

County Administrative Office

American Rescue Plan Act: The County's Road to Recovery

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Vision for Recovery and Transformation

Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) creates an unprecedented opportunity to not only rebuild from the pandemic, but to immediately invest in transformative public service projects that would otherwise remain far into the future:

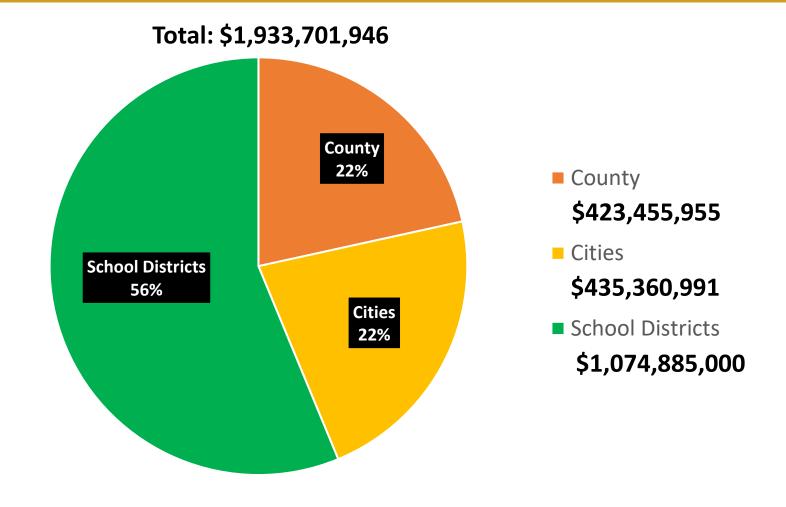
- **Pandemic Response** To ensure that we continue to support our COVID-19 response efforts which includes testing and vaccination services as well as address Public Health disparities in our community.
- **Economic Recovery** Data-driven economic development strategy and investments in technology and community infrastructure.
- **Government Operations** Public service system improvements, technology-driven innovations aimed at efficiency, and neighborhood-level amenities.

Goals for Today

Overview of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and allocations to the County, Cities and School Districts
Local Recovery Fund Spending Proposal- Four year plan (\$423.5 million)
Review State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund parameters
Seek Board input and approval of spending in key areas: • Pandemic Response • Economic Recovery • Government Operations

☐ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) District Specific Priorities

Estimated American Rescue Act Funding



American Rescue Plan Act

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All States and Local Governments	\$	360,000,000,000
State of C	California	
California (State)	\$	26,614,641,093
California (Counties)	\$	7,663,152,218
California (Cities)	\$	8,356,006,112
California (Total)	\$	42,633,799,422

San Bernardino County		
County	\$	423,455,955
Cities	\$	435,360,991
School Districts	\$	1,074,885,000
San Bernardino County (Total)	\$	1,933,701,946

San Bernardino County CDBG Cities		
Apple Valley	\$	14,875,333
Chino	\$	14,003,707
Chino Hills	\$	10,392,935
Fontana	\$	52,337,523
Hesperia	\$	25,475,469
Ontario	\$	46,480,231
Rancho Cucamonga	\$	25,629,074
Rialto	\$	30,269,489
San Bernardino	\$	84,899,600
Upland	\$	15,921,778
Victorville	\$	34,346,136
Total CDBG Cities	\$	354,631,276

Adelanto	\$ 6,408,979
Barstow	\$ 4,501,475
Big Bear Lake	\$ 993,656
Colton	\$ 10,319,417
Grand Terrace	\$ 2,368,662
Highland	\$ 10,431,037
Loma Linda	\$ 4,608,200
Montclair	\$ 7,544,747
Needles	\$ 936,623
Redlands	\$ 13,460,756
Twentynine Palms	\$ 4,907,671
Yucaipa	\$ 10,149,447
Yucca Valley	\$ 4,099,043
Total Non-Entitlement Cities	\$ 80,729,715

Non-Entitlement Cities

Estimated	School District Funding	
Adelanto Elementary School (District	\$26,304,000
Alta Loma Elementary School	District	\$5,383,000
Apple Valley Unified School D	District	\$41,800,000
Baker Valley Unified School D	istrict	\$537,000
Barstow Unified School Distric	ct	\$30,884,000
Bear Valley Unified School Dis	strict	\$5,391,000
Central Elementary School Dis	strict	\$7,785,000
Chaffey Joint Union High Scho	ool Distric	\$38,169,000
Chino Valley Unified School D	istrict	\$40,636,000
Colton Joint Unified School Di	strict	\$61,018,000

Estimated School District Funding, continued	d
Cucamonga Elementary School District	\$6,219,000
Etiwanda Elementary School District	\$10,679,000
Fontana Unified School District	\$101,817,000
Helendale Elementary School District	\$1,029,000
Hesperia Unified School District	\$68,694,000
Lucerne Valley Unified School District	\$4,672,000
Morongo Unified School District	\$23,809,000
Mountain View Elementary School District	\$3,120,000
Needles Unified School District	\$4,171,000
Ontario-Montclair School District	\$67,415,000

Estimated School District Funding, continu	ed
Redlands Unified School District	\$32,896,000
Rialto Unified School District	\$73,265,000
Rim of the World Unified School District	\$9,964,000
San Bernardino City Unified School District	\$253,725,000
Silver Valley Unified School District	\$3,916,000
Snowline Joint Unified School District	\$14,035,000
Trona Joint Unified School District	\$918,000
Upland Unified School District	\$18,856,000
Victor Elementary School District	\$44,951,000
Victor Valley Union High School District	\$56,926,000
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School Dist	\$15,901,000
Total School Districts Estimate	\$1,074,885,000

(\$160 million)

Pandemic Response-\$80 million

Year 1

- \$20.0M Homeless Services & Housing
- \$60.0M Testing, Vaccines, and Department Response

Economic Recovery-\$40 million

- \$15.0M Economic Development Strategy
- \$25.0M Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements
 - Broadband
 - Water/Sewer

Government Ops-\$40 million

- \$17.0M County System Improvement
 - Pandemic Based Tech
 - Innovation/Efficiency
 - o Service Delivery
 - Enhancements \$20.0M - Strategic Board Projects
- \$3.0M Administration

Year 2 (\$160 million)

Economic Recovery-\$80 million

- \$5.0M Economic Development Strategy
- \$75.0M Key Strategic Infrastructure Improvements
 - Broadband
 - Water/Sewer
 - Other Pandemic Response
 Infrastructure Needs

Pandemic Response-\$40 million

- \$20.0M Homeless Services & Housing
- \$20.0M Testing, Vaccines, and Department Response

Government Ops-\$40 million

- \$3.0M County System Improvements
 - Digital Transformation Hub
- \$20.0M Strategic Board Projects
 - \$10.0M Strategic Business Partnerships
- \$4.0M "After Action" Planning Improvements
- \$3.0M Administration

Year 3 (\$75 million)

Government Ops-\$40 million

- \$14.0M County System Improvements
- \$13.0M "After Action" Planning Improvements
- \$10.0M Strategic Board Projects
- \$3.0M Administration

Economic Recovery-\$25 million

- \$25.0M Key Strategic
 Infrastructure Improvements
 - Broadband
 - Water/Sewer
 - Other Pandemic Response
 Infrastructure Needs

Pandemic Response-\$10 million

- \$5.0M Homeless Services & Housing
- \$5.0M Testing, Vaccines, and Department Response

Year 4 (6 months) (\$28.5 million)

Economic Recovery-\$10 million

- \$10.0M Key Strategic
 Infrastructure Improvements
 - o Broadband
 - Water/Sewer

Government Ops-\$10 million

- \$3.0M "After Action" Planning Improvements
- \$5.0M Strategic Board Projects
- \$2.0M Administration

Pandemic Response-\$8.5 million

- \$5.0M Homeless Services & Housing
- \$3.5M Testing, Vaccines, & Department Response

American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Broad Parameters

General Allowances

- Support the Public Health Response
- Address Negative Economic Impacts
- Provide Premium Pay to Eligible Workers Whose Duties Caused Them to Face Heightened Risk During the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
- Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

Timeline

- Obligated between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024
- Must be spent (cash out the door) by December 31, 2026

"Interim" Final Rule

- Treasury is accepting comments on the guidelines through July 9, 2021
- Final Guidelines Anticipated Shortly After

American Rescue Plan Act Guidelines for Pandemic Response Spending

Homeless Services & Housing

Funds can be used to...

ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES

Services for populations disproportionately impacted by the public health emergency may include (but are not limited to):

- Services to address homelessness such as supportive housing, and to improve access to stable, affordable housing among unhoused individuals
- Affordable housing development to increase the supply of affordable living units
- **Community health workers** to help residents access health services and resources that address social determinants of health
- Public benefits navigators that help residents navigate and apply for federal, state and local public benefits or services
- Housing services that support healthy living environments and neighborhoods
- Childhood health or welfare, including childcare, home visits by health professionals, parent educators and social service professionals, and services for child welfare-involved families and youth

Testing, Vaccines, & Department Response

Funds can be used to...

PREVENT AND MITIGATE COVID-19

A broad range of services and programming for prevention and response to COVID-10 are allowed, such as (but are not limited to):

- Vaccination programs, including staffing, equipment, supplies, facilities and administrative expenses
- Testing, Monitoring and contact tracing
- Supporting isolation and quarantine
- Paid sick and family leave to public employees related to COVID-19 compliance
- Public health surveillance and data system enhancement
- Enforcing public health orders
- Emergency Medical Response
- Communication efforts related to vaccination programs and public health orders
- Purchasing PPE and Disinfectant

American Rescue Plan Act Guidelines for Economic Recovery Spending

Strategic Infrastructure

Funds can be used for...

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Broadband projects should focus on:

- Unserved or underserved households, defined as households/communities with speeds below 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload
- Eligible projects are expected to meet or exceed symmetrical upload and download speeds of 100 Mbps, with some minor exceptions when those requirement cannot be met.

WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

Guidelines align eligible uses with the wide range of projects that are eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Drinking Water SRF, such as:

- Projects to construct, improve and repair wastewater treatment plants
- Control **non-point sources** of pollution
- Improve resilience of infrastructure to sever weather threats
- Create green infrastructure
- **Protect waterbodies** from pollution
- Installation and replacement of failing treatment and distribution systems

Economic Development Strategy

Funds can be used ...

TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAMS

Counties may use funds to improve efficacy of programs addressing negative economic impacts, including through:

- Use of data analysis
- Targeted consumer outreach
- Improvements to data or technology infrastructure
- Impact evaluations

FOR SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT SUPPORT

Local governments may provide assistance to small businesses to adopt safer operating procedures, weather periods of closure or mitigate financial hardship, including:

- Loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship or prevent COVID-19
- Technical assistance, counseling, or other services with business planning needs

FOR AID TO IMPACTED INDUSTRIES

Funds may be used to aid tourism, travel, hospitality, and other impacted industries that responds to the negative economic impact of the public health emergency, such as:

- Implement COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures
- Improvement to ventilation, physical barriers
- Signage to facilitate social distancing
- Provision of PPE
- Activities that support safe reopening
- Planned expansion or upgrade of facilities delayed due to the pandemic

American Rescue Plan Act Guidelines for Government Operations Spending

County System Improvements

Funds can be used to...

IMPROVE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Funding to improve programs addressing the public health emergency through planning and analysis, may include (but is not limited to):

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IMPROVE EFFICACY OF PROGRAMS

Currently being evaluated by the Treasury, but per the guidelines eligible costs include:

Administrative costs associated with the recipient's COVID-19 public health emergency assistance programs, including services responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, that are not federally funded.

American Rescue Plan Act District Specific Priorities Program

Purpose

- Each District has been uniquely impacted by the pandemic
- Needs in infrastructure and investment vary by region
- Allow each District the ability to focus investments where priorities identified

Program

- District Specific Priorities Program provides a total allocation of \$55 million that individual Supervisors can prioritize the spending of on projects and needs within their district
 - Approximately \$11 million allocated per Supervisorial District

Parameter Recommendations

- Investments should target projects and needs that are within the ARPA guidelines
- Projects or investments should target a minimum cost of \$250,000 to a maximum of \$11 million
- The ARPA Administration team will handle contracting and efforts to secure and manage expenditures
- All proposed Projects will be brought back for full Board approval

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Recommendation

- Approve the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Spending Plan in the amount of up to \$423,455.955 for the period of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024 to support the COVID-19 response
- Direct the CEO to present any changes transferring allocations between categories identified within the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Spending Plan to the Board of Supervisors as part of the Quarterly Budget Report Update