

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Fresno County  
Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item #4

August 22, 2023



# KEY OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Present your Board with the County Administrative Office's recommended Second Round Award List for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).
- ✓ Gain your Board's concurrence and/or direction on the recommended Second Round Award List.
- ✓ Direct staff to further vet and return to your Board with agreements for each of the awarded programs.

# OPEN APPLICATION PROGRAM

## Key Notes:

- ✓ On November 8, 2022, your Board approved \$4,225,000 to be made available through an open application process.

## Community Engagement

- ✓ 400+ local representatives were invited to participate.
- ✓ Social media announcement.
- ✓ One evening Zoom webinar was held on November 29, 2022.

## Open Application Outcome

- ✓ 42 Application Submittals
- ✓ \$38.8 million, estimated value

# ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORIES

## Category “A”



**Support Public Health:** Response Fund Covid-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



**Address Negative Economic Impacts:** Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector

## Category “B”



**Premium Pay for Essential Workers:** Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors (up to \$13/hr. increase with a cap not to exceed \$25k)

## Category “C”



**Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss:** Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

## Category “D”



**Water and Sewer Infrastructure:** Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and storm drain infrastructure



**Broadband:** Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

# BOARD PRIORITIES & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## PRIORITIES

### **“Do it Right The First Time”**

- ✓ Short-term projects with long-term impacts
- ✓ Focus on County assets (own vs. lease)
- ✓ Improve Efficiency / Longevity
- ✓ Technology (data sharing, business intelligence)
- ✓ Facility improvements
- ✓ Infrastructure Improvements (shovel-ready projects)

## PRINCIPLES

- ✓ One-Time Funding
- ✓ Nexus to Pandemic & Recovery
- ✓ Needs-Based/Data-Informed
- ✓ Maximize the Opportunity
- ✓ Avoid Duplication
- ✓ Prioritize Transformational Projects

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ November 18, 2022, Opened the application period.
- ✓ November 29, 2022, Staff held an evening Zoom Webinar at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ January 4, 2023, Closed application period at 5:00 p.m.
- ✓ January 5 -13, 2023, Staff compiled all applications received during the open application period.
- ✓ February - April 2023, Staff convened on three occasions to review applications and prepare a draft Second Round Award List.
- ✓ May - July 2023, Staff finalized pre-award assessments.

# RECOMMENDED SECOND ROUND AWARD LIST

Category	Applicant	Program Title	Recommended Funding Amount
A	Poverello House, 501c3	Kitchen Remodel	\$1,500,000
A	Habitat for Humanity Fresno, Inc., 501c3	Backfill Basin, Affordable Housing	\$573,200
A	Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, 501c3	Mobile Food Vendors Program	\$500,000*
A	Internal Services Department, County of Fresno	Facilities HQ Improvements	\$490,761*
A	Westside Family Preservation Services Networks, 501c3	Youth Empowerment Center in San Joaquin	\$349,039
A	Self-Help Enterprises, 501c3	Playground at Cherry Crossings, Sanger	\$210,000*
A	Self-Help Enterprises, 501c3	Playground at Guardian Village, Reedley	\$210,000*
A	Central California Food Bank, 501c3	Food Distribution, Capacity Expansion	\$202,000*
A	Auberry Sawmill, Inc., small business	Three-Phase Power	\$140,000
A	Valley Center for the Blind, 501c3	Transportation for People with Disabilities	\$50,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,225,000</b>

\* Partial Funding

# PENDING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Category	Applicant	Program Title	Amount
A	Asian Business Institute and Resource Center	Crop Buyback Program, Pt. 3	\$250,000
A	Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County	Triple Play at Del Rey, Firebaugh, Huron	\$287,693
A	Care Fresno, Inc.	CARE Programs for Youth	\$255,953
A	Central Sierra Chamber of Commerce	CSCC Maintenance and Repairs	\$15,000
A	Central Valley Scholars	Education Recovery Project	\$458,219
A	Clovis Rodeo Association	Clovis Rodeo, 2023	\$150,000
D	Dora belle Mutual Water Company	Water System Infrastructure Repairs	\$100,000
A	Education and Leadership Foundation	Equitable Navigation of Services and Resources	\$613,019
A	Education and Leadership Foundation	Fellowship Program	\$400,000
A	El Cazador, LP	Apartment Unit and Amenity Upgrades, Service Coordinator	\$1,130,000
A	Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House	Empowering Silent Voices and Treatment Center	\$264,400
D	Department of Public Works & Planning	CSA 47 - Quail Lake Planning and Design	\$809,500
D	Department of Public Works & Planning	Shaver Lake Observation Deck Construction	\$665,000
D	Department of Public Works & Planning	CSA 44A, Millerton Lake Mobile Home Park Planning and Design	\$437,500
D	Department of Public Works & Planning	CSA 44D, Monte Verdi, Irrigation Reclaim System Construction	\$270,000
A	Fresno County Fire Protection District	2023-24 Emergency Response Staffing	\$13,138,946
A	Fresno County Historical Society	Maintenance and Repairs, Buildings and Artifacts	\$364,725
A	Fresno County Historical Society	Archivist	\$200,000
A	Fresno County Historical Society	Broadband Expansion for Security and Back-up Systems	\$35,634
A	Fresno County Historical Society	Kearney Mansion Roof Restoration	\$150,000
A	Fresno Mission	City Center, Service Providers	\$250,000
A	Handle It Helping Hands Inc.	UAV Drone Academy	\$4,200,200
A	Helping Others Pursue Excellence	Grassroot CBO's Aligned to Recover	\$665,000
A	Laton Community Services District	Small Office Construction	\$377,000
A	Magnolia Crossing Senior Assisted Living	Employee Retention and Enhanced Care	\$563,977
D	Malaga County Water District	MCWD Tank at Well 5 Site, Gap Funds	\$704,750
D	Malaga County Water District	MCWD Well 5A, Gap Funds	\$2,551,500
A	Regenerate California Innovation	Transformation 10x	\$600,000
D	Riverdale Public Utility District	Municipal Water Supply Construction, Gap Funds	\$500,000
A	San Joaquin Valley Media Alliance	Fresno County Broadband Adoption Project	\$80,000
A	The Fresno Center	Cultural Community Garden and Food Distribution	\$1,000,000
A	The Senior Citizens Village	Senior Citizens Village Broadband	\$414,701
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$31,902,717</b>



# ACTION PLAN

## Proposed next steps

- August /  
October 2023: Further vet and prepare written agreements with awarded entities.
- October /  
November 2023: Return to your Board with written agreements for consideration and approval.

# TREASURY'S ARPA UPDATES

- ✓ Bipartisan State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act.
- ✓ On August 10, Treasury released an Interim Final Rule, pending an official effective date.
- ✓ Provides counties with flexibility to use ARPA in:
  - ✓ Surface Transportation Projects
  - ✓ Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters
  - ✓ Title I Projects, Community Development Block Grant projects.
- ✓ Counties may use ARPA for newly eligible categories for costs incurred beginning December 29, 2022.
- ✓ Counties must obligate funds, including newly eligible activities by December 31, 2024.



# Comments / Questions

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