Department Name	County Executive's Office
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Department Function

The County Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of County government, elected by the voters of Albany County to a four-year term of office. Responsibilities of the Office include directing, coordinating and monitoring the activities of all County administrative units under the County Executive's control; appointing administrative heads of departments; approving and executing contracts and agreements for the County as authorized; directing the creation of the Proposed Annual Budget; maintaining communications with federal, state and local governments; implementing policy; and directing special projects requiring interdepartmental coordination. We serve a diverse population of close to 315,000 residents per the 2020 census. Within our municipal boundaries are three cities, six villages and ten towns in an area that covers 582 square miles.

Current Year Highlights

- Fully obligated the entirety of its American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Key investments include $9 million for community development public health, $8 million for economic development, $6.6 million for water and broadband infrastructure projects, and $3 million for the demolition of the Central Warehouse in the City of Albany
- Secured a combined $13.3 million to fund the demolition of the Central Warehouse.
- Opened Little Sprouts Daycare Center at Shaker Place, offering subsidized, quality daycare for County employees.
- Began the relocation of the Probation, Mental Health, and Board of Elections, saving the County millions in capital expenses and opening the possibility of repurposing their previous locations for economic development.
- Acquired the Cohoes Aquatic Center, a recreational facility that will serve County residents by providing no and low-cost access to a pool, gym and recreational programming.
- Began the process of standardizing project management and inter-departmental communication through the implementation of a project management software enterprise-wide.
- Began the renovation of the Upper Camp at Lawson Lake to be used as a resource for the most vulnerable populations that Albany County serves.
- Launched collaboration with Catholic Charities to distribute Narcan and fentanyl test strips, as well as provide trainings to local businesses countywide.
- Distributed Community Opioid Settlement Grant Awards to fourteen local organizations, assisting in the battle against the opioid epidemic.
- Partnered with CARES of NY for street homeless outreach and mental health resource connections.
- Contracted with Albany FireWolves to provide K-12 programs in schools regarding fitness, teamwork, and leadership.
- Launched Hero's Homecoming Program to locate and assist transitioning Veterans that are coming back to the Capital District from active duty to ensure their smooth transition to civilian life.
- Completion of capital improvements to the Shaker Place campus including both a shared garage and storage space as well as a Café for employees.
- Launched job readiness and workforce development programs for previously incarcerated individuals as well as immigrants and asylum seekers.
- Launched Youth Trauma Response in order to reduce likelihood are further crime and violence through County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center.
- Expanded shelter system to deal with rise in homelessness by reopening the Mercy House, which is run by Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
- Partnered with County Legislature to deliver nearly $600,000 in municipal park and playground grants to expand recreational opportunities in every corner of the county
- Expanded programming focused on student safety and wellness through Bus Patrol funding, including defensive driving support.
- Cut the ribbon on new Coeymans highway garage, the first county building completely powered by renewable energy.
- Expanded Farmers Market at MVP Arena through partnership with MVP Health Care
- Distributed Deterra bags to local pharmacies for safe disposal of prescription medications for County residents.
- Assisted Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy with the rehab of the Bender Melon Farm Preserve Bridge.
- Championed the creation of the Albany County Pine Hills Land Authority in an effort to preserve the legacy of the College of Saint Rose and will ensure that the public can utilize these facilities for years to come.

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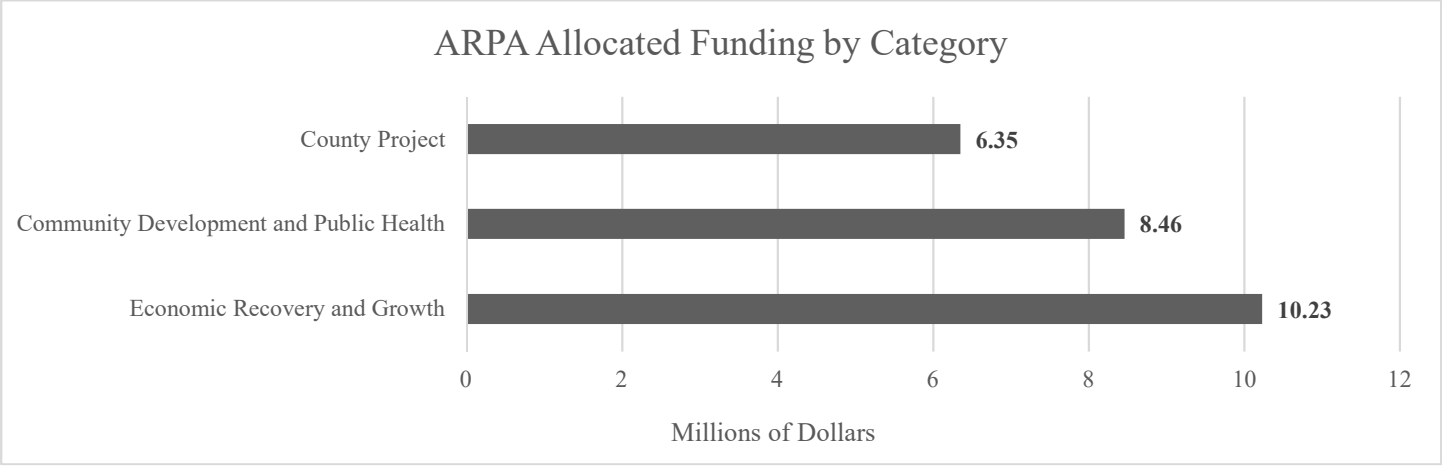
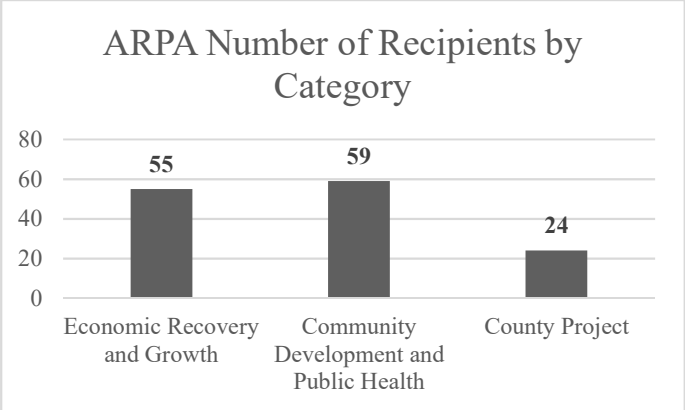
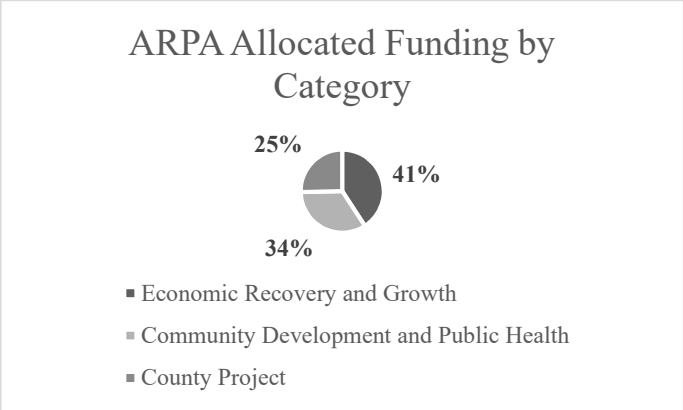
Programmatic Highlights







Next Year Projects

- Complete demolition of the Central Warehouse in the City of Albany.
- Develop and implement a primary prevention and community mobilization program to address poverty, behavioral and physical health concerns, and criminal justice/family court involvement of families in Albany County.
- Become an anchor training facility for Fundamentals of Probation Practice offering training to nearby counties
- Create transitional/alternative affordable housing to combat homelessness among vulnerable populations.
- Fully rollout the March-On program to include volunteers and professional veteran navigators partnering with Department of Mental Health to reduce Veteran Suicide through crisis intervention and focused programming.
- Further renovate and improve the Shaker Place Campus to maximize its full potential including the renovation of three floors of the tower building.
- Break ground on rooftop canopy solar array at MVP Arena parking garage.
- Launch of senior and intergenerational programming through Parks and Rec., Aging Dept. and Shaker Place.
- Complete Slingerlands Trailhead renovation, creating additional park space, adding public bathrooms and more.
- Complete the Cherry Avenue Rail Trail Underpass enhancement and redevelopment ahead of Town of Bethlehem multi-use path connection.
- Further expansion of electric vehicle fleet, with the projected goal of a fully electric light-duty fleet by 2030.
- Initiate legal literacy program through the Public Defender's Office to educate individuals on their rights inside and outside the courtroom.
- Create a mobile E-Sports Club Room and launch annual E-sports programming throughout the County
- Further expand ACCORD, MOTOR and LEAD to additional partner municipalities.

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