

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Fresno County
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item #9
November 8, 2022



KEY OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Board direction from the last meeting (10/25/22):
 - Staff to work with Public Works & Planning,
 - Report back to the Ad Hoc Committee; and,
 - Prepare item for funding County Service Area (CSA) and Community Service Districts (CSD) projects

- ✓ Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended redistribution of identified remaining funds, subject to confirmation of eligibility by County staff

- ✓ Receive the Board's direction on the next steps

BOARD 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)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

STATE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

- ✓ County received \$194,063,657 in two installments
 - ✓ \$97,031,829 received on June 17, 2021
 - ✓ \$97,031,828 received on June 21, 2022
- ✓ As of October 28, 2022, County's SLFRF expenditures amount to \$46,470,373
- ✓ Funds must be fully allocated by December 31, 2024
- ✓ All funded projects must be complete, and funds expended by December 31, 2026

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

ARPA PROGRAM'S RESTRICTIONS

Funds may not be used for:

- ✓ Costs incurred before March 3, 2021
- ✓ Deposits into pension funds
- ✓ Debt service, replenishing rainy day funds/financial reserves, or satisfaction of a settlement or judgement
- ✓ To undermine COVID-19 mitigation practices in line with CDC guidance and recommendations

BOARD APPROVED EXPENDITURE PLAN FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Amount (%)	Description
\$ 112.5M (58%)	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts
\$ 15.4M (8%)	Category B - Premium Pay for Essential Workers
\$ 10.0M (5%)	Category C - Lost Revenue
\$ 18.7M (10%)	Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
\$ 37.3M (19%)	Subrecipient Projects/Programs
\$ 194.0M (100%)	Total

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING

Identified CSA & CSD Projects

Funding Need	Description
\$ 1,850,000	County Service Area (CSA) Projects, BOS Approved
\$ 676,500	Community Service Districts (CSD), BOS Approved Agreements
\$ 6,570,000	New CSA and Waterworks District Projects
\$ 8,671,000	New CSD Projects
<hr/> \$ 17,767,500	Total

IDENTIFIED REMAINING FUNDS

as of 10/28/2022

Existing Plan	Identified Funds	Description
\$ 112.5M	\$ 13.3M	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts
\$ 15.4M		Category B - Premium Pay for Essential Workers
\$ 10.0M		Category C - Lost Revenue
\$ 18.7M		Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
\$ 37.3M	\$ 173,500	Subrecipient Programs/Projects
\$ 194.0M	\$13.5M	Total

AD-HOC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Redistribution	Description
\$ 1,850,000	County Service Area (CSA) Projects, BOS Approved
	Raisin City (CSA43W) - Water Well - DWSRF
	CSA No. 2, Tenaya Park - Park Improvements
	CSA No. 30, El Porvenir - Park Improvements
	CSA No. 43W, Raisin City - Park Improvements
\$ 501,500	Community Service Districts (CSD), BOS Approved Agreements
	Biola Community Service District, Storm Drain Improvements
	Del Rey Community Service District, Groundwater Recharge
	Tranquillity Public Utility District, Sewer Rehabilitation Project
\$ 2,700,000	<u>Earmark for New</u> CSA and Waterworks District (WWD) Projects
	Water meter replacement, countywide, DWSRF
	CSA 44C – Riverview Subdivision - Water System
\$ 4,257,000	<u>Earmark for New</u> CSD Projects
	Caruthers Community Service District
	Laton Community Service District
\$ 9,308,500	Total for CSA and CSD Projects

AD-HOC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

American Rescue Plan Act, State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Recommended Redistribution of Identified Remaining Funds = \$13.5M

Ad-Hoc Committee's Recommended Increases	%
County Service Area (CSA) Projects, BOS Approved	\$ 1,850,000 14%
Community Service Districts (CSD), BOS Approved Agreements	\$ 501,500 4%
<u>Earmark for New</u> CSA and Waterworks District Projects	\$ 2,700,000 20%
<u>Earmark for New</u> CSD Projects	\$ 4,257,000 31%
Total for CSA + CSD Projects:	\$ 9,308,500
<u>Earmark for New</u> Internal County and Subrecipient Programs:	\$ 4,225,000 31%
	\$ 13,533,500 100%