

# VALENCIA COUNTY ARPA ALLOCATION

- Valencia County has received a total of \$14,895,745.00 in ARPA funds
- Amount Obligated as of December 2022 = \$12,912,432.50
- Obligations are being spread among the Valencia County:
  - ❑ Adult Detention Center, Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, IT, Community Development, Public Works, Assessor's Office, Managers Office & Finance Office
- The unobligated amount of \$1,983,32.50 is currently being held as a contingency for some of the larger capital construction.
- Contingency is to account for inflation.

# ARPA PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

## **4 Main Statutory Categories per the Final Rule are:**

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency along with the negative economic impact;
2. To respond to individuals performing essential work during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency by providing premium pay to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work; or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work;
3. For the provision of Government Services, to the extent of reduction in revenue of such recipients due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency;
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

# PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ELIGIBILITY

- **Project eligibility** was determined on 2 main criteria:
  - 1) What is the COVID-19 Problem; and
  - 2) What is the potential solution to the COVID-19 problem?
- **“Shovel Ready”** – Meaning we are ready to secure the final updated quote or RFP and enter into procurement;
- **“Pursue Further”** – Meaning additional information and details are needed in order to present a “shovel ready” program.
- All projects (except Premium Pay) regardless of status were confirmed once the Final Rule was released in January 2022

# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES— MANAGER & FINANCE OFFICE

## Premium Pay:

### Tiered System:

Tier	Annual Salary Range	# of Employees	Additional Amt.	2 - Months 320 HRS
1	\$10.50 - \$15.00	197	\$13.00	\$819,520.00
2	\$15.01 - \$20.00	40	\$11.00	\$140,800.00
3	\$20.01 - \$25.00	16	\$9.00	\$46,080.00
4	\$25.01 - 30.00	3	\$7.00	\$6,720.00
5	\$30.01 - \$35.00 +	10	\$5.00	\$16,000.00
Total =		266		
*Excludes Elected Officials				
			Sub-Total=	\$1,029,120.00
			Medicaid @ 1.45%=	\$14,922.24
			Social Security for PT Emp. @ 6.2%=	\$1,805.44
			Grand Total =	\$1,045,847.68

# of Hours	Amount per Check	Total	Grand Total for Alotted Hours
320	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 819,520.00	\$ 1,029,120.00
	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 140,800.00	
	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 46,080.00	
	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 6,720.00	
	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 16,000.00	

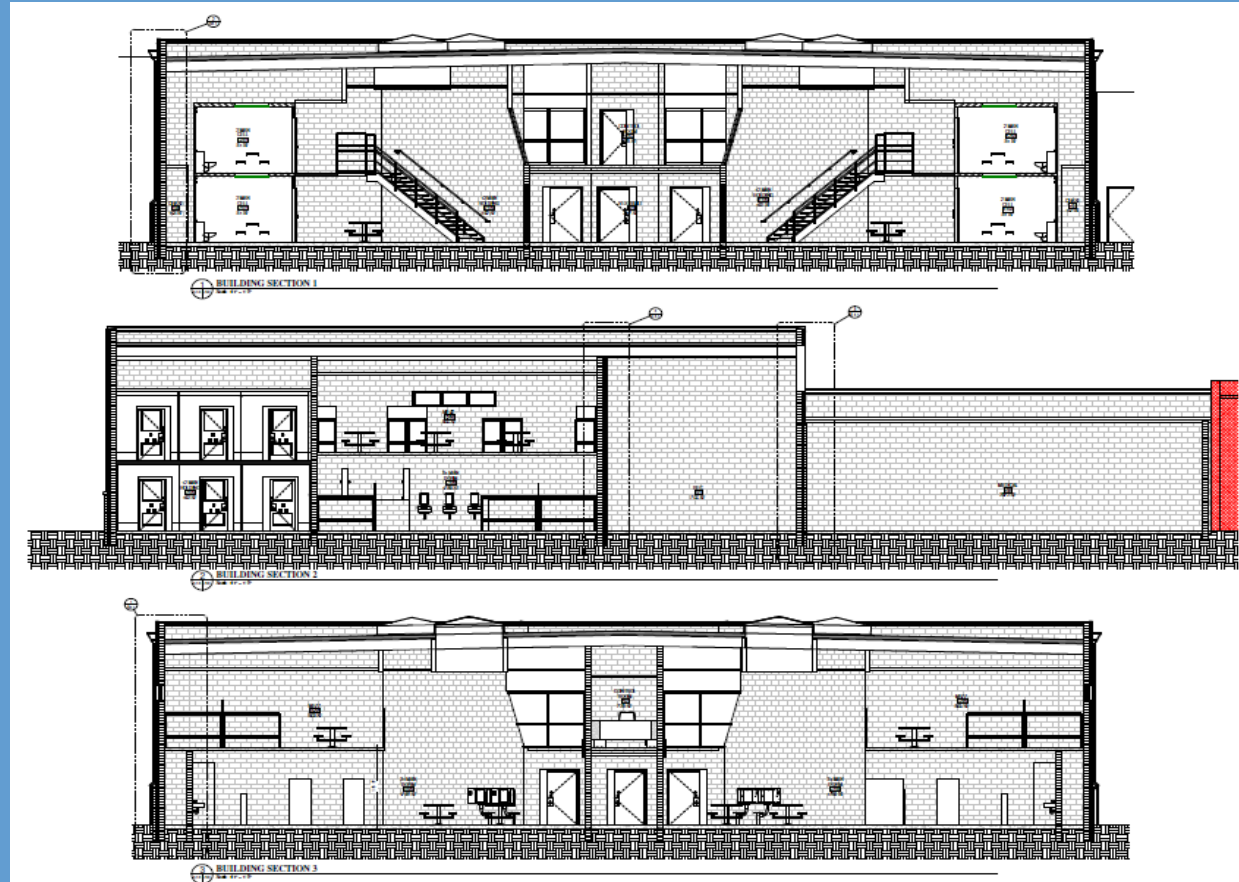
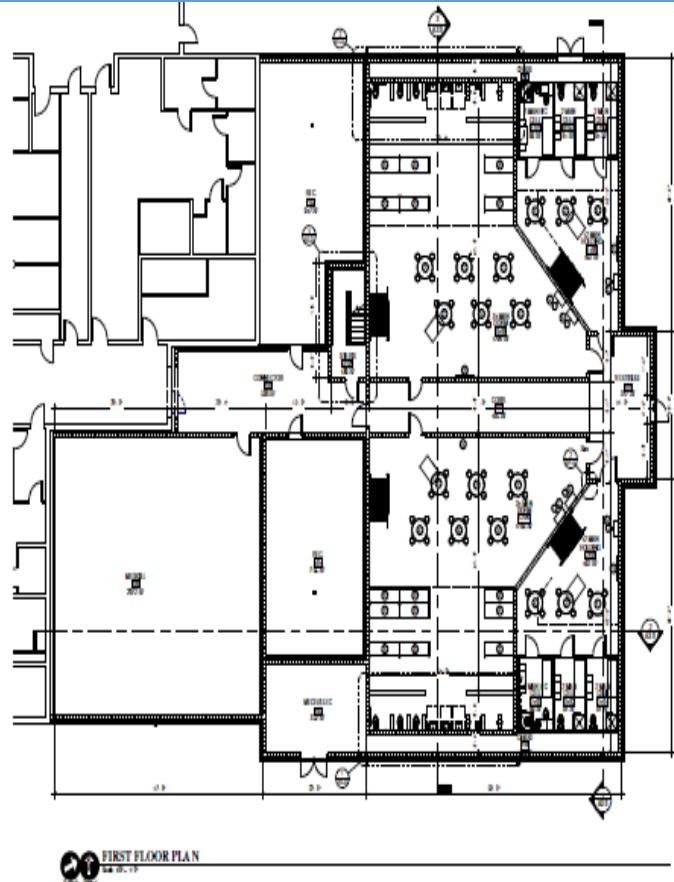
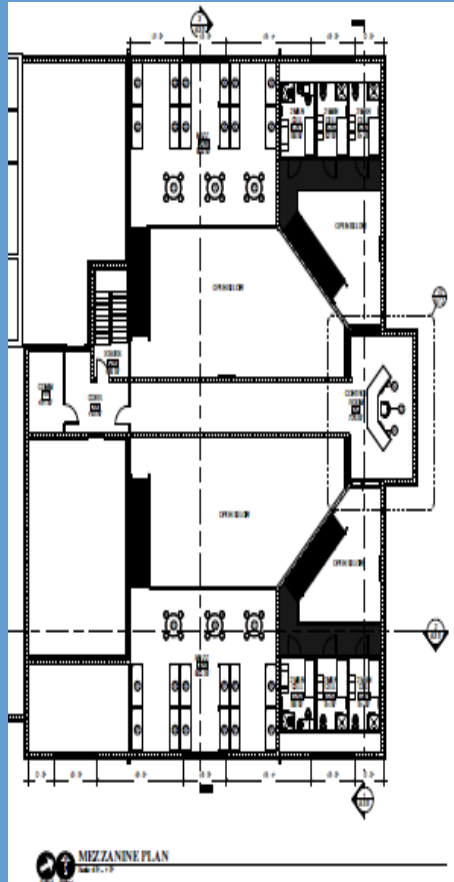
- The Interim Final Rule states that “any” Local Government employee is eligible to receive premium pay up to \$13.00/hr. and not exceeding 25K per employee;
- Premium pay was disbursed with the intent on taking care of employees that are at the lower end of the pay grade;
- The Grants Department established a tiered system that has Classified personnel according to existing salary and identified staff who are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19.
- Staff did receive a Lump Sum payment on 12-17-2021 based on the tier they fell within.

# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – DETENTION CENTER

## **Detention Center Expansion:**

- The expansion will consist of utilizing the previously purchased prefabricated cells to ensure the facility is one step closer to Federal PREA accreditation and will promote a safer and more compliant atmosphere within the Detention Center.
- An initial budget of \$7 million dollars was approved by Commission for the design and expansion of a 92 bed dorm to be constructed in the existing Adult Detention Center.
- The conceptual design has recently been completed with the construction solicitation anticipated to be issued by April of 2023.

# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – DETENTION CENTER PLANS



## VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – DETENTION CENTER CONT.

### **Body Scanner:**

- This item will provide VCDC the ability for full body screening and also identify elevated temperatures all while promoting social distancing by reducing the amount of staff contact during the intake process.

### **Key Management System:**

- This system will reduce/eliminate the need of correction officers sharing keys to access controlled areas and will ensure keys are disinfected before being re-issued to the next shift personnel; therefore mitigating the spread of any viruses of illnesses.

# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES– ASSESSORS OFFICE

## **Valencia County GIS Mapping Fly Over:**

- This technology aims to assist with rebuilding the' Public Sectors internal capacity and implement upgraded technology infrastructure with the ability to serve the general public and various Departments within Valencia County.
- For instance, an airplane equipped with enhanced imagery will conduct various fly overs and provide an updated GIS system.
- Staff will be able to update the existing maps, answer more questions, appraise more properties, and fulfill more requests without personal interaction.
- Community members and business owners worldwide will have access to this technology, including: mortgage companies, land appraisers, surveyors, NMDOT for roadway profiling, any type of construction company, community development, and title companies



# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – IT OFFICE

## **Email Encryption:**

- This project provided critical encryption that protects files to prevent unauthorized access wherever files are shared.

## **Broadband Project:**

- IT is currently collaborating with other agencies on partnering to establish increased broadband capacity to disadvantaged communities.

## VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

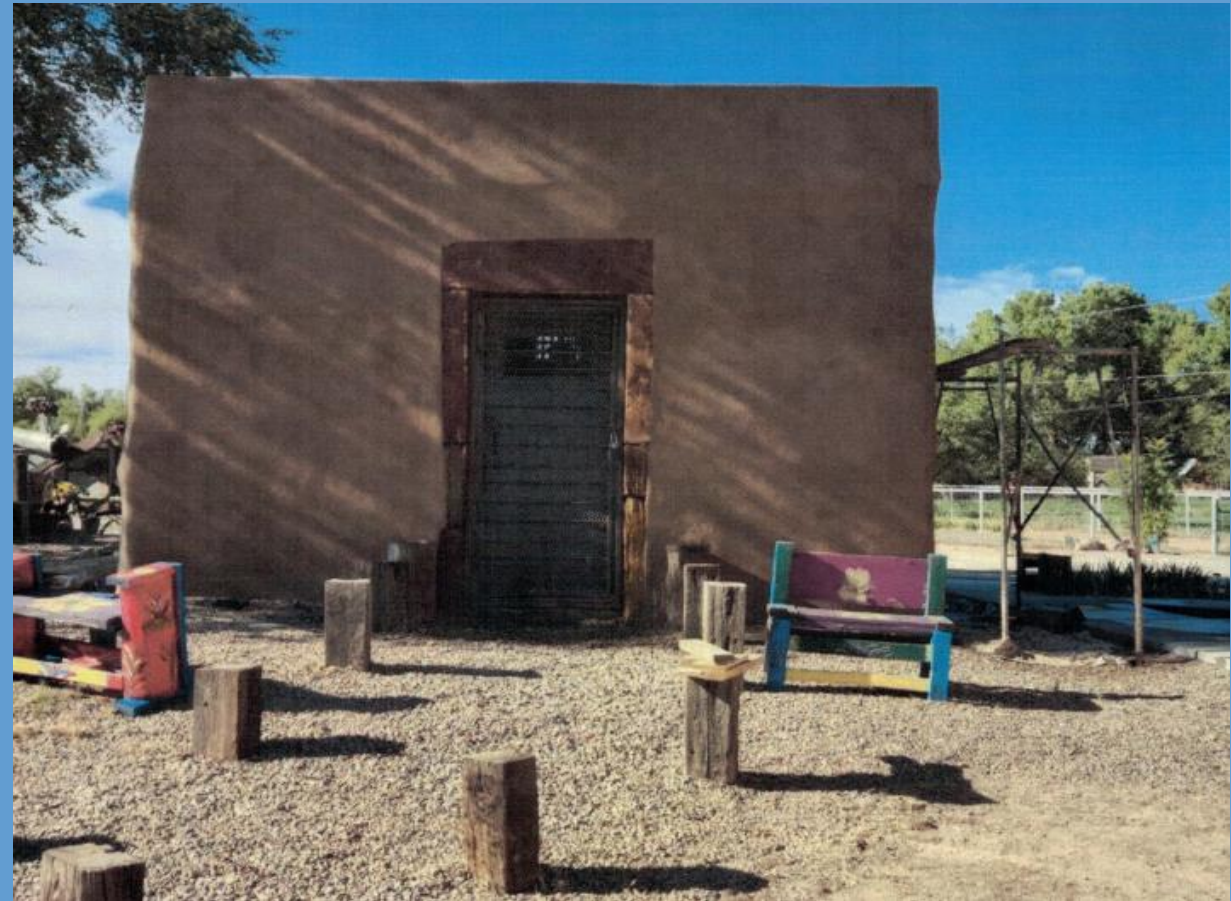
### **Small Business Grant:**

- A small business grant application process (similar to what the County did with the CARES funding) has been established and have awarded over \$121,000 to Local small businesses and non-profit agencies.

### **Food Distribution Program:**

- The County has partnered with various local non-profit agencies to make funds available for food box/voucher distribution programs that are aimed to assist identified disadvantaged communities within Valencia County.
- The County has also established a Holiday Turkey and Ham Distribution in which local schools provide both frozen turkey's and ham's for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday seasons to families in need.

## Tome Land Grant – Re-Stucco of the Billy the Kid Jail



# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – PUBLIC WORKS

## **Valencia County Clean Air Initiative:**

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the County did make funds available for upgrades to existing Department offices that were at risk, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

- Public Works Office HVAC Upgrades & Window Installation
- Animal Control HVAC Upgrades
- Belen Public Health Office HVAC Upgrades
- HVAC's were equipped with non contact treated air purifiers aimed to lessen the spread of contagious viruses.

# VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **6 Full Time Positions:**

- On 9-7-2022 Commission did approve 6 new Fire Department positions to be funded with ARPA funds. To date, 3 positions have been filled and have provided the Fire Department with needed staff in an effort to decrease response times and effectively serve the Community.

## **Fleet Replenishment:**

- The Fire Department has been able to secure necessary fleet upgrades including a new Fire Engine, 2 new ambulances, 1 mobile Decontamination unit, and 1 new Fast Response Combo unit. The Fire Department is now equipped with the appropriate upgraded fleet to more effectively respond to emergency situations and offer routine decontamination of County vehicles and facilities as needed.

## VALENCIA COUNTY INITIATIVES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### **Hiring Incentive Program:**

- The Hiring Incentive Program provided up to \$4,000 for newly hired Certified Sherriff Deputies and up to \$2,000 for newly hired uncertified Sherriff Deputies and Adult Detention Officers. Newly hired deputies or detention officers are eligible to receive the Incentive Bonus with the 1<sup>st</sup> distribution upon completion of 6 months of employment and the 2<sup>nd</sup> distribution upon completion of 1 year of employment.

### **Advertising for Recruitment:**

- The Sheriff's Office has partnered with NBC Universal to create 2 separate advertisements that are currently being aired on PeacockTV with the intent of recruiting additional Certified Deputies.

# VALENCIA COUNTY HURDLES & BEST PRACTICES

## **Hurdles:**

- Outdated Procurement Process
- COVID-19 decrease
- Agency partnerships
- Nationwide supply and demand impacts

## **Best Practices:**

- It is okay to say NO
- Document, document, document
- What is the COVID-19 Problem & What is the Solution to that Problem?
- Utilize your resources such as:
  - Legal, Local Government counterparts, New Mexico Counties

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS