

# American Rescue Plan Update

November 17, 2021



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# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- President Biden signed the legislation on March 11, 2021
- Provides \$1.9 Trillion in Funding, Program Changes, and Tax Provisions to Aid the Nation's Response and Recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic
  - \$350 billion in direct financial relief for all state and local governments (Fiscal Recovery Funds)



# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- **Raleigh allocated \$73.2M in direct Treasury funding**
  - Presented a phased approach to City Council
  - Council has allocated \$30.6M
  - Remaining allocations of \$42.6M





# Phased Approach

Funding has been phased to address most pressing concerns:

## **Initial Phase** (By August 2021)

- Provide support to agencies assisting disproportionately impacted communities
- Support small businesses and hospitality, including downtown revitalization
- Begin identifying revenue loss and eligible uses of funding

## **Phase Two** (six-nine months)

- Identify, review, and prioritize operational and capital needs
- Identify, review, and prioritize funding gaps for community needs

## **Phase Three** (12 months plus)

- Reassess revenue loss calculation and eligible uses of funding
- Reassess operational and capital needs
- Reassess community needs





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# Prior Funding Allocations

Amount	Initiative
\$2.0	Human service non-profit agency support
\$0.65	City Plaza improvements
\$0.2	Downtown activation grant (w/DRA)
\$0.25	Downtown economic development study (w/DRA)
\$0.2	Social Services Ambassador (w/DRA)
\$5.5m	Economic Recovery
\$10.0m	Housing/Homelessness
\$10.0m	Community Health
\$0.5m	Raleigh Main Street Program (w/DRA)

•Two positions to oversee federal grant compliance





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# Engagement & Partnerships

- Conducted meetings with departments across the organization, identifying 180+ ideas, including key themes:
  - Downtown revitalization
  - Economic/small business support
  - Housing/homelessness
  - Hospitality support
  - Public/mental health
  - Human Services/grants
  - PPE/Internal COR Improvements
  - Infrastructure
    - Transportation
    - Transit
    - Recreation
    - Social
    - Environmental/sustainability
    - Water & Sewer
    - Broadband
- Meeting with Wake County to discuss potential partnerships
- Meeting with community organizations



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# Phase 2 - Project Categories

## **Economic Recovery**

- Small business support
- Downtown revitalization
- Workforce development
- Hospitality support
- Parking

## **Housing/Homelessness**

- Affordable Housing
- Emergency Shelter

## **Community Health**

- Mental health
- Food security
- Urban agriculture
- Health initiatives

## **Transit**

- Sidewalks Connections
- Greenway Connections

## **Infrastructure**

- Broadband
- Environmental/Sustainability
- Recreation
- Arts
- Transportation
- Water/Sewer/Stormwater



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# Phase Two Funding

- Economic Recovery
  - Recommend \$5.0m partnership with Carolina Small Business Development Fund
    - City Council previously awarded \$1.0m in May 2020
    - Propose to award in two phases (2021 & 2022)
  - Recommend \$500,000 to install a public seating platform in the public right-of-way to convert public spaces into vibrant community spaces
- Affordable Housing/Homelessness
  - HouseWake! continues to assist with short-term rental assistance through \$25.6m in ERA funding
  - Recommend \$10.0m for strategic acquisition of affordable housing



September 14  
City Council Meeting





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# Phase Two Funding

- Community Health
  - Recommend issuing an RFP to solicit “large scale” proposals on how the City could partner to support with initial allocation up to \$10.0 million
  - Minimum award of \$500,000
  - Seeks partnerships to expand community health initiatives around mental health, food security and assistance for those disproportionately impacted by pandemic



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# Moving Forward

- City Council Committees
  - Work with committees to develop specific projects/programs for future allocations
  - Aligns with Strategic Plan
- Community Engagement
  - Staff are available to present at district meetings or any community meeting
  - Plan to host a large-scale community meeting
  - Creating a digital engagement simulation to gather feedback
  - ARPA Website is live!



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# Moving Forward

<https://raleighnc.gov/services/grants-and-funding/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa-funding>



## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

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# Moving Forward

## American Rescue Plan - City of Raleigh

You have available recovery dollars



### Where the Money Goes



### Spending

Economic Recovery: \$6.8m	>
Housing/Homelessness: \$10.0m	>
Community Health: \$11.0m	>
Infrastructure: \$0	>
Transit: \$0	>

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Reset all to start over

# Questions?

