



## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

As of March 1, 2024

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for **148 projects** and initiatives.

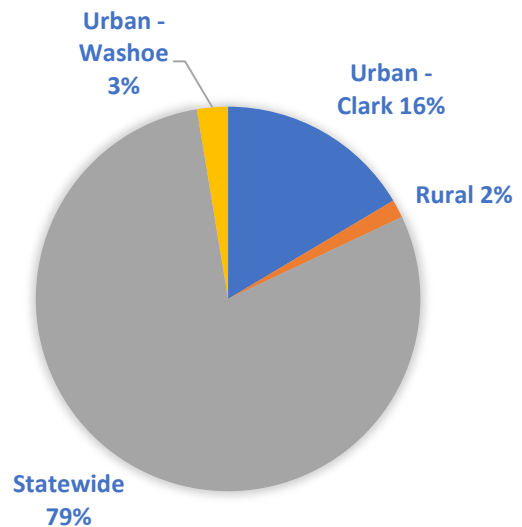
As of March 1, 2024, **49 projects are 100% complete** and about 29% of total funding has been expended.

In total, more than **\$562 million** was budgeted to the Department for the 148 approved projects.

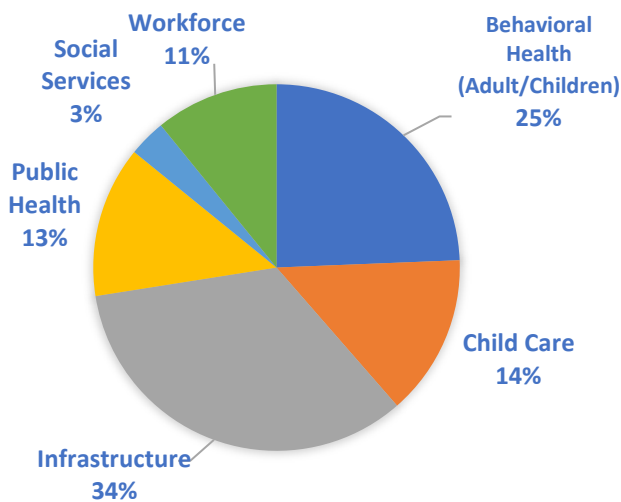
**79% of DHHS projects were statewide**, 16% were specific to Clark County, 3% Washoe County and 2% specific to the rural areas.

At the March 13 meeting of the Interim Finance Committee significant funding was deobligated. This funding was remaining from completed projects, or allocated to projects the Department determined could not be implemented or completed in the time available.

AREA SERVED



TOPIC



Funded projects covered a variety of topics, 34% of projects are related to infrastructure, followed by 25% of funding is for behavioral health related projects, child care, public health and workforce all received a percent of the funding for DHHS and the remaining 3% of funding is allocated to projects that support and enhance social services.

### Forensic Adult Mental Health:

American Rescue Plan Act funding is supporting projects that create much needed capacity for services to restore offenders to competency so that they can proceed with the criminal process. Initiatives including forensic professional services, jail based mental health services, services in skilled nursing facilities when that level of care is deemed appropriate, and renovations and building upgrades which will support this effort. While the Division of Public and Behavioral Health has expanded services, the demand continues to outpace the expansion. With added funding, these interventions are beginning to demonstrate success in reducing the number of people waiting and that progress is expected to accelerate.

- Stein Renovations
- Anti Ligature furniture
- Building 3A Renovation
- Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Jail Based Programming
- Forensic Professional Services

### Workforce:

About **\$61 million** was allocated to DHHS for programs related to workforce. This includes initiatives to enhance skills for those already in the workforce, pay for certification programs for those interested in health care professions, scholarships for community health workers, the nurse apprentice program to support students and rural facilities and funding to expand workforce for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health needs throughout the state. While much of this is one-time funding, the skills and certifications acquired by those who participate will carry on throughout their career.

### Children's Mental Health:

Through an array of services and funded projects the Division of Child and Family Services is working to strengthen the foundation of behavioral health and substance abuse prevention services for Nevada's youth while increasing access to behavioral health care by building out service delivery mechanisms throughout the state. Services provided include behavioral health care at both inpatient and outpatient settings, juvenile justice facilities and mobile crisis response teams for immediate intervention. In addition to direct behavioral health care services, initiatives have been implemented to provide educational outreach. Those initiatives include interactive learning activities for youth focused on developing adaptive coping skills to prevent self-harm; educating families on resources available within their communities; and integrated student support programs to address the health and wellness outcomes of children and families.

- Children's Mental Health Mobile Crisis Response
- Respite services
- Family to Family Peer Support
- Support for child welfare programs
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- Intensive Family In-Home Services
- Wraparound Authority/Intensive Care Coordination