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Veteran Transportation	Holyoke Veterans Services	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Public safety or community policing or community violence prevention. Individual transportation reducing exposure to public transit.	Roughly 69 dollars per person based on total cost divided by 360. Our goal is to serve 360 Veterans over a 3 year period.	There is no cost to the Veteran. We currently don't have any other grants to offset this service.	360 people is the current goal over 3 years		Veteran Transportation - Individual transportation used to reduce exposure to public transit and COVID-19.	New service	\$29,500	We are looking for a total of \$29,500 over 3 years if possible.	It will be nonexistent	We are aiming to serve at least 10 veterans a month over 3 years.	Reduced exposure of Veterans to public transit and reduced exposure of COVID-19 by providing individual rides.	Social Media, Holyoke Veterans services webpage, Email marketing, everbridge messages and local paper media.	10/01/2021-9/30/2024	Existing staff	Yes	We currently have a working template of operations and can launch as soon as we acquire a lease for a vehicle.	We currently have a working template of operations and can launch as soon as we acquire a lease for a vehicle.	Never before have Veterans in our city had access to individual transportation options. They have been reliant on mass transit which increases exposure to COVID-19.	Describe how the activity addresses the economic and health inequities exacerbated by COVID-19. (1000)	
Records Management/Records Digitization	City Clerk's Office	Records Management/Records Digitization	n/a	Records Management/Digitization	n/a	n/a	n/a	Improvement to an existing public facility	Records management, digitization, organization allowing for records to be found faster and more easily and more records available to put out online as well as reducing flow into office. EV vehicles are clean for the environment and help keep the pollutants down that create asthma. We have a shovel ready project for (2) double capacity DC Level 3 fast charge chargers. We are ready to install all our location at 160 Whiting Farms Road. Currently, we have (1) double capacity level 2 charger in place available to the public at no charge. It is our intention to expand on this infrastructure. These chargers will be free to the public and will help Holyoke move towards the Massachusetts mandate on no combustion engine sales of new cars by 2035. Hyundai Motor America and Gary Rome Hyundai are 100% committed to this technology. Green energy has proven to help reduce asthma health risk. Once the project is complete there will be no additional cost from the city or any of the community.	\$45,000	no.	It will not move forward	This project can be built on for years to come.	28 days once completed.	Third party vendor	n/a	Our office has been open and staffed through COVID-19.	Initial inventory of spaces has already been completed.	Can be done with restrictions.	Having records organized and more easily accessible allows for office to find records faster and put online and reduce the traffic flow into the office.	of records the city clerk holds will help with organization, digitization, and lower the traffic flow into the office.			
EV Charger Infrastructure	Gary Rome Hyundai	Automotive dealership selling and servicing new and pre-owned vehicles	Infinite, no limitations	Child care	40000	111111	4114444	Owner occupied housing rehabilitation	Expansion of existing service	\$147,869.00	1 time request of funds to complete project of \$147,869.00	22222	1213125135	54454544	4654546545	4546456485	4154543641	Existing staff	Sage Engineering and Contracting Inc.	We have a shovel ready plan for completion of this job	no	Zero cost to charge an electric vehicle. Massachusetts law calling for HOV New Combustion vehicle sales after 2035. Green vehicles and the reduction of health risk in our community will benefit Holyokes.		
Retirement	OOD	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Health care, Behavioral Healthcare, COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing or Education, Services for senior citizens or elderly or Veterans, Services for homeless or unsheltered persons (not housing development), Addition services, Legal services-housing preservation, legal aid, Nutrition or access to food or meal delivery or food pantry or food security				Expansion of existing service	Due to the increased Holyoke residents coming in and out of the facility, we need to assure our parking lot is safe for the elderly and disabled.	Expansion of existing service	100,000.00	2 years (50,000 per year)	If the project isn't funded, we're not sure if they'd be completed.	The indicator of success would be a lack of injury and complaints from our patients, as well as proper drainage system	The outcome would be the optimal drainage in the parking lot (removal of steel plate and hole), and safety of patients.	We are a well known Health Center in the community. All of our services are marketed on the local radio, TV, and other means.	10/1/2021 to 12/31/2022	Third party vendor	We recently paved our small parking lot which is adjacent to the new larger parking lot	We are ready to engage with the City (regarding sewer/water drain), and reach out to a contractor for parking lot repairs.	It does not rely on full opening, although we have been operational throughout the pandemic.	We primarily care for the population that experiences healthcare inequities.		
Steigers Parking Lot/Water Drainage	Holyoke Health Center	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects), Sewer or Stormwater Infrastructure, Water Infrastructure																						

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<b>Asthma Remediation &amp; Age-In-Place Home Modifications for Holyoke Residents Impacted by COVID-19</b>	Revitalize Community Development Corporation	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below), Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	Up to 100 will be contacted with 25-35 expected to enroll.	Public Service of Assistance to Households (select the type below), Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	One Holyoke CDC will be contacted with 25-35 expected to enroll.	Other	10000	We are requesting one year of funding at \$100,000.	If the request is not fully funded, RCCDC will need to delay providing services to low-income families in Holyoke who were impacted by COVID-19. Though these households are eligible to receive services, RCCDC must identify other funding sources to support these activities. A \$150,000 ARPA grant will allow us to swiftly respond to their needs, decreasing the potential for long-term adverse effects.	Reduced asthma exacerbations & elderly falls, safer homes increase wellbeing and reduce risk of homelessness.	RCCDC will not market the program, rather, we will contact up to 100 Holyoke households that received our COVID-19 emergency response services and enroll 25-35. Staff will call the established contact at each home and discuss the project with them and encourage them to participate in this free service. RCCDC will make up to three attempts to connect with households, and will track the number of households that "sign up" for the project.	November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022	Existing staff will third party vendors will conduct assessments/plans, and provide housing repairs.	RCCDC has 29 years of experience completing repairs and renovations to create healthier homes for low-income families with children, military veterans, the elderly and people with special needs in Hampden County focusing on Holyoke and Springfield. In addition to ensuring the safety of each structure we work on, we focus on making improvements to help increase energy efficiency and improve the safety and health of the home, making homes more affordable in the long-term. Since 1992, we have repaired over 800 homes and nonprofits with the support of over 10,000 volunteers, investing approximately \$41M in Springfield and help in \$700,000 in Holyoke including in-kind. Since 2016, we have collaborated with and implemented the established DASHH asthma home visiting and intervention model in Springfield and Holyoke with community partners. RCCDC leaders and staff have served on advisory panels and been invited to speak at events relating to asthma and home health assessments.	RCCDC's proposed activities will be completed by our established DASHH Assessors and Community Health Workers to provide the home assessments and connect with licensed, skilled contractors who will perform the repairs. RCCDC will be able to launch the program immediately after funds are received.	The proposed services do not rely on full reopening. RCCDC has been operating our DASHH programming throughout the pandemic, following social distancing and other COVID-19 safety measures. DASHH has safely served 2,000+ households in the greater Springfield area during the pandemic.	The need for this specific activity (to ensure that ARPA funds will be spent in a timely manner?) (1000) The need for the proposed services was determined when RCCDC delivered PPE, food and other supplies to Holyoke families. The health effects of living in poor housing during the pandemic (i.e., laid off, furloughed). Many are individuals of color, the populations most adversely affected by COVID-19. The health problems during the pandemic, low-income individuals had not experienced great levels of hardship regarding housing stemming from finances, ranging from physical condition and repairs/modifications to improve the health of the home. This will reduce the impacts asthma has on individuals impacted by COVID-19 (by making the homes and we are seeing exacerbated health disparities. Moreover, we also have learned that housing-related inequalities have increased the risk of COVID-19 infection as well as chronic conditions (e.g., asthma) that increase the risk of complications due to COVID-19, including death.				
<b>New Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing</b>	OneHolyoke CDC	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	26	OneHolyoke CDC	Yes. Funding as based on building 20 family homes on 20 sites with an average cost per project of \$55,000.00. We anticipate producing the housing on a rolling basis over a 36 month period of time. We would seek 5% of funding at the onset to ramp up production, and then request installment payments to move forward over that time frame.	Expansion of existing service	3500000	This is a scalable request. A partial award will result in fewer housing units being produced.	The delivery of a deed and keys to each new homeowner is the measurable and objective goal of this project.	26 new quality, healthy units and tenants. It mitigates COVID-19 economic harm for the purchasers, with major wealth building impact. We will, in close consultation with City Leaders, follow past practices to apply uniform and rigorously applied eligibility standards to each project.	One Holyoke CDC has built over 100 units of affordable housing over several decades. We have established practices to reach the targeted eligible purchasers, means test applicants and educate buyers about their ongoing obligations after purchasing the homes. We structure deed restrictions to ensure affordability are preserved for a period of years. We will, in close consultation with City Leaders, follow past practices to apply uniform and rigorously applied eligibility standards to each project.	September 8, 2021 through September 8, 2024	Existing staff	OneHolyoke CDC is a multifaceted community agency. Not only a developer of real property, we are also a provider of affordable housing rental property and provide a wide array of services through our community engagement department. As a result of COVID, we curtailed most real estate development activities but enhanced our property management services. We received significant funding to engage and inform city residents about best practices to avoid COVID-19, mitigate risk and secure. Our capacity to perform real estate development is intact, as we did not lose any of our experienced staff engaged in this aspect of our operations.	OneHolyoke CDC is a multifaceted community agency. Not only a developer of real property, we are also a provider of affordable housing rental property and provide a wide array of services through our community engagement department. As a result of COVID, we curtailed most real estate development activities but enhanced our property management services. We received significant funding to engage and inform city residents about best practices to avoid COVID-19, mitigate risk and secure. Our capacity to perform real estate development is intact, as we did not lose any of our experienced staff engaged in this aspect of our operations.	We are eager and ready to proceed. We have strong relationships with a wide and diverse roster of sub-contractors and long experience with this specific style of housing construction. We own an inventory of lots that are "shovel ready" and have the market knowledge and means to obtain more, especially in furtherance of affordable housing.	We are fully re-opened development that most office-oriented work is capable of being done remotely, and most actual construction work is capable of being done on-site. COVID-19 site practices for construction are well established at this point in time.	The notable increase in both home prices and rent in our community's housing market since the onset of COVID-19 has put a spotlight on the demand for additional housing stock, especially in the City's Qualified Census Tracts. The addition of 26 units in 2021. Within the short span will impact both the shortage and (potentially) the cost of housing. Director is acknowledged as a member of the Metropolitan Springfield Housing Advisory Group that contributed to the fact finding process. https://dohmah.umass.edu/document/Center_Springfield_Regional_Ho using_Analysis_Report.pdf			
<b>Latino Chamber of Commerce Headquarters &amp; Incentivized Multi Media</b>	New England Farm Workers' Council	Economic Development & Job to Impacted Industries (program setup only)	Seventy-three (73) via employment and training programs. We estimate that the Latino Chambers and Festiva Multi-media will reach thousands of Holyoke residents.	Job training, Recreational/Multi-Media, Educational program, Internet access or digital literacy access	NA	Expansion of existing service	\$416,860	NEFWC is requesting a one (1) year grant that will be used to leverage additional economic development resources to energy to the revitalization efforts in downtown Holyoke.	Creation of an innovative job training and business development hub that generates energy and support for Holyoke. COVID-19 business catalyst for business activity in downtown Holyoke.	The business services that will be housed at 225 High Street will utilize their marketing strength and experience to market downtown Holyoke as a center for Latino business innovation and also as a multimedial hub servicing the Latino population in New England and nationally.	The project will start within 30 days of funding notification and contract signing, and will be completed within 12 months after authorization.	Existing staff	NEFWC has over 45 years of experience in developing and implementing these types of community revitalization projects. Prior successful projects included: revitalization of 225 High Street, La Plaza del Mercado in Springfield, Holyoke as a center for Latino business innovation and also as a multimedial hub servicing the Latino population in New England and nationally.	NEFWC is prepared to launch this activity immediately because it is one of the few minority controlled non-profits that has the experience and expertise to implement these types of community revitalization projects.	This activity can be completed with social distancing and other COVID-19 restrictions.	The proposed activities will address the negative economic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the Holyoke Latino community. It will also bring proven expertise to Holyoke the social media marketing of the New England region.					

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Solutions Building/Training Center	Holyoke Health Center	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects), Sewer or Stormwater Infrastructure, Water Infrastructure, Economic Development & Aid to Impacted Industries (program set-up only)		Health care, COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing or Education, Job training, Educational program, Public safety or community policing or community violence prevention		We service over 20,000 patients a year		Renovating the "Solutions" building at 245 High St, adjacent to the Health Center, will solve a critical need for space to respond to the COVID pandemic. As the response shifts to smaller scale detection and treatment approaches, the project will succeed by providing convenient and accessible access for all residents, esp. those in the downtown area. It allows for quick interaction with the health care system by patients who might be unsure about where, when or how to seek care regarding COVID and other infectious diseases. A new COVID surge in the fall is a concern, especially related to new variants, and potential for a flu outbreak. These issues will be best responded in a well-designed population-wide oversight. With the Health Center's Pharmacy, Walk-in Center and lab near by, follow-up support services will be immediately available. In addition, due to the CDC and DPH requirements, there is a need for training space and PPE storage.	New service	750000	Year 1 - 100,000 Year 2 - 650,000	If it's not fully funded, we would look to do a smaller portion of the work.	Employing over 350 employees, we want to provide high quality education / trainings to our staff so there's continued learning opportunities with us, not elsewhere.	We have our own team of 350 employees, in addition to surrounding facilities and organizations that could participate or use the training facility as well.	2022	Third party vendor				Our health center has been a key support for the city during the pandemic. Our clinicians have been on site every day to care for the community as needed. We've worked with the State, federal government, local BOH, local hospital, senior center, housing authority, public schools and other organizations to improve (and protect) the health of the Holyoke community. We tested thousands of residents of Holyoke, provided care and treatment to COVID positive patients as well as administer thousands of vaccines. We remained open and available during the pandemic. Our Medical services were offered virtually when able, and our Pharmacy adapted by providing delivery and curb side pick up for medications.	We have built out part of existing facilities in the past. About 4 years ago, we renovated the major epidemic and issue that we needed to really focus on. In order to build out a large treatment area for those patients. In 2019, we built out a 10,000 sq ft facility that included group therapy support, substance abuse treatment, infectious disease management and even acupuncture. That project was completed within 8 months.	We are fully open, however, we would like the COVID guidelines into consideration when designing the training facility.	The importance of improved screening and vaccination services, as well as formal planning and training capabilities have become clear through the events of the past year. In support of a quality training facility needed efforts, it is also important to improve and maintain our staff to continue to provide care to the community, especially in a time (post pandemic) when there is significant staffing shortages for both clinical and non-clinical positions. In addition, it can be difficult to recruit people to Holyoke, and an educational facility would attract many resources, produce and disseminate educational information, and support businesses, schools and families to reduce the impact of new outbreaks.	This project will allow for rapid response to needs related to Covid, flu and other similar public health issues that will continue to impact area residents and which can be more effectively tracked and responded to through this new focus on access, detection and treatment at the community level. In addition to providing and training capabilities we need to attract the staff in order to do so. Having past year. In support of a quality training facility needed efforts, it is also important to improve and maintain our staff to continue to provide care to the community, especially in a time (post pandemic) when there is significant staffing shortages for both clinical and non-clinical positions. In addition, it can be difficult to recruit people to Holyoke, and an educational facility would attract many resources, produce and disseminate educational information, and support businesses, schools and families to reduce the impact of new outbreaks.
Holyoke Police activity	Holyoke Police Department	Police Department		Public safety or community policing or community violence prevention	Shel Spotter \$198,000 2yrs for 2 sq miles, 40 Towers & equip \$138,000, Premium Pay for Essential Workers \$142,000 - \$1,000 per person for 62 Police employees.	0	0	Premium Pay for Essential Workers Police	Other	\$478,000	no		Holyoke Police will be less equipped to respond to and address violent crimes.	Improved response to shed fire calls and better equipped for violent offenses.	Officers worked through COVID providing the city with 24hr police protection.	All equipment will be purchased inventoried and issued and or installed.	Once approved we will purchase all equipment, complete installs and issue equipment prior to July 1 2022.	Existing staff			The Holyoke Police Dept worked at full capacity throughout COVID and continues to provide the best services to our reporting and purchasing equipment.	No this activity does not rely on full reopening. We have remained at full capacity throughout COVID.	These activities play a major role in our response to violent crime especially when there is a epidemic at hand and people are at high risk of becoming victimized.	The Community relies on the Police Department for maintaining social order and enforcing state and federal laws and they pertain to COVID
Public Safety	Holyoke Fire Department	Public Safety	Entire Low and Moderate income households in the city.	Services for senior citizens or elderly or Veterans, Nutrition or access to food or meal delivery or food pantry or food security, Emergency Shelter for all Holyoke residents as the result of natural or man-made disasters.	No charge to anyone. No other funding sources are available for the need and scope of work.			The Holyoke Fire Department wishes to apply for funding utilizing ARPA funds to outfit all Holyoke firefighters with a second set of structural firefighting turnout gear. The second set of gear will be used when first set is being laundered and dried after a fire. Researchers have found that more than two thirds of firefighters - 68% develop cancer, compared to about 22% for the general population. These cancer rates have been attributed to firefighters being exposed to products of combustion. These products of combustion tend to adhere to the structural firefighting gear causing exposure to the skin. Having the second set of turnout gear will enable the firefighter to take his first set out of service after a fire and put his second clean set in service giving the firefighter less of a chance of exposure to the byproducts of combustion. The Holyoke Fire Department wishes to apply for funding to outfit 120 members with the second set of turnout gear.	Expansion of existing service	\$338,518.00	no	If the project is not fully funded approach would be put in place outfitting a certain amount of firefighters per year until goal was met. This would be a more expensive method and would take longer than ARPA funding requires.	The indicator of success would be seen later down the road. The department would be tracking cancer rates in firefighters.	The outcome of this activity is to keep our firefighters safe during the pandemic and beyond.	If awarded this very important funding all firefighters would need to be measured by company and property filter for gear. Squadmembers would be developed to track firefighters gear manufacture dates and ensuring all gear stays in NFPA compliance.	If awarded in August of 2021. All firefighters could be outfitted by January 2022	Existing staff			The Holyoke Fire Department operations were affected by COVID 19. Through policies and procedures the department weathered the storm with moderate disruption. Firefighters worked everyday during the pandemic. Mask wearing and good hygiene practices were put in place for safety reasons. Fire stations were sanitized two time a week utilizing fogging machines. 18 members contracted the virus and quarantined at home per CDC. Since January over 80% of members of the HFD have been vaccinated for COVID 19. We continue to provide firefighting and emergency medical services to the citizens of Holyoke despite the pandemic and our commitment to the citizens of Holyoke is unwavering.	Turnout gear purchasing and outfitting is the common practice in the department.	In order to get this project off the ground, Department personnel conducted meetings with vendors and have developed a plan for implementation.	Our fire station are fully open to the public. We wear a mask but other than that we are back to normal operations.	All members of the Holyoke Fire Department regardless of race or economics will be outfitted with this life saving equipment.
Public Building Preservation	City of Holyoke Community Development Corp.	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)						The War Memorial Building serves as a emergency shelter for the citizens of Holyoke as well as natural and man made disasters.	Improvement to an existing public facility	\$3,150,000.00		This is a multi year grant. The project will be approximately six years. The funding amount will be based on each project.	That the War Memorial Building will continue to be a place of public gatherings for all community groups, a place of help for veterans and as a emergency shelter for our citizens.	Keeping the War Memorial a safe place of refuge during any pandemic or other disasters. Natural or man-made.	By it's very existence, it's history and the relationships of various community organizations that count on it in times of distress.	To be determined by engineering and construction activity. Perhaps six years.	Existing staff	The City of Holyoke Community Development Organization has a long and successful history of still doing outstanding work.	The agency may have to add additional staff for this project. To be determined by the scope and length of project.	This activity does not rely on pre-covid or post-covid conditions.	The function of this building by it's very nature is for all citizens. Not based on an economic or health inequities.	As the result of the War Memorial Building being built for all citizens all Covid-19 or any other pandemic or man-made disaster.		

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Rental and Mortgage Assistance	Valley Opportunity Council (VOC)	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Public Service & Assistance to Households Applicants: What kind of Public Service?	\$6,108- total cost per person. This cost was determined by taking the total budget per year, \$36,488 and dividing it by the number of participants expected to serve per year, 60.	There is no charge to participants. We currently receive CDBG funding from the cities of Westfield and Holyoke to provide Rental and Mortgage Assistance and this current funding will continue through December 2021. We also have funding through the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts for this program, though that funding will be spent out July by the deadline this summer. We will use additional CDBG Cares funding to offset some of the cost to the rental/mortgage assistance specifically, approximately \$50,000 per year.	60 households per year, 240 households over 4 years	Expansion of existing service	VOC will provide a rental/mortgage assistance program. Up to 3 months of rent or mortgage payments will be covered in whole or in part for qualified households. The overall goal is to assist Holyoke residents to remain housed and also create better conditions for long term stability and self-sufficiency. What sets us apart is Case Management, assessment, connection to other VOC and local programs through long term stability and long standing relationships with landlords that we will leverage to collaboratively create payment plans that allow for households to get and then remain caught up on rent and utility payments. Leveraging existing staff and participants. COVID-19 has created a number of urgent, and significant needs for households that have been exacerbated by COVID-19. Though there was a moratorium on mortgage payments, we are currently providing assistance for deferring mortgage payments, only partially addressed through the program. By providing supports, families will be able to remain stable long term.	78240	Four years of funding is requested at \$195,607 per year.	Less incidents of homelessness and need for emergency services. Those with more stability have increased access to services that address their health, including services that address COVID-19.	Because this is an existing program with staff and capacity and would begin immediately upon receipt of the executed contract.	Existing staff	In the past, VOC administered a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) through the City of Holyoke's Office of Community Development. We currently operate a Rental and Mortgage Assistance program and within a little less than a year, we have provided Rental or Mortgage Assistance to over 180 households and Case Management to 649 households including individuals within the same day of the request. Each program is maintaining close contact with funders to ensure we are providing timely service within the new guidelines and expectations that are set. For most programs, we are providing a full range of services without any face to face contact. For some programs, we are providing a full range of services without any face to face contact is required. We have developed strong relationships with landlords to ensure that staff have and will be an asset for the proposed activity. On a daily basis Case Managers are working with landlords to acquire new and different time. We have capacity to be able to begin immediately upon receipt of the executed contract.	We are prepared to launch this activity upon receipt of grant award. We have the space and staff needed at this time to move forward. Outreach and contact with social distancing would begin upon receipt of this grant.	This activity can be successfully completed with social distancing and adhering to any COVID restrictions.	Economic and health inequities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19 have, and will continue to impact individual household's ability to pay their rent or mortgage and as a result, remain in a safe and stable housing situation. Many individuals lost jobs, were furloughed, or had hours decreased. Individuals with lower paying jobs and less flexibility were impacted the most. Many contracted COVID-19 and may have been out of work for an extended amount of time. We anticipate that new medical bills as well as children have been attending school virtually for most or all of this school year, they may have come with an extra cost for food and items like internet services. For some, there has been a false sense of security due to activity will assist households in being able to get back on their feet. This program will assist households in getting back on track. In addition, assisting with approximately 100 payments, a payment Holyoke that have received assistance through this program.	Describe the community demand or need for this activity and how it will assist the community in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. How have you determined the demand or need for this specific activity (to ensure that ARPA funds are allocated in a timely manner)? (1000)					
Refrigerated Box Truck	Providence Ministries for the Needy	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)	N/A	N/A	\$25,000 pricing for used refrigerated box truck with lift gate	N/A	Average of 2000 per week	Expansion of existing service	We have started a mobile pop up pantry and need a truck to serve our community. Also we may have to start picking up our own food from the Foodbank when they move and our produce and meat to have a lift gate making it almost impossible for us to serve.	29000	no	Not having this truck will impact our ability to get food from the Foodbank to serve our community and be able to get fresh produce and meat to those in need. We need the lift gate and refrigeration option.	The measure of success is community members fed.	More people are relying on our services. We want to provide!	Social Media/Newsletters/Press Release, Media	Ongoing	Existing staff	We are currently serving our community on average 2000 people a week between Margaret's and Kate's and using a truck that is very old and unreliable. The truck is the lifeline to services for those we serve. VOC has over 30 years of experience providing shelter for homeless families. Last year, the shelter shifted and through a partnership with Alianza, have been operating as an EA family shelter. We continue to remain fully operational during this time. Our primary goal is to ensure that the shelter operated as a community in a timely fashion without delay or interruption, while also maintaining a safe work environment for staff. Each program has the capacity to respond to individuals within the same day of the request. We are providing a full array of services without any face to face contact. For some programs, we are providing a full range of services without any face to face contact is required. We have developed strong relationships with landlords to ensure that staff have and will be an asset for the proposed activity. On a daily basis Case Managers are working with landlords to acquire new and different time. We have capacity to be able to begin immediately upon receipt of the executed contract.	We are ready to get a truck right away should we be awarded the funds to do so!	N/A	Our food pantry and kitchen have seen a large increase in those served through the pandemic. For example, we went from 1.2 million and fresh produce, dairy and meat. These are all expensive items that we are proud to give out to our community. Those numbers continue to be steady in 2021.			
Emergency Stabilization	Valley Opportunity Council (VOC)	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Public Service & Assistance to Households Applicants: What kind of Public Service?	\$5,897 total cost per person. This was determined by taking the total budget for the year, \$410,162 and dividing that by 72 individuals, assuming there are 24 households served per year and using an average household size of 3.	There is no charge to participants. Currently, we work in partnership with Alianza, formerly the Women's Shelter. Via an MOU, Alianza refers and places families into the shelter for emergency stabilization and reimburses a daily per family rate.	24 households per year, 96 households over 4 years	Expansion of existing service	VOC will provide emergency stabilization for victims of domestic violence and their families by providing immediate access to safe housing. This will include intensive case management, connection to services, housing search and placement and other supports as needed. The overall goal is to assist victims of domestic violence and their families by providing immediate safe housing placement and connection to services that will support long term stability. During the pandemic, the need for supports for victims of domestic violence has increased. This is in part due to increased stressors on families and in part to the decrease in domestic violence shelter beds. Some including housing have closed completely and some have decreased their capacity. Congregate care settings should not be used for short term, emergency housing and access to services that address health, including services that address COVID-19.	138720	Four years, \$346,930 per year.	Contributes to a safe, secure community for Holyoke residents by providing safe emergency housing and access to services that address health, including services that address COVID-19.	Due to this sensitive nature of this program, outreach would be very limited. We would work with our referral partner to identify referrals for services and for guidance on outreach to local organizations.	This is an existing program with staff and capacity, the program would begin immediately upon receipt of the executed contract. The program would continue throughout the four years.	Existing staff	Our mission is to provide the supports needed to obtain housing to remain housed, and to obtain a higher quality of life. This has meant a focus on the supports needed to find a stable living situation, employment, access to resources, and access to quality childcare. As a result, we had significantly shorter housing wait times in the state average while operating as an EA shelter. VOC owns and manages 27 mental health units, including housing for homeless Veterans, and Inmate Housing, and Inmate Eligible Housing. We utilize the housing team's expertise as landlords in the community to best support participants and assist with identifying apartments. We are prepared to launch this activity upon receipt of grant award. We have the space and staff needed at this time to move forward. Upon receipt, we would meet with Alianza to update our MOU.	We are ready to get a truck right away should we be awarded the funds to do so!	N/A	There has been an overall increased need for shelter during this time, but an increased need for domestic violence shelters due to many factors. During COVID-19, many households were spending more time at home which can lead to more conflict. Decreased income, increased stress, and decreased access to services can also lead to more conflict. At the same time, some domestic violence shelters have closed or significantly decreased capacity statewide. We provide an immediate safe place to stay with access to wraparound services and supports to assist with getting into a safe long term living situation. We also allow participants and their families some degree of independence. Our food pantry and kitchen have seen a large increase in those served through the pandemic. For example, we went from 1.2 million and fresh produce, dairy and meat. These are all expensive items that we are proud to give out to our community. Those numbers continue to be steady in 2021.					
Box Truck Request	Providence Ministries for the Needy	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average of 2000 a week	Expansion of existing service	We have started a mobile pop up pantry and need a truck to serve our community. Also we may have to start picking up our own food from the Foodbank when they move and our produce and meat to have a lift gate making it almost impossible for us to serve.	25000	No	Not having this truck will impact our ability to get food from the Foodbank to serve our community and be able to get fresh produce and meat to those in need. We need the lift gate and refrigeration option.	The measure of success is community members fed.	More people are relying on our services. We want to provide!	Social Media/Newsletters/Press Release, Media	Ongoing	Existing staff	We are currently serving our community on average 2000 people a week between Margaret's and Kate's and using a truck that is very old and unreliable. The truck is the lifeline to services for those we serve. VOC has over 30 years of experience providing shelter for homeless families. Last year, the shelter shifted and through a partnership with Alianza, have been operating as an EA family shelter. We continue to remain fully operational during this time. Our primary goal is to ensure that the shelter operated as a community in a timely fashion without delay or interruption, while also maintaining a safe work environment for staff. Each program has the capacity to respond to individuals within the same day of the request. We are providing a full array of services without any face to face contact. For some programs, we are providing a full range of services without any face to face contact is required. We have developed strong relationships with landlords to ensure that staff have and will be an asset for the proposed activity. On a daily basis Case Managers are working with landlords to acquire new and different time. We have capacity to be able to begin immediately upon receipt of the executed contract.	We are ready to get a truck right away should we be awarded the funds to do so!	N/A	Our food pantry and kitchen have seen a large increase in those served through the pandemic. For example, we went from 1.2 million and fresh produce, dairy and meat. These are all expensive items that we are proud to give out to our community. Those numbers continue to be steady in 2021.			

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Job Training and Placement	Valley Opportunity Council (VOC)	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Job training	\$6,010 total cost per person. Cost determined by taking the total budget, \$212,310 and dividing this by 35, the total number of individuals served per year.	There is no charge to participants. This program currently operates under the title CIES. Comprehensive Integrated Employment Services. This program IDA to serve adults who receive DTA benefits themselves or a child in their custody.	5 individuals per year, 20 persons over 4 years		VOC will provide a job readiness and training program. Individuals will qualify by receiving unemployment benefits or being income eligible, with similar guidelines used for assessing eligibility for Fuel Assistance. The program will provide services related to job readiness and placement including job training and certification program enrollment and payment (CDL and others). High school equivalency and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will be available. This program will include an assessment and connection to services offered through VOC. The overall goal is to assist with obtaining skills and finding long term employment with a living wage to ensure stability. During the pandemic, the need for supports to those that are unemployed or underemployed has increased. Though there are more jobs available now, this program will focus on supporting individuals in finding a career with IDA to serve adults who receive DTA benefits themselves or a child in their custody. We would partner with the local unemployment office to provide information and participate in additional outreach events. Outreach would take place at our existing VOC programs located in Holyoke and some of our currently established outreach locations like the local Farmers' Market.	Expansion of existing service	Currently, we have some funding through DTA for this program. If this project was not fully funded, we would look to secure other funding. If other funding is not secured, we would not be able to serve this separate population through this program.	Contributes to better quality of life, more independence and stability by providing access to job readiness, certification and placement into a career with a living wage for 20 individuals.	More individuals are not dependent on subsidy and can achieve stability. Increased certification and placement into a career with a living wage for 20 individuals.	This is an existing program with staff and capacity, the program would begin immediately upon receipt of the awarded contract. The program would continue throughout the four years.	Existing staff			Existing staff	As previously stated, we currently operate the CIES program, which provides case management, job readiness and training, connection and funding for certification programs including the CDL. This program has met and exceeded all goals in terms of enrollment and job placement. This would be what we provide with this additional funding, but for a slightly different population. In addition to this program specifically, VOC also provides a WIOA program through the Adult Education Department and a YouthWorks Program through the College and Career Readiness Department that provide similar supports to slightly different target populations. WIOA provides Case Management and supports including assistance with obtaining the job, job readiness, coaching and placement in paid internships. YouthWorks provides job training and job placement for individuals 14-24 years old. This program has recently been expanded to include a year round component.	We continue to remain fully operational during this time. Our primary goal is to ensure that we continue to provide services to the community in a timely fashion without delay or interruption, while also maintaining a safe work environment for staff. Each program has the capacity to respond to individuals within the same day of the request. Each program is maintaining close contact with funders to ensure we are providing timely service within the new guidelines and expectations that are set. For most programs, we are providing a full array of services without any face to face contact. For some, like in our family shelter, this has required retooling quickly to ensure that staff have the equipment needed, that all communication is clear, and that we have proper procedures in place to work effectively and efficiently within this new and different time. We have some capacity to be nimble and respond to the changing needs of the community.	This activity can be successfully completed with social distancing and adhering to any COVID restrictions.	Economic and health inequities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19 have, and will continue to impact individual's ability to find and maintain employment at a living wage. Many individuals lost jobs, were furloughed, or had hours decreased. As we know, individuals with lower paying jobs and less flexibility were impacted the most. Engagement with this program will provide all the tools needed to complete a certification program and obtain a job in a field that is in high demand and pays a living wage.	Through the existing CIES program, we often have calls from community members that we are unable to serve due to their lack of receiving DTA benefits. This additional funding would allow us to serve that group and assist them in rejoining the workforce in a way that is meaningful for them and their families. The increased wage will allow for the household to sustain without any additional subsidies.	
Springdale Pond Sewer Separation Project	Holyoke DPW	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects), Sewer or Stormwater Infrastructure			Since all of the City's low/moderate income households have access to the CT River for recreation, reducing combined sewer overflows have the potential to benefit all of these households.			This project is an EC 5.4 project that will redirect the Springdale pond drain from the combined sewer system where it typically contributes more than 100,000 gallons per day to the City's wastewater treatment plant and over 1 million gallons per day during wet weather. The pond drain will be redirected to the City's separate storm drains reducing combined sewer overflows to the CT River and treatment facility operational costs and reducing the potential for flooding and sewer backups in the Springdale neighborhood. Testing has confirmed the presence of COVID-19 in municipal wastewater so reducing the potential exposure of City residents to untreated wastewater has the potential to eliminate a potential transmission pathway. Secondary benefits of this project will be replacement of a portion of the City's wastewater and stormwater collection infrastructure and resurfacing of the roadways in the impacted neighborhood, this reducing reliance on other City funds to complete this work.	Improvement to an existing public facility	The DPW will seek other sources of funding to complement the ARPA funding including CDBG and CT River Cleanup Committee funding.	Flows to the treatment facility would be reduced by 100,000 gpd and CSOs would be reduced by 1 mgd. There would be fewer days in which recreation in the CT River is restricted due to sewer overflows.	Combined sewer overflow would be reduced and the potential exposure to residents coming in contact with untreated wastewater, a potential COVID-19 pathway, would be reduced.	The design could be completed within 30 days of receiving funding so that the project could be put out to bid 30 days later. Construction would begin after award of the contract last about 90 days.	Existing staff			Existing staff	The DPW Director and City Engineer have completed the design and construction oversight of numerous similar projects while in private practice. The engineering capacity of the DPW has recently been increased by 50% by the hiring of the Senior Civil Engineer position. We are fully staffed and normal operations appear likely.	The detailed survey of the project is complete so that the design can be initiated and bidding documents completed as soon as funding appears likely.	This project can be completed with no impacting again becomes required. This has been demonstrated by several other City construction projects that continued uninterrupted through the peak of the pandemic.	The demand for outdoor recreational activities surged as the impacts of the pandemic increased. Although some of the City's residents have the opportunity to travel to seek out these opportunities, many of the City's residents need to take advantage of opportunities that are closer to home. The Connecticut River is one such recreational opportunity that is readily available to all of the City's residents without requiring an automobile or other means of transport.	The City is subject to a federal Consent Decree that mandates reduction in sewer overflows from the City's combined sewer system. Failure to comply will subject the City to penalties and other legal action that will place an even greater financial burden on ratepayers, many of whom are already economically stressed. Achieving compliance with this decree at as low of a cost as possible will help to minimize further impacts to these residents.		

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Jackson St Area Sewer Separation Project	Holyoke DPW	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects), Sewer or Stormwater Infrastructure	Since all of the City's low and moderate income households have access to the CT River for recreation, reducing combined sewer overflows have the potential to benefit all of these households.						This project is an Expenditure Category 5.4 project that will separate sanitary sewer from storm drains throughout the S Holyoke area and eliminate the combined sewer discharge point to the river at the Jackson St Pump Station. Approximately 19.3 million gallons of combined sewage discharges to the Connecticut River annually from this outfall. Treatment facility operational costs will be reduced as well as the potential for flooding and sewer backups in the South Holyoke neighborhood. Testing has confirmed the presence of COVID-19 in municipal wastewater, reducing the potential exposure of City residents to untreated wastewater has the potential to eliminate a secondary transmission pathway. Secondary disinfection of this project will be replacement of a portion of the City's wastewater and stormwater collection infrastructure and resurfacing of the roadways in the impacted neighborhood, this reducing reliance on other City funds to complete this work.	Improvement to an existing public facility	1000000	No, this project is underway and will be complete by the end of FY21	Funding is available through a low interest loan provided through the MA Clean Water Trust	Combined sewer overflow no. 11 would be eliminated and downstream CSO potential exposure to residents coming in contact with untreated wastewater a potential COVID-19 pathway, would be reduced.	The Board of Public Works conducts a public meeting every year to report on its stormwater and wastewater compliance activities and this project would be highlighted at this meeting. In addition, as a result of recent state legislation the City will soon be required to provide public notification after every combined sewer overflow event and this notification can highlight the reduction achieved by this project.	This project is ongoing and scheduled to be completed before the end of FY21	Existing staff	The DPW Director and City Engineer have completed numerous similar projects while in private practice.	The engineering capacity of the DPW has recently been increased by 50% by the filing of the Senior Civil Engineer position. We are fully staffed and have returned to normal operations.	This project can be completed with no impact if social distancing again becomes required. It has been ongoing since the pandemic began.	The demand for outdoor recreational activities surged as the impacts of the pandemic increased. Although some of the City's residents have the economic means to travel to seek out these opportunities, many of the City's residents need to take advantage of opportunities that are close to home. The Connecticut River is one such recreational resource available to all of the City's residents without requiring an automobile or other means of transit.	The City is subject to a federal Consent Decree that mandates reduction in sewer overflows from the City's combined sewer system. Failure to travel to seek out these opportunities, many of the City's residents need to take advantage of opportunities that are close to home. The Connecticut River is one such recreational resource available to all of the City's residents without requiring an automobile or other means of transit.	
Home Preservation	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	We anticipate serving 4-6 families per year for a total of 25-30 over five years					Owner occupied housing rehabilitation	Our home preservation program is an extension of our construction services. We serve low-income homeowners affected by age, disability or family circumstances who struggle to maintain the condition of their homes. This program allows them to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity. Many families have had to put off needed home repairs due to loss of income and the astronomical cost increases of construction materials that has occurred since the onset of the pandemic. Our program would help these families to make much needed repairs to their homes.	Expansion of existing service	400,000	We are requesting funding in the amount of \$50,000 per year for five years.	Success would be measured by the number of families served, increased community engagement with the community, and the homes are located and help to increase property value.	Service would be marketed through social media outlets, and on our website. We would also utilize print media for advertising through direct mail, notices in utility bills and advertisements in local newspapers, as well as PSA announcements on TV and radio. GSHFH also has many community partners that we would engage with, that we would promote program opportunities available that might benefit their clients. Repairs will also add to the overall wellbeing and appearance of the neighborhood where the homes are located and help to increase property value.	We are prepared to start immediately. First steps would be hiring new staff and community outreach to promote the available services. Individual projects take from 2 days to 3 weeks depending on scope	GSHFH has been providing families with home repair services since 2013. To date we have served 35 families in Hampden County. Repairs have included a wide range of services from lot clean up, ramp installations, roof replacement to full kitchen and bathroom modifications for accessibility	This is an ongoing program for GSHFH, if we are given funding we would be able to launch immediately. The first step would be to hire additional construction support staff followed by creating outreach material for distribution, scheduling community information sessions and review of applications.	This program can be completed successfully within the parameters of any COVID restrictions that might still be in place. We have the necessary PPE and safety equipment that might be required and our current staff is fully vaccinated.	Our role in recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, presents an opportunity to make investments in housing to bolster our financial resources, and while giving families the healthy foundations they need to build their futures.				

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<b>After School Academic &amp; Enrichment Programs</b>	Homework House Inc.	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)	Child care, Educational program	Homework House Inc. provides children with focused learning and enrichment programs as well as social-emotional support. We are currently offering tutoring/mentoring programs at our Chestnut St. and Appleton St. sites. Homework House programs provide children with focused learning and enrichment programs as well as social-emotional support. We are currently offering tutoring/mentoring programs at our Chestnut St. and Appleton St. sites. Homework House programs provide children with focused learning and enrichment programs as well as social-emotional support. We are currently offering tutoring/mentoring programs at our Chestnut St. and Appleton St. sites.	All Homework House programs are free of charge to all families. The program is funded through a combination of foundation grants, contracts with the Dept. of Early & Secondary Education, fundraising and special events. This expansion will allow Homework House to pursue other types of funding to offset cost, such as child care vouchers, that we cannot take currently.	We anticipate that we will serve up to 300 low or moderate income children annually and up to 1500 children in total over the funding period with the proposed expansion of services.	Homework House is requesting multi-year funding for the period July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026: \$394,586	The expansion in the Flats is our top priority with this funding. If funded at a reduced level, we will direct all awarded funding to opening and staffing the new site over the grant period. With a reduced award, we will eliminate additional personnel at our Chestnut St. site, reduce the hours of our volunteer coordinator, after school program coordinator and office manager and, if necessary close our Appleton St. site.	Expansion of existing service	183244	85% of participants who attend Homework House will show progress toward grade level in reading.	Participants will receive the academic ground lost due to COVID-19 and they will have improved engagement with school and learning.	Our target for start of our school year programs is mid-Sept. 2021. Although we are requesting funding through June 2028, our programming is on-going and will continue to operate beyond this date.	New and Existing staff	GSFH is back in full force and ready to move forward. During the pandemic we had to limit our volunteer construction activities which slowed production. At this time we are re-engaging our volunteers and community supporters to help us increase our production. The feedback from the community has been great and volunteers are signing up and joining us on projects once again. With schools opening back we have also been working to engage youth volunteer and internship opportunities, and as an AmeriCorps member host site. Our board of directors is recruiting new members and working on developing our next strategic plan, and developing goals for the future. Much of the time during the last 15 months we were focused on how to stay afloat and help our homeowners that were experiencing hardship due to the pandemic. It is so exciting to be back to full capacity starting new projects, taking the financial education to homeowners and looking to help our homeowners to be successful.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.		
<b>Affordable Homeownership</b>	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	11 households	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing units to low income families. We are currently offering 11 affordable housing units in Holyoke. We have been wanting to increase our impact in Holyoke and this award would provide us a catalyst to make that happen at a much faster pace than our standard fundraising alone could do.	GSFH is requesting funding that would allow for the completion of one current under funded project at 11 Jackson Street, and 10 additional housing units over the next 5 years through a combination of new construction and rehabilitation of suitable existing housing stock. Sufficient affordable housing, especially for low income families, had been an issue before the Covid-19 pandemic. Rising lumber costs, reduced housing stock inventory paired with higher sale prices has exacerbated the need for affordable housing. It is our opinion that for recovery to begin we must help communities to embrace development of new affordable housing units. This is our mission and a must if we want to help lower income families gain financial stability.	New owner occupied housing development	Expansion of existing service	2,150,000 unit.	11 lower income families will have attained homeownership. Providing financial strength, stability, and self-reliance and the ability to grow assets and equity to support future generations.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	GSFH is in position to start immediately upon receiving awarded funds. We are currently accepting applications for homeownership opportunities and can easily increase our outreach efforts.	

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Public Facility Project Critical Infrastructure updates to Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 6	Holyoke Fire Department	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)							This project will be a Public Facility upgrade. Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 6 both built in the 1980's are in need of critical infrastructure upgrades. Currently both stations have windows, that are original to the building. The leaking causes mold and mildew inside the building creating a health issue to the firefighters that work in these buildings. All of the fire stations in Holyoke house firefighters that are EMT's and respond to COVID-19 emergencies. Keeping the firefighters healthy so they can continue to respond to these emergencies is critical. Station 6 is also in need of a back up power generator and boiler. This equipment is critical to ensure our firefighters can respond to COVID-19 emergencies and every other emergency that is dispatched to these units. Without this equipment there is a chance emergency calls could be missed due to a power outage or lack of heat and hot water could close the station due to health concerns. Childcare is a two-generation workforce issue, essential to support the workforce of today and vital to develop our workforce of tomorrow. Parents rely on childcare to help them enter, re-enter, or remain employed, but access to affordable, quality childcare in Holyoke is hard to come by. Youth depend on childcare to unleash their full potential and transform into productive, caring and responsible citizens. Now due to the COVID-19 pandemic, families are experiencing additional challenges as finding childcare is nearly impossible. HBGCC Main Club can serve 150 children and we have operated at capacity for decades. The facility has over 2,500 sq. ft. of outdated, underutilized locker rooms and administrative offices. HBGCC proposes to renovate the unused space to build brand new state-of-the-art child care program rooms and ADA compliant locker rooms. The capital improvement project will increase capacity by 40%, giving the Club the ability to serve a minimum of 60 extra youth per day.	Improvement to an existing public facility	307987	This is a one year grant for 307987	If this project is not fully funded through the ARPA grant process then the project to upgrade critical infrastructure at two fire stations that respond to COVID-19 emergencies will not happen.	The indicator of success will be healthy, safe firefighters that can respond to COVID-19 emergencies.	The outcome of this activity is to keep the cities firefighters safe during the Pandemic and beyond.	If awarded the intended fire stations would receive the documented upgrades to the facilities enhancing firefighter health and safety.	If awarded in August of 2021 project could be completed by January 2022.	Third party vendor	The Holyoke Fire Department has experience with projects of this magnitude. Early in 2021 the department oversaw a roof replacement and the electrical upgrade at Station 3.	Over the last 120 years and through two World Wars, The Greater Depression, tragedies, natural disasters, and now COVID-19, HBGCC remains the beacon of hope for our children. For decades the Club has grown and managed a multimillion dollar budget, built and renovated buildings, executed capital campaigns, and over the last 5 years increased the amount of children served by 30%. We currently are in the process of renovating our pool boiler, HVAC system, and immediate communications. HBGCC will target recruitment efforts to outreach previously enrolled Club members and those families who are currently on the waitlist. The Club will also work with HPS, Holyoke Housing Authority (HHA), and homeless shelter agencies to identify youth in need who live in our community. Our outreach also involves engaging Latino youth and families through our agency maintains an outstanding track record of successful planning, execution, compliance and production of high quality outcomes with federal and state grants.	The Holyoke Fire Department has experience with projects of this magnitude. Early in 2021 the department oversaw a roof replacement and the electrical upgrade at Station 3.	Third party vendor	The Holyoke Fire Department has experience with projects of this magnitude. Early in 2021 the department oversaw a roof replacement and the electrical upgrade at Station 3.	Our fire stations are fully open to the public. We ask unvaccinated people to wear masks but other than that we are back to normal operations.	All members of the HFD regardless of race and economics receive the same benefits and opportunities.	COVID-19 has magnified the child care crisis as many providers reduced capacity. As for youth served, 98% of youth are minority. According to contract COVID-19 than their non-Hispanic white counterparts, as well as 4.1 times more likely to be hospitalized from COVID-19 and 2.8 times more likely to die. As for the labor market crashed, Black and Latino Americans still represented the higher share of job losses with unemployment rates of 9.2 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively. HBGCC remained fully operational throughout 2020 and continues to provide in-person youth development programs. The child care expansion renovation project can be successfully completed with social distancing and any future COVID-19 restrictions.
Childcare Center Renovation	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, Inc. (HBGCC)	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke serves over 3,800 youth per year, averaging over 300 youth per day. The project will enable us to serve 60 more youth per day per program.						Following COVID-19 and the events of 2020, HBGCC realizes our facility is not designed to be utilized at full operational capacity. The Club is committed to this capital improvement project and will consider alternative debt financing options as well as engage in additional fundraising if necessary. If the project is not fully funded and we can't secure resources, HBGCC will be forced to scale back the scope of the project and thus reducing the amount of square footage we originally propose to create through the capital improvement project. Our goal is simple - to strategically create more long-term capacity to serve more kids, more often, especially those who need us the most. When there is limited capacity and very few other children's options to even refer parents to in Holyoke, we can't keep pushing children on waitlists. An investment in the project gives more families the high quality childcare they deserve. A fully funded grant will maximize capacity at the Main Club.	Improvement to an existing public facility	948690	To effectively complete the renovation project in a timely manner and limit the disruption of program operations, HBGCC respectfully requests the grant as a 1-year grant.	Success would be measured by demolition of administrative offices as well as two large locker rooms. The outcome increases capacity by 40%, allowing us to serve 60 more youth in a city where COVID-19 exposed a critical child care shortage - working parents and at risk kids need us now more than ever.	The outcome increases capacity by 40%, allowing us to serve 60 more youth in a city where COVID-19 exposed a critical child care shortage - working parents and at risk kids need us now more than ever.	The Club would initiate the public RFP process fall of 2021 with intentions of completing the project by June 2022. The dates and timelines would be subject to the selected contractor's availability.	Third party vendor	The Club would initiate the public RFP process fall of 2021 with intentions of completing the project by June 2022. The dates and timelines would be subject to the selected contractor's availability.	Third party vendor	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.	HBGCC has engaged an architect to conduct preliminary feasibility study, draft specification design plan, and will be responsible for the creation of the RFP for the child care expansion renovation project.		





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Support of Providence Ministries Community Annex for 4 yrs.	Providence Ministries for the Needy	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)	N/A	Job training, Educational program, Services for senior citizens or elderly or Veterans, Services for persons (not housing) with disabilities, services, Nutrition or access to food or meal delivery or food pantry or food security	N/A	300 individuals a day minimum		We are looking for a 4 years of support for a Community Annex proposal to help offset the cost of expanding and creating better services for our community. It is our hope that we will have more staff, we have increased asking for yearly assistance not to exceed 4 years with this needed, but costly outreach.	Expansion of existing service	523,000	Asking for 130,800 a year for 4 years totaling 523,200.	We will re-evaluate staffing and and scope to fit within the parameters of actual funding.	Census tracking and feeding, housing and clothing people in need.	Major press events, social media, blogs, news, radio, newsletters	Annually for 4 years	New staff		Our operations have always been doing remarkable work from taking transgender men when no one would, to walking the dead at Brodhead House when funeral directors wouldn't take the bodies. We have always stood up for those in need and to continue doing remarkable things for our community. It is our history and should be our future as well. We want to be bold and provide for those in need. We are proud to say our operation didn't let up and we will be of service to our community.	Our operations continued and increased in COVID. Our staff were dedicated and we managed to keep a COVID outbreak from happening in any of our sober living houses by being thoughtful and precise in our treatment of residents and the community. We adjusted where needed but it was important to us to not turn people away to remain steadfast in our mission. We are proud to say our operation didn't let up and we will be of service to our community.	This activity is based on the approval of another process and we are going through we would be in the process of planning programs, and what this phase or step. Off the bat please or stop. This activity is based on the approval of another process and we are going through we would be in the process of planning programs, and what this phase or step. Off the bat please or stop.	Providence Ministries has always been doing remarkable work from taking transgender men when no one would, to walking the dead at Brodhead House when funeral directors wouldn't take the bodies. We have always stood up for those in need and to continue doing remarkable things for our community. It is our history and should be our future as well. We want to be bold and provide for those in need. We are proud to say our operation didn't let up and we will be of service to our community.	There is a huge demand for services among homeless men and women that we can help address. The need for free food and meals, and household items I don't see ending any time soon. Wouldn't it be great if all of our services were no longer needed? Or would that be a relief? I don't think that we can help them a roof over their head, a shower and safe place to eat and work with them. We are asking for 4 years of the city helping us help our community through these times.	
Public facility Improvement (physical project) Roof replacement	Enlace de Familias de Holyoke Inc.	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)	1.5% yearly rate which equates to about 600 families.	The isn't a cost associated with replacement of the roof that would increase a roof per person. However, if we are not able to have the roof replaced and families were not able to use the facility the cost cannot be measured. Parents who have lost temporary custody of the children, have once a week visits with their children in this space. The Ma, Dept of Children and Families train potential foster parents in this space. Local organizations who don't have large meeting space depend on this space. Families that come to Enlace for services, trainings, workshops and other activities would not have the facility available to them.	We do not charge any for any service at Enlace de Familias de Holyoke inc.	We serve approximately 600 families plus a year. Their visits would be multiple times during that one year.	Improving on an existing public facility	The roof replacement is categorized as a "Public Facility improvement". During the Covid 19 and under the State's Guidelines the building was not fully occupied during three months of winter months of the shutdown. This caused massive constructional damage to the roof due to not being fully occupied. Leaks have occurred when the weather is not favorable (i.e. rain, snow, high winds, etc). The activity will consist of roof replacement, construction, waste disposal of old roof materials, labor replacement of ceiling tiles, and maintenance.		10,000	one year	The board of directors has the funds for a down payment and closing costs. If the building is not purchased by Enlace the owner will move to sell it to someone else. However the bank needs assurance if Enlace is to purchase the building the roof will be replaced.	The office was closed for two and a half months during that time the winter weather increased the decay of the roof. Ceiling tiles are constantly wet, signs of mold are now showing walls of mold.	The outcome of the activity will be a fully new and functional roof to the building that service Holyoke families. With a fully new and functional roof we can begin the phase of opening at full capacity with the Covid-19 measures we have taken to assure families and resource services that Enlace de Familias provides. There are multiple state and local organizations that use the large conference room in this facility. They too would benefit from having the roof replaced and being able to be in an healthy environment.	September 2021. We have two quotes from local roofers and we also have a formal appraisal completed.	Third party vendor	Enlace de Familias continues to follow the CDC and State guidelines during Covid-19. In doing so our capacity level was not to be exceeded. During Covid-19 Enlace capacity level decrease significantly. Operationally, I was challenging to service families to the standards pre Covid 19. Specifically face to face meetings, using the facility for family events, educational programming, and professional coaching companies and received the support to families. We have been able to accommodate individual families with in person meetings at the Enlace de Familias building. We have been able to continue our evidenced based parenting program in person with no interruptions due to the pandemic in the building lead effected by the roof leaks.	Enlace is in three separate buildings that is interconnected in its interior. However, the roof are all independent of each other. In order to have the roof replaced since removal of all the layers of roofing, we had to be in the best time to do such work would not be during winter months. We would plan with the roofing company to replace one building at the time all within the same time frame in order to have the facility will be at an optimal usage with savings on energy and maintenance will go a long way. With building work we have time lines in order to plan appropriately for all activities and events. There would not be any interruption to services since the Governor has lifted the orders.	The facility has not been able to maximize its full capacity to assist families and other community organizations with walking in and getting services by Enlace to now getting appointments. In order to get their needs met, we have included Docu sign for families to sign necessary paper work. Other organization that have relied on the facility for supervised visits programs, and educational services have also have had a hard time on their end on engaging with their families.				
Sanior Director of Compliance & Operations	River Valley Counseling Center, Inc.	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)	To calculate this number, we used the total funding request of \$209,946.45 and divided by 1200 HOUSEHOLDS NOT INDIVIDUALS. Per household, the amount is \$442.	Behavioral Healthcare			New service	RVCC, in collaboration with the Holyoke School Department proposes to implement Resilience (RTR), RTR will aim to prevent the onset & reduce the progression of trauma-related issues such as substance use, violence & dropout rates through establishing & supporting self-healing Holyoke. To do this RVCC proposes to implement the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Interface Train the Master Trainer Program (ACE-ITM) beginning with Peck Middle School's staff. RTR aims to strengthen Holyoke's knowledge about trauma & how it relates to behavioral health diagnoses, substance use, violence & dropout rates. Understanding & ACE (trauma) helps people from becoming lifelong victims to their ACE learning how experiences have shaped their lives & they become & how they can heal. The goal would be to assess each person's ACE score in order to ask them, "What's happening to you?" vs "What's going wrong with you?" which is a trauma-informed approach.			Yes, we've for five years of funding to implement, develop and sustain this initiative. The first year is \$29,946.45. This amount includes 153,000 which is the cost of the first set of licensed materials. This amount is repeated in the fourth year as the materials are only licensed for 3 years. The second year funding request is \$83,207.20, the third year funding request is \$85,015.17, the fourth year funding request is \$120,153.20 and the final year funding request is \$88,122.19 for a total of \$229,346.65. The slight increase from year to year is to cover a 2% cost of living increase.	RVCC has been looking to secure funding for this initiative since October of 2019 after RVCC sponsored a conference, "The Healing Project: Healing Hearts of Childhood Trauma". The speaker, Laura Porter, Co-founder of ACE Interface presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic or stressful experiences exposure to violence, etc.) that affect human development & how they were investigated in a landmark study called "The ACE Study". The research revealed the common drivers of the population health & well-being. ACEs were determined by public health. Ms. Porter has more than a decade of experience leading successful implementation of the ACE Study across Washington State. She shared her research, knowledge, experience & ideas with conference attendees for next steps in using ACEs to develop empowerment strategies for building self-healing communities. There will be no individual ACE assessments. There will be 6-mos. reassessments.	RTR aims to strengthen Holyoke's knowledge about trauma & how it relates to behavioral health diagnoses, substance use, violence & dropout rates. (to name a few) which is a self-healing city.	if funded, all 230 participants who completed the initial 25 professional needs development of conduct problems, emotional dysregulation, violence and substance use. RVCC is prepared to be fully invested in this effort. Like WA state, ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue.	RVCC's clinical division is led by Dr. Elaine Campbell who will have oversight of this initiative. Dr. Campbell has worked intensively to establish RVCC as a trauma-informed agency. TFCBT or trauma-informed care is a cost-effective approach associated with decreases in psychiatric symptoms & substance use, improvements in daily functioning, and regular hospitalizations & crisis interventions. Dr. Campbell's peer-reviewed research project included work on a SAMHSA research project titled the initial 25 professional needs development of conduct problems, emotional dysregulation, violence and substance use. RVCC is prepared to be fully invested in this effort. Like WA state, ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue. ACEs are a public health issue.	The pandemic created an enormous amount of everyday stressors, the pandemic created the situations that led to the loss of a loved one, the challenges due to job and income loss, the challenges of child being out of school, parents working from home while also addressing self result in feelings of anxiety, depression, suicide and substance use. These stressors have led to a loss of patience, anger, sadness, worry, and shame. All this exacerbates the emotional instability of those with childhood trauma. The emotional fallout from childhood trauma was amplified is one of the objectives of the 2020 Holyoke Medical Center's Community Needs Assessment.							

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								<p>GSFH is seeking support to increase our staffing capacity to allow us to construct 11 affordable housing units and provide repair services to 25-30 homeowners over the next 5 years. In order for this goal to be attained the following full time positions would be needed: Repair Services Construction Supervisor, and Construction Site Supervisor. As well as 3 positions aimed at youth workforce development, 2 youth construction apprentice positions. Our desire would be to provide summer employment to students housing in the construction program at each High School and other youth in Holyoke building grants. We would also like to fund a Community Outreach AmeriCorps position that would provide an educational award to the holder after their time of service is completed. The first position would be a volunteer coordinator to help with recruiting and scheduling volunteers on the construction and repair sites.</p>																	<p>An affordable home can have a significant impact on a family's health. According to Children's Health Watch, unstable housing for families with children leads to \$11 billion in increased health and educational costs over 10 years. The CDC identified home ownership as one of six evidence based, high-impact solutions for addressing social determinants of health. Improving housing quality improves general health status, respiratory health and mental health and reduces the risk of injury. Housing is not just about shelter, it's a gateway, an opportunity to well-paying jobs, good school attendance and an overall sense of well-being. Eliminating disparities in home ownership rates and home equity gain will show the racial wealth gap that has grown even wider during the pandemic. The ability to grow our programs while also offering employment is a means to close the home ownership gap of low income families in Holyoke.</p>		
Non-Profit Capacity Building	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity	Non-profit capacity building	40				Expansion of existing service	<p>Combination of new affordable housing development and owner occupied home rehabilitation</p>		687,500	We are requesting a funding term of 5 years, with annual funding amount of 137,500.	Without full funding to hire additional staffing support we will not be able to increase our housing construction and repair production levels. And would have to reduce by more than half the number of construction and repair projects outline in our requests for program funding.	Successful hiring of 6 staff positions to increase program and low income families and development of 11 housing units and repairs to 22 owner occupied properties over 5 years	6 individuals will receive employment and job training skills while helping to improve the housing conditions for residents Holyoke. Providing strength, stability, and self-reliance through housing.	GSFH will post job availability as soon as the positions will be self-funded the positions after the grant term.	New staff											
Holyoke Mentoring	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampton County	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)					Expansion of existing service	<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampton County (BBBSHC) will prioritize providing its mentoring to youth in Holyoke as the demand has only grown since the Pandemic. Volunteers who complete the screening process receive orientation and training are matched and paired with a younger whose family has completed an intake and orientation. Community based mentors are required to meet with youth for 8 hours per month for at least 1 year. Site-based mentors typically meet for 30-60 minutes each week during the school year. An integral component of each match is the dedicated case manager. Monthly 40 support contacts are provided to each match during the first year. Since the pandemic began BBBSHC has seen a significant uptick in the number of families who are in need of additional services. BBBSHC staff have connected families with additional service providers addressing education, food stabilization and mental health services.</p>		24540	BBBSHC is requesting two years of funding. This is a result of the nature of our work and the expectation that the longer a youth is paired to a mentor the better the outcomes. The expected program commitment for volunteers and youth is at least one year. The agency strives to ensure long term matches, with a community-based average match length of over three years and a site-based average match length of over two years. By requesting two years funding this ensures the agency will be able to maintain the mentoring relationships established in year one of the project. The budget attached is a projected agency and project budget for two years worth of funding.	Will make 10 matches in Y1. Will support 5 prior matches. Y2 the agency will maintain 10 matches as well as forming 10 new relationships. 100% of the matches will be provided support & training.	The pandemic which we continue to recover from has impacted many aspects of life including physical & mental health. BBBSHC's programs contribute to improved relationships & enhanced mental health education.	Initiation of this activity will begin upon receiving funds, beginning September 2021 and ending September 2023. Any active matches will be sustained by the agency even after funding has ended.	Existing staff												<p>BBBSHC is requesting two years of funding. This is a result of the nature of our work and the expectation that the longer a youth is paired to a mentor the better the outcomes. The expected program commitment for volunteers and youth is at least one year. The agency strives to ensure long term matches, with a community-based average match length of over three years and a site-based average match length of over two years. By requesting two years funding this ensures the agency will be able to maintain the mentoring relationships established in year one of the project. The budget attached is a projected agency and project budget for two years worth of funding.</p>

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Improvement to HVAC and Inside Environment Quality/Inside Air Quality	Holyoke Public Library	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)	Before 2020, the Holyoke Public Library averaged 315 visits per day. With an improved HVAC system and air quality will provide a safe place for people to gather and learn	N/A	N/A	N/A		Improvement to an existing public facility	As more businesses begin to reopen after the pandemic shutdown, facility owners/managers are forced to rethink the indoor air quality to minimize the spread of airborne infectious diseases. Making simple HVAC modifications, combined with other prevention strategies, will help minimize the virus spread and protect a building's occupants. There isn't a single recommendation, but there are various control strategies available that can be combined to fight airborne infectious diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) have made several improvements to building ventilation, mainly improvement to increase potential indoor air quality to reduce the spread of disease and lower the risk of exposure. If this request is not fully funded, the minimum improvements will be done, therefore minimizing or compromising the improvement to indoor environment and air ducts, install water filter in the existing HVAC system	Improvement to an existing public facility	\$104,925	This is a one-year request for the purchase of the equipment and installation fees – for the improvement to the existing HVAC system to help improve the IEQ/IAQ – cleaning air ducts, install water filter and ionization units	Maintenance and repairs will be lessened. Ionization units will provide IEQ/IAQ improvement, adding another layer in the prevention of the spread of COVID – making the library a safe place to be in	HVAC system will be more reliable providing a safe comfortable environment now and for the foreseeable future with cleaner air to minimize the spread of airborne infectious diseases/allergens	Marketing efforts will include emails, social media, press release, outreach/networking activities, flyers and handouts	HVAC and IEQ/IAQ improvements will start soon after we acquire the grant from the vendor/contractor before the end of 2021	Third party vendor				In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Holyoke Public Library fully supported distance and virtual learning initiatives. Following the temporary suspension of in-person operations, public library staff responded to challenges faced by students, families and other residents unable to access in-person library resources. Though library doors were closed to the public, staff used creative methods to provide patrons with continuous library services and ensure residents receiving necessary resources, specifically by increasing collections of digital books and other online resources, offering outdoor pickup for books, and craft kits, online story-time, virtual programs, and remote reference interactions, printing and leaving. Luckily, these efforts yielded positive results, as digital and audio book usage increased following the onset of the pandemic	The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak is having a global impact and affecting local communities. Holyoke Public Library Staff are learning the facts about this public health crisis, informing the public, and adapting services and programming to meet necessary and necessary needs. We are taking all steps necessary to keep ourselves and visitors safe – from wearing masks to keeping reasonable distance to installing pleatigates at service desks, to putting up dividers, providing hand sanitizers, and self-improving routine. Improving this existing 8 years old HVAC system, and can be successfully completed with social distancing and any COVID restrictions	The HVAC and IEQ/IAQ improvement at the Holyoke Public Library may not address the economic and health needs directly. Until government policies take into account existing social and economic inequalities, supporting all low-income workers with better educational opportunities, better pay rates with good benefits including affordable health insurance, people following guidelines, can participate in training and self-improvement programs, apply for better jobs with good health benefits and work toward improving their quality of life	As businesses begin to reopen after the pandemic shutdown, facility owners/managers are forced to rethink the IQA of their buildings to minimize the spread of airborne infectious diseases. The need for this activity: Making simple HVAC modifications, combined with other prevention strategies, may minimize the virus spread, protecting building's occupants. There isn't a single strategy recommendation, the combination of various control strategies may aid fight airborne viruses within building environments. Ensure ventilator systems operate properly – provide acceptable indoor air quality for the current occupancy level for each space – improve central air filtration systems to enhance air cleaning quality of life
Digital Literacy and Internet Access, Laptop/Hotspot Lending Service and Outdoor WiFi Access Point	Holyoke Public Library	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below), Broadband Infrastructure	N/A	Internet access or digital literacy and hotspots	N/A	All library services are free of charge and available to all regardless of income, education or demographic. There is no charge for people who participate in the Laptop/Hotspot Lending program or for the use of the library's WiFi, but charges may be incurred for late returns, damages, or losses of laptop/hotspot devices. There are no other grants to offset the cost incurred by participants from faults of their own	The target group will be 200 low to moderate income households to be served by the Laptop/Hotspot Lending program. And another 100 using our Outdoor/inside WiFi connection	Expansion of existing service	Holyoke Public Library plays a vital role in our community by increasing the availability of digital access through two new initiatives designed to help bridge the digital equity gap in Holyoke – our Laptop/Hotspot Lending program and Outdoor WiFi program – we will provide a digital library to many residents, and fulfill our mission to provide educational and informational resources, free to all. The Outdoor WiFi Program will provide 24-hour internet access around the library building, allowing users to socially distance while accessing the internet for free. The Laptop/Hotspot Lending program will give Holyoke residents the flexibility to search and apply for jobs, stay connected or participate in virtual meetings or telehealth. Take online courses, prepare for or take tests, access library's electronic resources and collections, or stay informed or receive digital content that is not accessible due to lockdown or restrictions from the comfort of their homes	Expansion of existing service	\$43,689	This is a one-year request for the purchase of the equipment, setup, and installation fees – laptops, and WiFi access point devices and installation	Checkout statistics and numbers of digital literacy training participants will be used as the primary indicator of success. An evaluation survey may be administered to determine what is most useful	The Outcome may be that more residents will have access to computers and reliable internet for the foreseeable future, to improve their quality of life and the ongoing effort to expand digital equity	Marketing efforts will include emails, social media, press releases, outreach/networking activities, flyers and handouts	Laptop lending service will start soon after we acquire the grant from the vendor/contractor before the end of 2021	Existing staff			The Holyoke Public Library has 150 years of experience in acquiring and lending library materials to those who need them and training digital and audio book library's collections, and can be successfully completed with social distancing and any COVID restrictions	These activities do not rely on full reopening (i.e. pre-COVID conditions, normal times) to occur and can be successfully implemented with social distancing and any COVID restrictions	Today's libraries are critical resources for closing the digital divide and more important as we respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID. Closing this gap requires access to devices, internet and skills. The 2020 pandemic disrupted lives creating a public health, education and economic crisis. During the lockdown, over 40% of the calls were from patrons who were unable to access information, and resources gradually move online, those who are often unable to access them. Digital inequality reflects and contributes to other persistent forms of socioeconomic disparities. Internet has become an important tool for taking full advantage of opportunities in education, employment, health, social services, and the production and dissemination of digital content. While students, parents and other adults did not have access to these tools, digital inequality disadvantages people in the Holyoke community and quality of life		



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Broadband Application, Supplemental to HGSE ARPA Request	OneHolyoke CDC Lead Applicant: Holyoke Gas & Electric, Holyoke Housing Authority, Way Fritzer Inc, Valley Opportunity Council (Partner Organizations)	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	100				Rental housing rehabilitation	New service	280000	No	This is a scalable request. A partial award will result in fewer housing units being served.	Measurement will be # of units.	High-quality internet connections in low income households inequity impacted by school shut downs.	HG&E is planning to work closely with OneHolyoke, Holyoke Housing Authority (HHA), Way Fritzer, and Valley Opportunity Council to educate customers on the availability of HG&E broadband service. HG&E will develop marketing materials in both Spanish and English, including a webpage, media outreach (social and traditional), brochures, and print advertising. In addition, HG&E will host information sessions in collaboration with partner organizations. Once a customer subscribes to the service, HG&E will assist the customer in applying for the FCC Lifeline program and follow-up received feedback on the service reliability and speed.	Approximately October 2021 - October 2024. Beginning w/ immediate network design, then make-ready work can begin. Design and make-ready, followed by service for a 3-year period.	OneHolyoke CDC has volunteered to facilitate the selection process, and disbursements and reporting with HG&E and partners.	OneHolyoke CDC is a multifaceted community agency. Not only a developer of real property, we are also a relatively large operator of rental property, and provide a wide array of services through our community engagement department. As a result of COVID, we curtailed most real estate development activities but enhanced our property management services. We received significant funding to engage and inform city residents about best practices to avoid COVID-19, mitigate risk and vaccinate. Our capacity to perform real estate development is intact, as we did not lose any of our experienced staff or places on this aspect of our operations.	OneHolyoke CDC has long administered HUD funded programs on behalf of the City for years, has extensive relationships with the educational and housing communities in Holyoke and a finance office that can manage and report the use of funds funds to volunteers in service as a gesture of goodwill in that we did not lose any of our experienced staff or places on this aspect of our operations.	?	The nature of this program is that most of the work is well established, but some of being done remotely, and most of it is being done off-site. COVID-19 site practices for construction are well established at this point in time.	Please see above. Holyoke Gas & Electric is actively seeking community input right now to address residential broadband access. The capacity for our established, but underutilized, broadband access is being explored. The pilot will be up and running for a month by the end of the month. We are eager and ready to proceed.						
211 Bowers St. Build out/Program expansion	H-homework House Inc.	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)	We estimate that we will serve up to 80 children daily in the new facility.					Improvement to an existing public facility	800,000	This is not a multi-year request.	This project will not be able to move forward at this time if not fully funded.	Completion of the project and opening of the facility	Marketing of programs at the new facility will occur as the construction nears completion and we get ready to open. Homework House will work closely with the family engagement team at Kelly to reach to families for the new, proposed site. Outreach efforts will also target low income children in the Flat. The leasing and build out of this facility will be a major expansion of our program at the elementary school children. These programs address the negative impact of COVID on the children's academic and social/emotional development. When completed the new facility will be housed our current office and will serve up to 80 children daily after school. We get referrals from other human service agencies and through word of mouth among the children's families. We marked the program via our social media channels, through church bulletins, press releases in local media and appearances on local English and Spanish language radio shows.	The project will commence as soon as funding is awarded. Target date for completion is early 2022.	Existing and new staff	Homework House has some experience with this type of renovation project. Back in 2009, we worked collaboratively with the Diocese of Springfield and Our Lady of Guadalupe parish to upgrade and improve our site at Chestnut St. in the Church Hill neighborhood. Homework House was responsible for raising the funds for a significant portion of that project as well as overall management. This included securing bids for a new roof, electrical system, installation of new windows, removal of asbestos and the installation of new flooring in all program rooms. Since the proposed project is much greater in scope, finding and working with an experienced project manager to work with on two remote learning pods, offered virtual tutoring and enrichment programs after school. As we approach the start of our new fiscal year, all sites and programs will be fully reopened and operating normally within current COVID guidelines.	As noted above, we are in negotiations currently with owner of the property at 211 Bowers St. for a long-term lease contingent upon Homework House securing ARPA funding. Homework House is ready to move the proposed project forward as soon as a decision on summer programs, worked in partnership with HHS to run two remote learning pods, offered virtual tutoring and enrichment programs after school. As we approach the start of our new fiscal year, all sites and programs will be fully reopened and operating normally within current COVID guidelines.	Barring a complete shutdown, this project can be successfully completed and completed by the end of the fiscal year. COVID-19 guidelines.	With the proposed project, Homework House will quadruple the number of children in Flat that we can serve both after school and during the school day. Our mission, pre and post-COVID, is to mitigate the negative academic and social/emotional consequences that the inequities in our educational system have on low income children. Homework House programs are designed to level the playing field for academically-focused, district-wide. The goal of the proposed project is to increase the number of meaningful, supportive relationships with caring adults. Positive experiences in Homework House's staff and returning environment will help kids recover from the damaging impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and help them develop skills necessary for them to be successful in school, work, and life.								
Phase 2A Water Replacement Project	Holyoke Water Works (HWW)	Water Infrastructure						Improvement to an existing public facility	\$2,240,000	2023 - \$0			The ARPA funding will help to reduce the cost of the project. The project will provide reliability water service and fire flow to each household/business in the project area as well as increased overall reliable flow and pressure throughout the system.	Construction is anticipated from Spring 2021 to Summer 2022.	A construction contractor shall be procured through the public bidding process.	Holyoke Water Works has procured engineering and construction services as well as provide oversight to several past construction projects including the Phase 1 Water Replacement Project, McClean Catharine Improvements Project, and Water Storage Tank Painting. HWW has taken steps to alleviate the financial hardship, including short-term payment suspension of the Phase 2A Water Main project. HWW has had a consulting engineer firm to provide design and observation/drawings on services. Through the state-required bid process, HWW has subsequently hired a general contractor to perform construction of the Phase 2A Water Main project. HWW has had a consulting engineer firm to provide design and observation/drawings on services. Through the state-required bid process, HWW has subsequently hired a general contractor to perform construction of the Phase 2A Water Main project. HWW has had a consulting engineer firm to provide design and observation/drawings on services. Through the state-required bid process, HWW has subsequently hired a general contractor to perform construction of the Phase 2A Water Main project.			This project is part of the HWW's Capital Improvement Plan for high priority infrastructure. If the request is not fully funded, the project will not be reduced and they will be financed through City bonding and paid for with increased water rates. The project rate increase to cover the total \$19.53 Million bond for the high priority projects is projected to increase the current water rate from \$0.4709 /100 gallons to \$0.5909 /100 gallons (80.12/100 gallons).								



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Investing in the Jones Ferry River Access Programming & Equipment to Improve Public Health Outcomes, Safety, and Access to River Recreation	Connecticut River Conservancy w/ Holyoke Rowers	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below), Public Facility Improvements (physical projects)	For non-Public Service only-How many Holyoke low and moderate income households will be served by this activity? (200)	Public Service & Assistance to Households Applicants-What kind of Public Service?	For Public Services only-What is the total cost per person for this activity and how did you determine that cost? (1000)	For Public Services only-How much do you charge a person to participate in this activity? Describe any other grants or cost offsets that the agency or client receive in offering this Public Service. (1000)	For Public Service only-How many low and moderate income Holyoke residents or households will be served by this activity? 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In addition, the limited capacity youth programs (ten child limit) were immediately filed with long waiting lists of families eager for services and support.	Expansion of existing service	315025	We are requesting a three-year grant for the equipment and programming. Year 1: \$243,102 Year 2: \$47,865 Year 3: \$47,865	We would reduce programming by one year making the project just a two year initiative. Some of the dock improvements could be reduced in scope.	Year one, a 50% increase in low and moderate income youth participation, a 20% increase in family kayak use and the same but more organized use of docks for non boating activities.	Annual increases in program participation as well as reductions in use conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users of facility.	Project partners maintain active email and social media marketing efforts that reach a wide variety of residents. We will work with Parks and Recreation staff as well as city non-profits to develop marketing and communication strategies that are incorporated into their offerings. Outreach will be bi-lingual. We will also continue work to gain earned media through press releases.	Programming work will begin 9/2021. Project concludes 12/2024.	Existing staff	Holyoke Rowers has successfully and safely run programming and supported a wide variety of river users and Holyoke residents at the facility since 2009. CRC regularly administers large state and federal grant awards for programming and capital projects.	Both CRC and Holyoke Rowers have maintained and enhanced initial designs for the dock replacements. We have reviewed the permitting requirements for deploying the new dock configuration as well as current permits on hand for the facility.	CRC has the staff expertise to administer large federal awards and bid and award contracts with strong financial controls and administrative capacity. CRC has successfully administered over \$3M in state, federal, or private foundation awards for comparable projects in the last two years. Holyoke Rowers has designed the proposed programming enhancements and developed initial designs for the dock replacements. We have reviewed the permitting requirements for deploying the new dock configuration as well as current permits on hand for the facility.	While we anticipate full reopening to remain, programming and services at Jones Ferry can again be offered under public health or COVID restrictions as needed.	The proposed activity will significantly expand the capacity of the facility to safely support more river users with universally accessible docks that allow for the different types of uses to safely access and enjoy the river. The facility is free and open to the public and programming and services will be offered at reduced rates for low and moderate income residents. The significantly increased use of the facility during the pandemic has already provided public health benefits. These enhancements and services will provide more residents with more opportunities to benefit from safe and healthy river recreation.	The community demand for access to the river programming has been well demonstrated during the course of the pandemic. The facility has seen unprecedented use increases over the family kayak memberships, summer programming, motorized uses, fishing, and just spending time at the river enjoying the view. Holyoke Rowers programming sets out very quickly due to high demand, so we are confident that additional staffing, equipment, signage, and channel no-wake marking will safely support the increased demand.
West Holyoke Water Storage Tank	Holyoke Water Works (HWW)	Water Infrastructure	W. Holyoke Water Storage Tank will not directly affect OCT households.						HWW provides water for Holyoke to meet both drinking water and fire protection needs. Beyond the obvious impacts to health, the COVID-19 pandemic created financial hardships for residents, property owners, and businesses. HWW has taken steps to alleviate this hardship, including short-term payment plans and the temporary suspension of the shut off program for delinquent accounts. However, the past year's events as well as other fiscal constraints have continued to result in the postponement of high priority CIP infrastructure projects. The ARPA funds will replace lost or reduced revenues as a result of the pandemic, and fund investments in water infrastructure projects. This project consists of a new 0.5 million gallon concrete water storage tank that will provide redundancy to the existing 0.5 million gallon steel tank to serve the West Holyoke service area. This project will provide increased reliability of the system.	Improvement to an existing public facility	\$3,145,000	The project will be bid and constructed with the following estimated yearly total disbursements: 2021 - \$314,500 2022 - \$2,830,500	The project will be bid and constructed with the following estimated yearly total disbursements: 2021 - \$314,500 2022 - \$2,830,500	The project will provide sufficient drinking water supply and fire fighting capacity.	The ARPA funding will help to reduce the scheduled water rate increases necessary to fund this project and thereby reduce the vulnerability to not having sufficient drinking water supply and fire fighting capacity.	The construction project will have construction observation as well as engineering administrative review to confirm the projects meet HWW standards and are completed per contract and permitting requirements. HWW will also be actively involved in overseeing construction activities. Regular progress meetings will be held to manage project schedule and costs. As project completion, as-built information will be submitted to HWW and the engineer to provide supporting documentation that the projects were completed as intended.	Construction is anticipated from Spring 2022 to Summer 2023.	A construction contractor shall be procured through the public bidding process.	Holyoke Water Works has procured engineering and construction services as well as provide oversight to several past construction projects including the Phase 1 Water Replacement Project, McLean Gatehouse Improvements Project, and Water Storage Tank Painting. HWW is highly confident in its ability to complete the project within set schedule from design through construction by retaining qualified engineers and construction contractors.	Beyond the obvious impacts to health, the COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardships for residents, property owners, and businesses this past year. HWW has taken steps to alleviate this hardship, including short-term payment plans and the temporary suspension of the shut off program for delinquent accounts. Although some water system improvement projects have proceeded, the past year's events as well as other fiscal constraints have resulted in the postponement of other much needed infrastructure projects.	HWW has hired a consulting engineer firm to provide design and construction observation/administrative services. Through the state-required bid process, HWW has subsequently hire a general contractor to perform construction of the project. The West Holyoke Tank project has been bid and construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2022.	This work does not rely on full re-opening. The design, bidding and construction of these ARPA-funds will allow the low-to-medium income households that are disproportionately affected by cost increases for basic utilities (e.g. water and sewer). Accordingly, these ARPA-funds will allow the low-to-medium income households to use these water rate savings to compensate for past and ongoing losses caused by the COVID pandemic; that can be used for food, healthcare, and home improvements.	This project as funded by the American Rescue Plan will allow HWW to provide water rate relief for low-to-medium income households and allow these savings to compensate for past and ongoing losses caused by the COVID pandemic that can be used for food, healthcare, and home improvements. The water use rates are determined by the HWW Board of Commissioners who communicate and coordinate with the Mayor, City Council, residents, and businesses and are aware of the direct impact of higher rates to the system's customers, including low to moderate income households.	





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Phase I Solid Waste Improvements	Holyoke DPW	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects). Response to public health emergency and its negative impact regarding solid waste management	This project will serve all low and moderate income households living in a single, two, three, or four family home.						Due to the public health emergency there has been an increase in the amount of curbside solid waste being put out by City residents. The majority of trash placed at the curb is in plastic bags, which can be easily tipped and broken by animals or other accidents. This can lead to an increase in windblown litter and trash. This project would be to provide a single City of Holyoke trash container for each residential unit (one for a single family, 4 for a four family building). This is a tool that other communities use to control costs associated with refuse disposal (outside of per bag fees), increase recycling rates, streamline collection and reduce the need for manual labor and possible injury of DPW staff collecting refuse. These containers will be able to be emptied in existing refuse vehicles with existing can lifters. Future vehicles could utilize side arm loaders for refuse collection.	Improvement to an existing public facility	525000	No, this project can be completed within six months of funding.	If the request is not funded the project will not move forward and DPW will seek alternate sources of funding.	Success would be determined by providing refuse containers for each four unit residential property or smaller and implementation of a single refuse container policy for the City.	This project has the potential to reduce the amount of trash disposed of by Holyoke residents, increase recycling, reduce the potential for litter, and reduce the potential for worker injury.	The DPW will issue press releases and public notifications to inform the public about the project's progress.	Procurement can begin upon notification of funding and the project implemented within 6 months of notification of funding.	Existing staff	DPW has the capacity to procure and implement project of this size.	DPW administrative staff are at full capacity and has been during COVID-19.	This project can be implemented as soon as funding appears likely.	This activity can be completed under any COVID-19 restriction.	This project will provide a single trash container for residential properties in the City, reduce the potential for wind blown litter and trash, stabilize refuse collection cost, control costs and reduce potential for DPW worker injury from refuse collection.	This project will meet a demand for stable refuse collection, control costs within the City budget, reduce litter and trash within the City.

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Applenton Mill Apartments	WinnDevelopment - Applenton Redevelopment Limited Partnership	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	88					New rental housing development	Applenton Mill Apartments will complete the adaptive reuse of buildings 6, 5 and a portion of 4 of the Farr-Alpacca Mill Complex to create 88 units of mixed-income rental housing for residents aged 55+ in a modern, safe, and quality community. This project will directly serve seniors with low to moderate income, a population that was hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. As outlined in the NOFA, the redevelopment will contribute directly to the development of housing opportunities to increase the supply of affordable and high-quality living units. This project is also in a QCT, which ARPA funds are primarily meant to serve. The project also serves as a revitalization effort for downtown Holyoke. The currently vacant (or over 30 years) and dilapidated buildings are located next to the Holyoke Police Station and Heritage State Park. Bringing housing to the area increases foot traffic and money spent at local businesses which have struggled throughout the pandemic as well.	New service	500000	No, we are requesting a single year grant in the amount of \$500,000.	Completion of redevelopment and housing qualified tenants in all 88 units.	The creation of 88 units of housing directly addresses economic inequities that were exacerbated by COVID-19 by providing safe, affordable housing to tenants aged 55+.	If this request is not fully funded, the construction scope and level of the project will have to be reduced. This may affect the tenant amenities, the quality of the finishes and the scope of the historic rehabilitation. Material costs have increased significantly due to the pandemic, and without this additional funding the project will not be competitive with DHCD funding initiatives and constructed by Winn's usual high standards as a long-term owner/manager.	The renovation of the vacant Farr-Alpacca mill into 88 apartments for means aged 55+ does not rely on full reopening to full operational. Throughout the pandemic, Winn was able to implement safety protocols and social distancing across all trades and subcontractors. Our significant delay to any construction projects, the setting of units, or the general contractor and DAI, the historic consultant, have extensive experience in these types of developments. The Developer has successfully redone over 12,000 tax credit units.	Applenton Mill Redevelopment Limited Partnership and Winn Management, its designated agent, will comply with all Federal, State and local fair housing and civil rights laws and with all Equal Opportunity requirements. This applies to accepting and processing applications, selecting tenants from among eligible applicants of the waiting list, assigning units, and certifying and recertifying eligibility for assistance. All persons who will be handling and/or processing rental applications will be trained in procedures and policy matters. Winn is not experiencing any capacity concerns. The services provided by Winn are essential to the community and they have continued to provide these services without interruption during the pandemic.	Winn has the knowledge and the financial ability to successfully carry out a development of this size and complexity, and has demonstrated they are able to move quickly to ensure safety in a time of crisis. As a developer and owner with experience in the conversion of existing structures into quality safe housing units, Winn has developed over seventy rental projects, including award-winning redemptions of historic properties. The property manager, WinnResidential, is the fifth-largest apartment management company in the country and the largest operator of LIHTC units in the United States. In addition, we have chosen qualified and capable team members, all of whom we have experience working as a group on historic structures. Both TAT, Inc., the architect, and Keith Construction, Inc. the general contractor and DAI, the historic consultant, have extensive experience in these types of developments. The Developer has successfully redone over 12,000 tax credit units.	Winn has continued to thrive during the COVID-19 pandemic by making the safety of our residents and employees their first priority. Over the past year and a half, Winn has continued the same level of operations on both the development and management side by emphasizing cleaning and social distancing protocols inside properties and health and safety protocols on our GCs, while having non-essential personnel work remotely. Despite all of the challenges that came along with the pandemic, Winn has no significant delay to any construction projects, the setting of units, or the general contractor and DAI, the historic consultant, have extensive experience in these types of developments. The Developer has successfully redone over 12,000 tax credit units.	The Applenton Mill project is moving toward closing quickly, evidenced by the multiple approvals the project has already secured. The project has received full approval from the Planning Board of the City of Holyoke and the Conservation Commission, with all appeal periods having expired. The project has received Part I and Part II approvals from the MHC and has been awarded \$2.2MM in state historic credits to date. The Federal Part I has also been approved (Bank of America (the project's investor) has received a full approval from their risk department for the investment and are ready for closing. TAT, the project architect, has certified that plans are at 70% completion across all trades and subcontractors. Our application to DHCD for 4% tax credits and additional soft funding was submitted on June 11th, 2021, with awards announced in September of 2021. The project will be ready to start construction immediately after.	The project directly addresses economic inequities that were exacerbated by COVID-19 by providing safe, affordable housing to tenants aged 55+. The project will also create both short- and long-term jobs in the area through the construction, management, and maintenance of the building. The owner, in partnership with the General Contractor, has committed to 25% of construction subcontractors be given to Minority and/or Women-owned businesses, both of all unit types and the project. The weighted average income rates for the 74 affordable units is 1.55%. The social services offered to tenants on site. The owner is funding a \$100,000 Social Services Reserve for services administered through construction sites, allowing for projects under construction to continue and complete with limited delays. The budget for this project contains funds for Winn to facilitate connections between the residents and local organizations. This project as well. Once the project is complete, the units will be able to lease and move into the units in a safe and socially distant manner.	There is high demand in the community for safe, modern, affordable housing for residents aged 55+. According to a market study completed in 2018, 2021, demand is high for all unit types and the project. The weighted average income rates for the 74 affordable units is 1.55%. The capture rate for the 14 market rate units is 0.65%. These indicate an extremely high demand for this project will provide to the Holyoke area. In addition, bringing new housing units to the area will bring additional foot traffic and increased spending at local small businesses that were deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the readiness of this project described above, the funds will be spent in advance of project completion currently estimated to occur in May 2022.		
Veterans' Lunch Program	Community Roots, Neighborhood Svc, Inc.	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below), Support Vets in food insecurity, isolation, homelessness, Trauma			\$6,670 Annual Food/supply budget (\$6033.00) divided by annual # of guests (900) that week	Participation/Meals are free. Offsets are \$ donations, in-kind donations, grants, fundraisers, on-site garden managed by veterans, community service days with local businesses bringing in a prepared meal and/or company volunteers for health benefits			Address issues of food insecurity, loneliness, isolation, mental health, homelessness. We are not clinicians, but we partner with organizations that are. We are often the people trusted to guide vets (especially homeless or those with mental health issues) towards the necessary services. The meal is a jump off point to conversation. This may reduce the number of vets we are able to serve or change how we purchase away from who's healthy to what's cheapest. That would further add to health issues we are trying to address now with healthy foods.	Other	Yes \$8,000 FY2021-2022 \$5,000 FY 2023 \$5,000 FY 2024	Weekly meals will continue but prices for goods/supplies have increased substantially as a result of COVID-19. We measure success in 2 ways. Vets are coming back week after week which means we provide tasty & healthy meals. Vets are spreading the word to other vets, which means we meet their needs.	Mission: food, services & companionship to Vets. Envision a vets community free from hunger, loneliness & isolation	Vets lunch runs year round every Thursday from 12:00-1:30PM (Even holidays like Thanksgiving)	Volunteers	Program runs out of the auditorium of St. Paul's Church. Following CDC and Church guidelines we have put restrictions in place such as mask wearing until seated with meal, setting the tables/chairs to align with social distancing. Auditorium holds 250 people, we have reduced number allowed at one time to 75. We have a ventilation system for air flow, trained and vaccinated volunteers and a disinfecting system used by hospitals and restaurants.	CDC guidelines in place. Volunteers trained in CPR, recognizing signs of trauma/PTSD. Blog, certified for safe/supervision current board of health certified, ServeSafe/Allergen certified. All safety/health protocols in place.	90% of the Veterans in Holyoke are at low to moderate income levels. Of that percentage, more than 51% are at or below 200% of the national poverty level. 1 out of 4 Veterans are homeless. The unemployment rate among Veterans is 14%. Twice the number of veterans have committed suicide than the number of military killed during the Vietnam War. Our goal has always been reach out to a community that often feels unseen, unheard, ignored and marginalized. These inequities were exacerbated by COVID-19. However, through food and fellowship we can create a safe and judgment free space among individuals who have shared experiences. Full bellies in a communal setting sparks conversation, something about sitting down to a meal that sparks conversation, even if it's difficult or filled with emotion. Conversation is the first step to healing.						

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Mental Health Support for Holyoke Youth	Greater Holyoke YMCA	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Behavioral Healthcare	\$332.42 per person calculated as: 5-year budget of \$332,200 / 1,100 children served over five years = \$332.42.	230 Holyoke children per year (1,100 for 5 years)		<p>The Y seeks to add a full-time contract licensed mental health clinician to our childcare programming and requests five years of funding. The clinician will be onsite, Mon-Fri, to offer youth counseling and provide training to staff to help them identify youth who may be struggling.</p> <p>Youth are reporting higher rates of depression, isolation, anxiety and stress. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes youth have been heavily impacted by COVID-19, including their social, emotional and mental wellbeing. The CDC notes this trauma, experienced during a critical developmental stage, may have "long-term consequences that their lifespan." Most of our youth who are low-income, staff are better able to identify youth with mental health challenges. 2) 100% of youth requesting mental health care receive mental health care services (e.g. counseling, support groups, referrals); 3) 80% of participating youth will take reduced mental health challenges and less mental health challenges.</p> <p>Number of youth receiving services who need to receive a greater sense of wellbeing and less mental health challenges.</p>	New service	36665	73313		<p>The Y will alert parents of youth in our childcare and before and after school programming about the mental health support available via email and through fliers provided with their child's enrollment confirmations. We will note the new service on our website and include it in our e-newsletters.</p> <p>We anticipate after the first year the clinician is in place, the following care for children is achieved: 1) 100% of staff are better able to identify youth with mental health challenges; 2) 100% of youth requesting mental health care receive mental health care services (e.g. counseling, support groups, referrals); 3) 80% of participating youth will take reduced mental health challenges and less mental health challenges.</p> <p>Youth receiving support who were negatively impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, isolation, illness &amp; stress will have reduced mental health issues &amp; staff will know how to recognize a struggling youth.</p>	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026	New staff	<p>White mental health supports is new for the Y. It aligns with our mission to promote community wellness and family enrichment through cause-driven programs that focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We've provided childcare programming for over 70 years and are one of the largest providers in the greater Holyoke area. During the pandemic, we collaborated with Holyoke and South Hadley Public Schools, MA Department of Children &amp; Families and MA Early Education &amp; Care, to keep kids engaged as they navigated the on-line learning model. Remote learning continued daily. We provided childcare and Kindergarten-Grade 5 staff and outdoor programs (weather permitting) that use a social distancing health clinic within our facility to on-site programming and group membership throughout the height of the pandemic, we anticipate seeing a new and returning members as people continue to be vaccinated.</p> <p>The Greater Holyoke YCA has been serving the community throughout the pandemic, including providing childcare and remote learning support to youth. We are prepared to launch the addition of a mental health clinic within our facility to on-site programming and group membership throughout the height of the pandemic, we anticipate seeing a new and returning members as people continue to be vaccinated.</p>	<p>Providing youth with access to mental health care will address health issues heightened by COVID-19. An onsite clinician can help identify youth in need of care and provide support and necessary referrals. It is important as we learn how the pandemic has impacted individuals of color. For example, SAMHSA's Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network reports African-American &amp; Hispanic and Latino communities experienced higher rates of COVID-19 and death from the virus, and youth adjusted to less access to mental health and substance use treatment. The CDC states a 24% increase in number of children and adolescents seeking mental health in the first six months of the pandemic compared to the same period in 2019. The CDC also reports that the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, five years of funding will help struggling and provide a foundation for the Y's ability to help youth receive the care they need when mental health challenges arise.</p>							
Newton Cabot Area Housing Development	Way Finders, Inc.	Housing (physical projects- select the type below)	50-80				New owner occupied housing development.	Expansion of existing service		619500			<p>Well-built housing is vital to health, including reducing overcrowding and providing good ventilation. Residents can access support resources and opportunities for long-term economic mobility.</p> <p>Full sales and occupancy of the rental and owner-occupied units between 50-80 units in new, safe, and healthy housing.</p>				<p>The goal of Way Finders' marketing efforts is to attract a diverse and eligible pool of prospective homebuyers &amp; tenants for the Project(s). Way Finders is committed to undertaking an extensive marketing campaign to achieve both the general program goals and equal housing opportunity goals. We will conduct outreach to all relevant and practical local outlets including but not limited to municipal departments, committees, commissions, various social and civic organizations operating in the community as well as churches, synagogues, and mosques. We will also market the rental units on Housing Navigator, a new online tool that lists all affordable units across the state. We will use our website and social media platforms for rental and homeowner opportunities, direct mailings, and email to our extensive list of first-time homebuyer and other client groups. Way Finders will ensure outreach materials are available in languages other than English.</p>			<p>Since 1987, Way Finders has completed 50 projects and developed 1,330 units of affordable rental and ownership housing in western Massachusetts, with an additional 420 affordable housing units in various stages of development. We have expertise in redeveloping vacant properties and lots as part of neighborhood revitalization strategies, completing and selling over 100 homes for first-time homebuyers. Our Property &amp; Asset Management staff oversees the operations of the COVID-19 emergency assistance programs we are administering. The majority of our programs and services are now being offered remotely, and we are making special appointments for residents with technology challenges to receive in-person or telephone assistance. We have recently re-opened our Housing Centers in Springfield, Holyoke, and Northampton for certain walk-in services. We will evaluate additional opportunities to bring back in-person workshops, appointments, and training later this year.</p>	<p>COVID revealed the economic and health vulnerability of communities that have historically been disadvantaged and neglected. In our region, the conditions before the pandemic were already dire: the statewide average, a growing housing need, persistent levels of family homelessness, and high levels of racial segregation, particularly between white and Latinx households. Emergency assistance funds and the eviction moratorium allowed families to shelter in place; however, these programs are vulnerable. Solving these problems is a meaningful way to ensure long-term and sustainable investments of resources from every level of government and the private sector. Integrated approaches focused on improving outcomes in economic mobility, education, health, and housing. This proposal would provide quality housing to families 10-12% AM in Holyoke, allowing them to build economic stability and opportunity.</p>			
Phase 3 Solid Waste Improvements	Holyoke DPW	Public Facility Improvements (physical projects). Response to public health emergency and to negative impact regarding solid waste management					This project will serve all low and moderate income households living in a single, two, three, or four family home.	Improvement to an existing public facility		1100000				<p>This project will facilitate greater recycling rates within the City, which has seen an increase during COVID-19.</p> <p>The DPW will issue press releases and public notifications to promote and inform the public about the project's progress.</p>			<p>DPW administrative staff are at full capacity and are implementing as soon as funding appears likely.</p>	<p>This project will provide larger recycling containers for City residents to facilitate recycling efforts, reduce litter due to overflowing material from smaller recycling containers, reduce potential for worker injury.</p>						

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Behavioral Health Interventions Services for Young People Driving Violence in Holyoke	Roca, Inc.	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Behavioral Healthcare, Job training, Educational program, Public safety or community policing or community violence prevention	\$13,000 per person based on a detailed cost analysis of Roca's long-term Intervention Model. This grant request is only for a portion of this cost, with other services provided in-kind.	120 people	Expansion of existing service	In the wake of COVID-19, violence has spiked in urban communities, driven, in large part, by highly traumatized young people who are unwilling or unable to participate in traditional counseling, helping program, school, or work. The evidence is abundant that Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) reduces violence, helps people cope with trauma, anxiety, and depression, and ultimately prevents crime. To address this, Roca will deliver its CBT-based Intervention Model, to 120-160 year olds in Holyoke over 3 years, focusing specifically on those most likely to shoot or be shot. The project will fund two highly trained youth workers serving 25 young people per year (60 over three years). In the wake of COVID-19, this will further enhance Roca's critical needs to help young people and system leaders address the trauma that drives violent behavior.	Expansion of existing service	900,000	80% of those enrolled for 24 months will have reduced trauma post-pandemic and violence and improved economic mobility. 40% of those enrolled 24 months will have no new arrests, and 70% will become employed.	*Young people with increased trauma post-pandemic avoid violence and improve economic mobility. 40% of those enrolled 24 months will have no new arrests, and 70% will become employed.	September 1, 2021 – August 30, 2024	New staff	Over 33 years, Roca has learned that to impact urban violence, we must work directly with the young people who are engaged in it. More often than not, these are young adults of color who have experienced immense trauma, triggering further violence. We can only move the needle on violence and cover if we address the trauma that young people face. Roca has not stopped operating at full capacity during this pandemic. In mid-March 2020, Roca moved quickly to shut down buildings and cease its outreach in homes and with work crews, but pivoted to run socially distanced outreach, implement an aggressive learning agenda on the quality of health care, and launch virtual programming, and stepped up its intensive delivery of CBT to young people. In Holyoke, our courageous team literally changed the way they worked overnight. Partnering with those who practice CBT have an almost 26% increase in rate of program completion. Roca staff worked to help them deal with increasing levels of trauma and to help them meet the basic needs necessary to survive and thrive.	COVID-19 has derailed much of the existing interventions to urban violence across the country, pausing the ongoing work of criminal justice institutions, community service organizations, and community outreach and engagement organizations. In spite of this, Roca did not and cannot stop our critical local response to these pressing issues. In fact, we have emerged from the pandemic stronger than we started, with a new capacity to combine virtual outreach and programming with in-person engagement in order to maximize our impact on high-risk young people. The results among our Holyoke participants: a 17% increase in placement; a 7% increase in the number of participants successfully recruited; and a 20% increase in the rate of program completion. Through this request, Roca hopes to maximize this impact to include 60 additional young people in our behavioral health intervention.	Roca does not rely on any level of re-opening services. All of our services have been adapted to combine socially distanced street outreach with virtual programming and virtual contact. As indicated, Roca's performance with young people actually increased during the pandemic related shutdown.	Violent crime in Holyoke is 120% higher than the national average and, in Holyoke, wide pockets of the population continue to disproportionately experience these issues. Many of these individuals have and continue to experience extensive trauma—trauma that is left unaddressed by the systems designed to serve them and is repeated across generations. With the COVID-19 pandemic, disparities in access to behavioral health care have only increased, leaving Holyoke susceptible to an even greater increase in violence. Without a trauma-informed intervention that works to help high-risk young people change their behaviors, the declining behavioral health of these young people is continually living in "survival mode" will continue to impact the livability of Holyoke. Roca's intervention is an evidence, science based response, helping young people get out of crisis and build the behavioral and job skills necessary for success.				
TOGETHER WE WIN	Arise For Social Justice	Public Service or Assistance to Households (select the type below)		Health care, COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing or other basic needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. We plan to prevent hunger, interruption of utility services and evictions as a result of our assistance with these types of hardships during and after the pandemic. We will also educate about covid safety through workshops and distribution of literature of covid safe products.	Rental Assistance \$600/Household of 4 + \$150/Per Person Utility Assistance \$300/Household of 4 + \$75/Per Person Mortgage \$300/ Mortgage payment assistance	N/A	Expansion of existing service	Our goal is to alleviate the burden of overdue bills, food insecurities, lack of transportation and other basic needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. We plan to prevent hunger, interruption of utility services and evictions as a result of our assistance with these types of hardships during and after the pandemic. We will also educate about covid safety through workshops and distribution of literature of covid safe products.	Expansion of existing service	60,000 per year	Yes, We are requesting a multi-year grant for a total of 3 years. The total program cost is \$360,000 over the course of 3 years. The cost will be \$20,000 per person and we will be requesting \$50,000 per household of 4 + \$75 per Person from ARPA funding each year.	TOGETHER WE WIN's outcome alleviates the critical needs of families and individuals who are having trouble accessing healthy food, healthcare and other basic needs the families experiencing during the Covid-19 pandemic.	Arise has worked diligently with diverse populations to alleviate some of the burdens and difficulties related to COVID-19 as it has disrupted the lives of many and exhausted all of their resources. By distributing food bags and personal care packages, we will meet the critical needs of families and individuals who are likely to have trouble accessing transportation to grocery stores. This especially includes the elderly and disabled population and families without a vehicle. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to limit the number of people allowed inside the facility at a time. We will also continue to imply social distancing and require utility payments. We also distribute clothing items (including staff). We will continue to work hard to decrease the risk of exposure to Coronavirus by providing masks, gloves, sanitary and disinfecting products, and informative literature on Covid-19 safety, symptoms, vaccination and testing sites.	Arise for Social Justice is well prepared to launch new activities and expand our existing activities. We have been successful with what we currently have in place amid Covid-19. We have the capacity at our facility to expand our food pantry. We also have been requesting donations for clothing and personal care items in need. We have taken steps necessary to launch our activities such as: *Packaged and labeled our own hand sanitizer *Designed our own face masks *Created Covid-19 Safety Literature *Continued daily advocacy to assess the needs of families and individuals *Recruited volunteers and interns to conduct outreach and flyers *We've mobilized and selected other staff to distribute items to hand out to all families *Made connections with utility companies to handle a bulk of utility bills *Contacted the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for donations of bus passes etc.	Although our organization is currently fully open (with safety limitations and restrictions), this program activity does not rely on full reopening. We would still be able to reach and assist families and individuals (as we have during the times we were partially open). We also have and will operate remotely (if necessary).	Our community in Western MA is in high demand for this activity as it continues to lack basic resources. We've learned through the nonstop phone calls and emails about inquiries regarding financial assistance, that there is a tremendous need for resources in the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. We've gotten an enormous response from our food pantry, not only for families, but for single individuals as well. For these reasons, we would like to continue to implement and expand our initiative to provide preventative services to families and single individuals in need.						

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Enhancement to Municipal Resilience	Board of Health	Public Health Project Eligible under EC 1							This activity would fund the purchase of several resource trailers that can be deployed strategically, as needed, during a public health emergency like we currently face with COVID-19. Specifically they would be used to support on-site response operations, vaccination clinics, emergency operations planning, sheltering, food distribution, personal protective equipment distribution, and business continuity. Trailers would be stored at the municipal yard and be towed by a dedicated response vehicle which will also double as a mobile command center. This equipment will allow us to respond effectively to any public health emergency situation regardless of location and complement our existing emergency response equipment. Below is a breakdown of requested equipment: Shelter Trailer with supplies for 500 evacuees Mobile Command Trailer Refrigeration Trailer Vaccination Trailer Shower/Toilet Trailer Generator trailer Response SUV with lights/radios/slow package	Expansion of existing service	500000	n/a	The city will prioritize types of equipment based on current need and purchase ones that are funded.	That the city is able to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and other public health emergency situations as needed, without the immediate assistance of state and federal agencies.	The outcome of this activity is the ability to rapidly deploy resources to address a number of issues related to COVID-19 such as vaccination, sheltering, PPE distribution and food insecurity.	We will use all forms of media to let the public know when and where these resources will be deployed.	The activity will be completed within 12 months of signing the contract.	Existing staff	The Board of Health has been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning and has organized a number of vaccination clinics, food distribution events, etc.	The Board of Health is currently at full capacity.	The city is ready to move forward with this activity once funding is secured.	This activity can be completed while adhering to any COVID-19 restrictions.	This activity will allow the city to respond to a variety of situations at the neighborhood level, rather than requiring the public to find transportation to brick and mortar locations. This will result in greater access to vaccines, food and other items that will address public health inequities.	The Board of Health has identified a number of existing public health issues that have been exacerbated due to the pandemic. At the same time new issues had to be addressed in order to stop the spread. This equipment will be a new set of tools to address these issues.
Administration & Planning	Office for Community Development	Admin of ARPA funds									\$1,300,000	Yes												
Small Business Grants and Grants to Impacted Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality	Office for Community Development	Small business grants and loans	120 businesses and TTH sectors per year (800 total)						Grants to assist with recovery from COVID-19	Expansion	\$7,500,000	Yes												
Municipal Loss Revenue	City Auditor's Office										\$2,000,000	No												
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