



BENZIE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and administered by the Department of the Treasury, allocated \$350 billion to tribal governments, states, local governments, and U.S. territories. **Benzie County benefited by receiving \$3,450,837** in funding to unlock the potential of making large investments into the community.

With the **community's wishes and interest at the forefront**, the Board of Commissioners and Benzie County focused on the best utilization of this funding to make the **biggest impact** on the community. Investment in housing, broadband, and childcare are some of the investments made in Benzie County; *see reverse for further detail.*

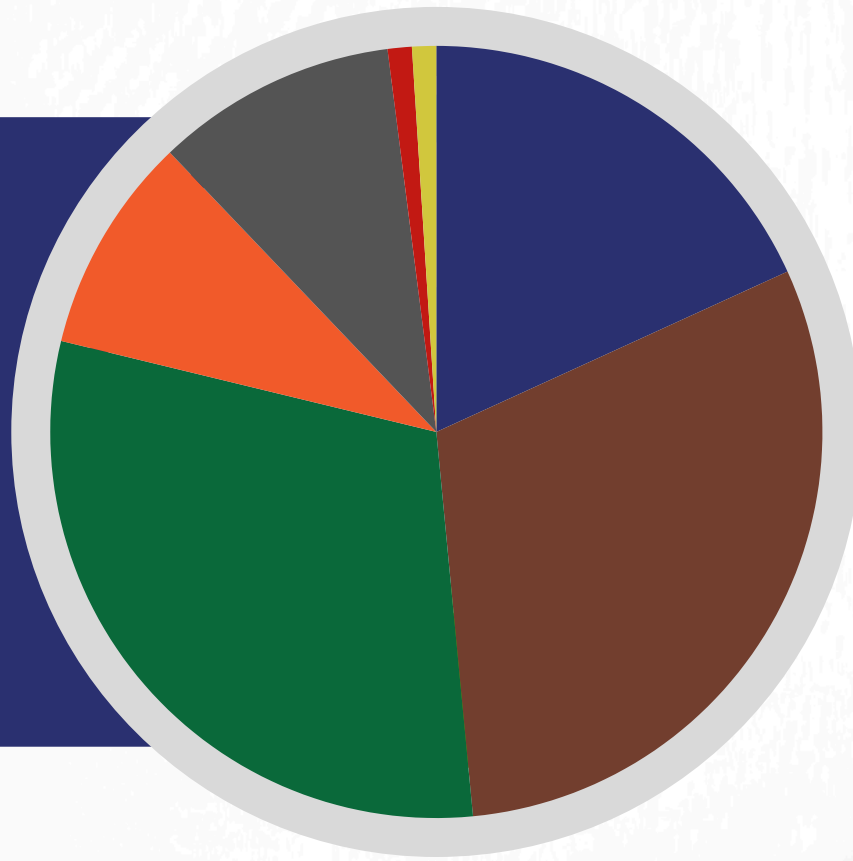
It's important to note that while Benzie County received \$3,450,837 in funding, it was able to leverage additional dollars from other sources, **totaling an investment of over \$16,000,000!**



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Parks & Recreation

A total of \$330,000 in funding has been committed to improving parks and protecting our natural resources, including the Crystal Lake Outlet and Point Betsie.

Broadband Expansion

\$1,700,000 was committed to expanding broadband internet, igniting an expansion project of over \$10 million!

Child Care Support

\$42,000 was allocated to enhance child care quality and provide professional development opportunities for providers within the community.

Local Support

Letters of support and funding have been extended to support the expansion of natural gas, water, and sewer utilities.

Local Government Operations

An internal operations investment has been made to enhance services for the community and address an array of deferred maintenance. Investments include a new web presence, digitization of county records to improve access, upgrades to heating and cooling, expansion of 911 operations, and other maintenance to buildings and grounds.

Workforce Housing

An investment of \$620,000 was made in workforce housing, leveraging over \$2,500,000 in other funding for housing expansion in Benzie County.

Emergency Communications

A local commitment of \$450,000 secured a \$2.2 million allocation from Michigan to enhance emergency communications.

Road Improvements

A contribution of \$38,000 acted as matching funds to pave the new Huskey Trail, freeing road funding for other necessary road maintenance and required bridge repair projects within the County.