



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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*Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.*

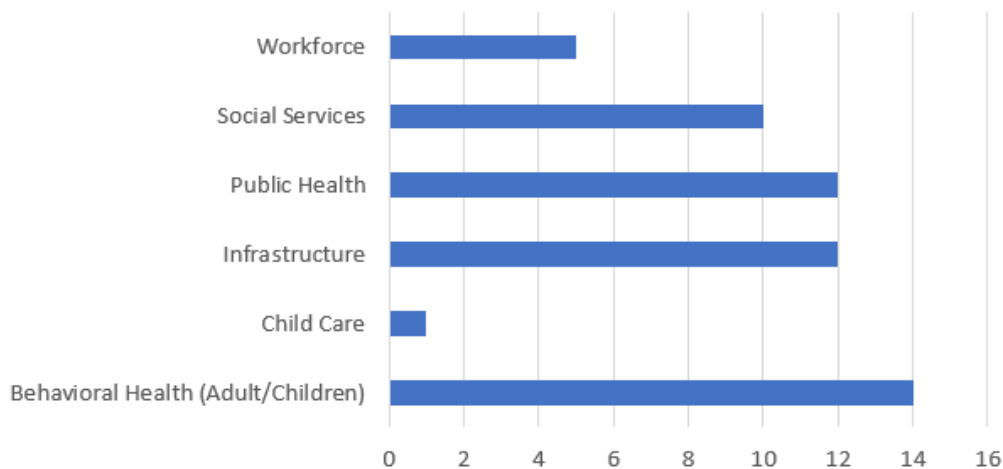


## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

As of Aug. 1, 2024

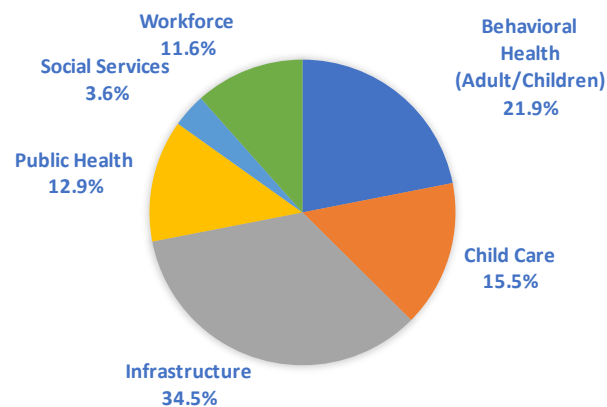
The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for **151 projects** and initiatives. As of August 1, 2024, **54 projects are 100% complete**.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS BY TOPIC



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.

### BUDGETED BY TOPIC



## Rural Social Services Projects

### Churchill Community Hospital – Transportation Services

Churchill Community Hospital's Patients in Need project was awarded \$10,936 to improve access to health care by granting funds to patients who need transportation to and from medical appointments, hospitalization, dialysis, infusions, assisted living facilities, and physical therapy appointments, among other medical needs. Upon completion of the ARPA-funded portion of the project at the end of June 2024, the funds directly helped 14 socially and financially vulnerable patients. While the numbers are small compared to urban areas, the geographic reach is wide: residents of Churchill, Lyon, Nye, Mineral, Pershing, Lander and Humboldt counties, as well as homeless/unhoused individuals in the region were assisted through this funding.

In one example, a 78-year-old consumer from Gabbs drove himself to the emergency department in Fallon more than an hour away. When he did not have money to buy fuel to return home, he received a fuel card before he left the hospital, allowing him to travel home safely. Without this funding, this consumer would have been stranded unhoused in the Fallon area.

### Helping Hands Rural Home-Delivered Meals Program

Helping Hands of Vegas Valley was awarded \$626,889 to expand home-delivered meals service in rural Nevada. The program helped 463 consumers and provided 77,754 meals.

One homebound consumer in Pahrump was recovering from open heart surgery, received a cancer diagnosis and was placed on weekly dialysis treatments. The caseworker at the dialysis center referred the consumer for home-delivered meals services. Prior to accessing meal services, the consumer was missing meals several times a week due to financial limitation and did not have consistent access to nutritious food to support his medical diagnoses. Since enrolling in home-delivered meals services, the consumer's outlook and mood have improved greatly, which he attributes to being able to choose a renal-friendly menu option, giving him peace of mind that he is eating something healthier that supports his medical conditions.

### Home-Delivered Meals for Older Adults

This ongoing project has been awarded \$2.5 million to enable existing community partners to build capacity and reduce the waitlists of older adults receiving nutritious, home-delivered meals.

Expected to be completed at the end of 2024, so far this project has provided meals to 1,066 new consumers through funding targeted to reduce home-delivered meals service waitlists. In August 2024, 688 consumers received meals.

In one project case, a 94-year-old senior in hospice care applied for home-delivered meals services. Due to her age and medical conditions, she is bedbound and unable to do her own grocery shopping or meal preparation, tasks that were completed by her husband who recently died. She now requires full-time assistance from a caregiver. With support from this funding, a program in Southern Nevada was able to expand service to more seniors like this consumer, who would have otherwise gone on a waitlist. She currently receives seven healthy, nutritiously balanced meals each week that help manage her high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.