Health and Human Services Agency

American Rescue Plan Act Requests: Public Health & Behavioral Health

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Public Health ARPA Request Summary Amount: \$4,378,940

Provides the remaining necessary tools to meet all grant and other mandates through scaling responses to any infectious disease outbreaks over the coming 3 to 5 years, including the following:

- Ensuring available Public Health Nursing and Epidemiologist contracts
- Hiring extra help staff, as needed, to reduce impact on County Departments through use of Disasters Response Workers
- Developing existing workforce so that we can be nimble, efficient and effective to respond to future events
- Strengthening our data and analytic capacity by creating data sharing agreements between all local healthcare partners and upgrading our data platform and analytic capacity to improve transparency, enhance our healthcare system's level of coordination and improve outcomes
- Supporting cost of implementing systems and standing up processes during pandemics and epidemics
- Constructing Library Office space at the 5-Hubs locations, to make available Public Health or other HHSA services and programming in the community, for years to come
- Purchasing critical infrastructure and equipment

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Behavioral Health ARPA Request Summary Amount: \$7,264,000

Provides the necessary funding to meet many current and future behavioral health needs of adults and children in El Dorado County through developing local treatment and services programs to serve eligible residents, including the following:

- Bridge funding to cover costs associated with Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) administrative days and Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) placements which have been impacted due to COVID facility closures and reduced capacity for placements, statewide
- Developing lower levels of care (I.D.E.A. System Assessment):
 - Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT)
 - Crisis Respite Programs
 - Transitional Housing Programs