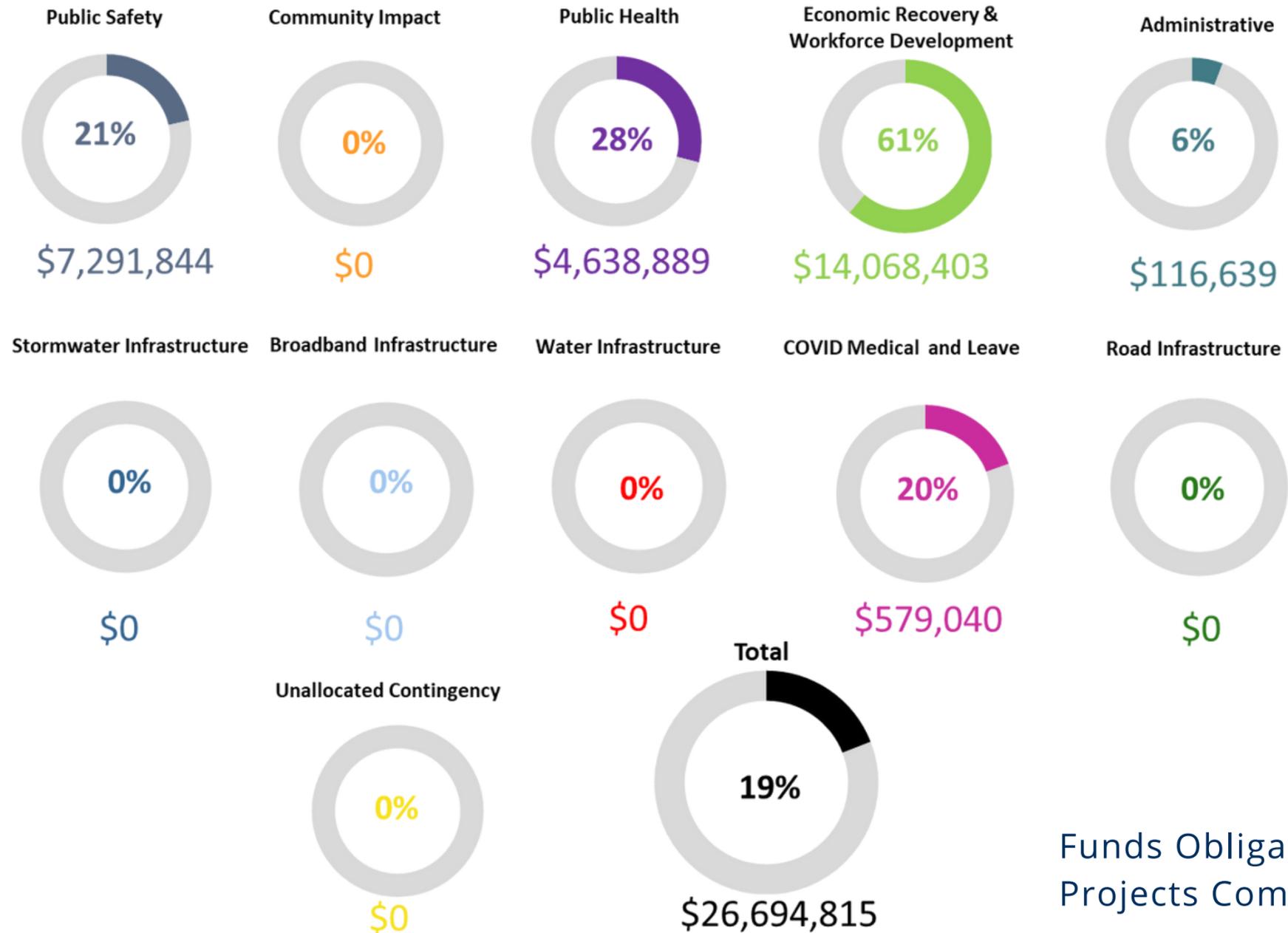
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EXPENDITURES TO DATE

Expenditures as of 1/31/22



Funds Obligated by: **December 2024**
Projects Completed by: **December 2026**

QUESTIONS?