

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Fresno County
Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item # 7

July 13, 2021



KEY OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Provide the Board with highlights regarding the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**
- ✓ Gain the Board's concurrence and/or direction of the advisory committee, prioritization of proposals and next steps

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF ARPA

- Established to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.
- Has some flexibility to help those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

KEY ARPA HIGHLIGHTS

(continued)

- Fresno County will receive **\$194,063,657** in Local Assistance Funding in two installments, spaced one year apart
- Received 1st Tranche of funding on June 17th in the amount of **\$97,031,825.50**
- Funds may cover costs:

March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

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

KEY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Category “B”

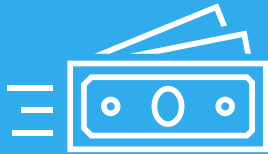


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KEY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

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

KEY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Category “D”



Water and Sewer Infrastructure:

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and storm drain infrastructure



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Board Ad-Hoc Committee 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

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROPOSALS



Category “A”



Public Health / Economic Impacts

\$292.3M Submitted

- On-going response to pandemic after December 31, 2021
- Improving resiliency of public services

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROPOSALS



Category “D”

Infrastructure

\$156.8M Submitted



- Water, Wastewater, and other projects in communities in need and disadvantaged communities throughout the County
- Broadband expansion to County facilities
- Emergency Communication improvements

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROPOSALS

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO DATE
Category “A” Public Health / Economic Impacts	\$292.3M
Category “D” Infrastructure	\$156.8M
Total Current Proposals	\$449.1M
Available Funding	\$194M

Additional Funding in the ARPA of 2021

Assistance to Individuals and Families	\$56.27B
SNAP State Administration	\$1.14B
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Women, Infants, Children (WIC)	\$880M
Pandemic EBT Program Extension	\$5.6B
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	\$37M
Family Violence Prevention and Services	\$450M
Pandemic Emergency Assistance	\$1B
Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs	\$1.4B
Elder Justice Act Programs	\$276M
Family Planning	\$50M
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$5B
Homeless Assistance	\$5B
Education and Childcare	\$211.57B
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)	\$14.99B
Child Care Entitlements to States	\$633M
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$4.5B
Low Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Assistance (LIHW)	\$500M
Head Start	\$1B
National Child Traumatic Stress Network	\$10M
Health	\$86.24B
Emergency Rural Development Grants for Rural Health Care	\$500M
Certified Community Behavior Health Clinic Expansion Grants	\$420M
Youth Suicide Prevention Programs	\$20M
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant	\$1.5B
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1.5B
Community-Based Funding for Local Substance Use Disorder Services	\$30M
Community-Based Funding for Local Behavioral Health Needs	\$50M
Project Aware	\$30M
Community Health Centers	\$7.6B
Public Health Workforce	\$7.66B
Mental and Behavioral Health Training (Health Care Professionals)	\$80M
Grants for Health Care Providers to Promote Mental Health and Behavioral	\$40M
Pediatric Mental Health Care Access	\$80M
Grants to States, Localities, Tribes for Testing	\$47.8B
Grants to States, Localities, Tribes for Vaccines	\$7.5B
Transportation	\$40.16B
Transit Infrastructure Grants	\$30.46B
Relief for Airports	\$8B
Other	\$61.32 B
Disaster Relief Fund	\$50B
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$400M
Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Humanitarian Relief	\$110M
Assistance to FireFighter Grants	\$100M
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants	\$200M
Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$100M
Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$3B
Categorical Grants - Air Pollution	\$50M
Emergency Connectivity Fund (Schools and Libraries)	\$7.17B

KEY DATES

January 27, 2020:

Declaration of public health crisis

March 3, 2021:

Beginning of the recovery fund “Covered Period”

July 16, 2021:

Deadline: Comments on “Interim Rule”

August 31, 2021:

Deadline: *“Interim Report”*

August 31, 2021:

Deadline: *“Recovery Plan Performance Report”*

October 31, 2021:

Deadline: *“Quarterly Project & Expenditure Report”*

December 31, 2024:

Funds must be fully obligated

December 31, 2026:

Funds must be fully spent and all work complete

ACTION PLAN

Advisory Committee's Focus

- Narrow and refine project proposals by end of July
- Provide method(s) for public input on the Draft Recovery Plan
- Return to Board August 24th with “Draft” Recovery Plan for consideration and adoption

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