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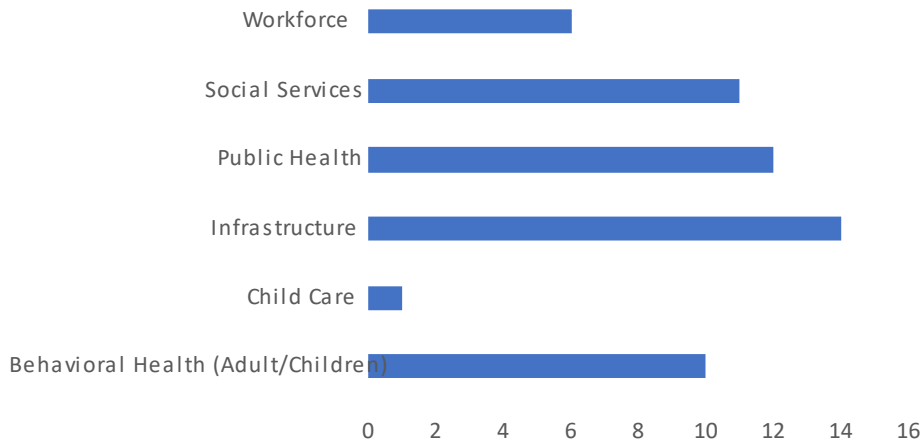


American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

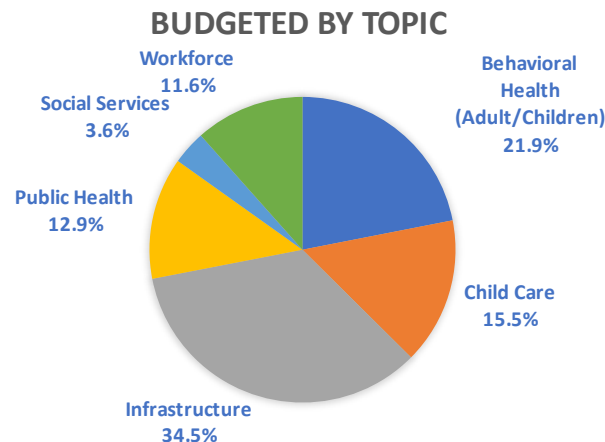
As of July 1, 2024

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for **151 projects** and initiatives. As of July 1, 2024, **54 projects are 100% complete**.

COMPLETED PROJECTS BY TOPIC



With de-obligations and other revisions to funding, more than **\$515 million** is budgeted to DHHS projects. Funded projects cover **6 main areas**: Infrastructure, Child Care, Children and Adult Behavioral Health, Public Health, Workforce and Social Services.



Support for Children

The Ackerman Center project provides funding to hire diagnostic and therapeutic providers for children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Funds are sub-awarded to the [Grant a Gift Autism \(GGAF\) Ackerman Center](#), which is the only multidisciplinary center in Southern Nevada that specializes in diagnosing children with neurodevelopmental disorders as early as 12 to 14 months of age. This project, which adds to the efforts of the existing Workforce Development Grant, includes hiring 100 clinicians and staff with the goal of reducing wait times from 9-18 months to 1-3 months with more than 2,000 children being diagnosed annually. As of July 1, 2024, the Ackerman project reports:

- 733 patients were seen and 263 were seen and received a diagnosis
- Hiring of multiple Registered Behavior Technicians, Clinical Psychologists, Advance Practice Registered Nurses, Speech Therapists, Board-Certified Behavior Analysts, one Child Psychology resident and one care coordinator
- 22 clients participated in the vocational program, which covers the salaries of professionals helping to train and develop young adults with Autism so they gain skills to join the workforce
- 889 waitlist clients deemed eligible for service
- Just under half (\$4,096,017.58) of the project budget had been spent

The care coordinator hired through the ARPA funding contributed to the following success story:

"A family contacted the Ackerman Center having recently relocated from South Africa. The family had a 14-year-old who was diagnosed in South Africa, never received services, and wanted to learn what she needed to do. The care coordinator was able to help the family through the process of getting reevaluated here and based on recommendations from the evaluation the care coordinator helped the family to obtain services in the community. The family continues to stay in contact with the care coordinator and reaches out for support and assistance."

Home Modifications

With the goal of helping people to remain safe and independent in their own homes, 199 individuals have now been served through the Home Safety, Modification and Repair Services initiative funded with ARPA dollars. This one-time funding supports services and repairs to allow individuals to stay in their homes safely and independently. Below are stories from three individuals who benefited from this funding:

"The most significant impact we had was when a Reno senior nearly put her home up for sale because she could no longer climb the stairs. We installed a ramp and grab bars, allowing her to continue living in her home."

"We helped an elderly single woman in Reno who is wheelchair bound and suffered from brittle bone disease and COPD. She is mobile and uses an electric scooter and her car to get around. Unfortunately, she hasn't been out for more than 6 months because there was no ramp installed. We installed a ramp, and now she is once again able to do groceries and to leave her house."

"An older adult who lives in Carson City had a flood in her hallway, making the carpet ripple and stinky. We visited her and she could not believe that this could be repaired for free. Again, with the help of your grant we were able to put in durable vinyl planking (foreground) and some sub-flooring."