



**COUNTY** *of* **VENTURA**

# American Rescue Plan Act



**Spending Plan Update**

**April 26, 2022**

# ARPA Background



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

# ARPA Background

## State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) - \$164M

- Direct funding to County
  - First \$82M payment received June 2021
  - Second \$82M payment anticipated Summer 2022
- Obligate by Dec 31, 2024; Spend by Dec 31, 2026
- Respond to social & economic impacts from COVID-19
- Focus on disadvantaged communities & equitable recovery
- Approx. \$140M in direct funding to cities & \$160M to schools in the County
- BOS Updates Oct 5, 2021 & Nov 16, 2021



# County Goals & Implementation

## GOALS

- Public Health: Suppress Further Spread Of COVID-19
- Stimulate Economic Recovery
- Infrastructure
- Board Priorities
  - Mental Health
  - Housing/Homelessness
  - Sustainability

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Promote equitable outcomes
- Data-driven strategies
- Leverage community partnerships
- Outreach for diverse stakeholder input (social media engagement, public comment, etc.)
- Internal collaboration on program implementation

# Board Priorities - ARPA

- Measured approach, one-time projects, maximize funding
- Public Health & Mental Health
- Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
- Homelessness & Housing
- Infrastructure Needs
- Early Learning Initiatives/Childcare
- Economic Recovery
- Parks & Recreation Capital Improvements
- Disadvantaged Communities in the County UA
- Arts Community
- General Plan Programs



# Accomplishments & Updates

- Board Approved Projects - \$5.7M
  - Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant | Mesa Transitional Housing | MBCRG Administration
- Direct engagement with Community Based Organizations
  - Ventura County Economic Development Collaborative (EDC)
  - First 5 Ventura County (F5VC)
  - Ventura County Taxpayers Association (VCTA)
  - Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) hosted call with 49 CBOs
  - Ventura County Economic Vitality Strategic Plan (EVSP) Committee with 21 CBOs including cities
- Issued a “Call for Projects” for County agencies
- Established the SLFRF Advisory Team to assist the CEO with ARPA process
- Launched the County’s ARPA Website & Public Survey
  - Digital and physical materials available in both English and Spanish
  - 254 total surveys completed, 63 from CBOs, as of Apr 21, 2022
  - ARPA info sent to 140,000+ community members in English and Spanish in County e-newsletter
- Dept of Treasury Updates
  - Final Rule released – Jan 6, 2022
  - Updated Compliance & Reporting Guidance – Feb 28, 2022
  - Required quarterly ARPA reports to Treasury submitted on time
- Continuing to identify potential opportunities
- Coordination, oversight, and management of the SLFRF award by the CEO



# Community Engagement

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## American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law in March 2021, is a federally approved stimulus plan that provides \$350 billion of stimulus funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill. It supports an equitable economic recovery from the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The share expected to be received by the County of Ventura is approximately \$164.3 million. For more information about the American Rescue Plan Act, please see Treasury guidance [here](#).

### Take the community survey by May 1, 2022

The County of Ventura wants to hear from community organizations and community members about how the County should prioritize using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The County's Board of Supervisors will consider community feedback as community projects are funded.

[Click here to complete the community survey - English](#)

[Haga clic aquí para completar la encuesta comunitaria - Español](#)

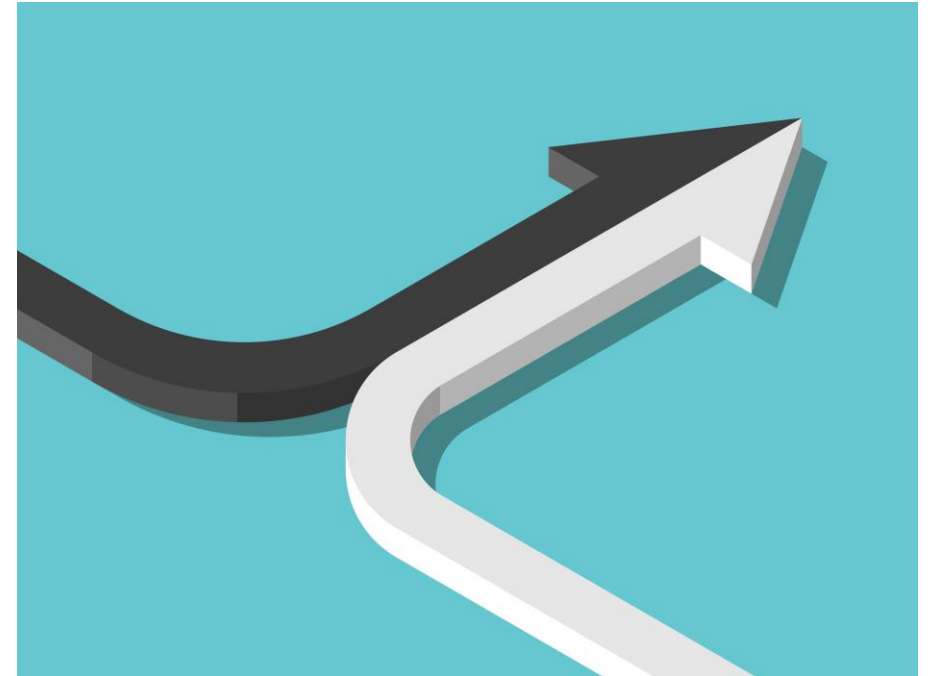


# Strategy & Funding – Parallel Path

*Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework...*

*...Balanced Against Immediate Opportunities*

- Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework
  - Board priorities
  - Surveys & CBO engagement
  - Other potential sources of funding
- Evaluation of SLFRF Funding Requests
  - Treasury guidance & requirements
  - Eligibility, compliance, performance
- Immediate Funding Opportunities
  - Piru WWD #16 Water Treatment Project
  - Mesa Transitional Housing
  - State Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program (MCRGB) Administration



# Conceptual SLFRF Funding Plan – Nov 6, 2021

Category	Tranche 1 Funding (\$M)	Tranche 2 Funding (\$M)	Comments
<b>Public Health Expenses</b>	<b>5.0</b>		<b>Potential ongoing COVID mitigation costs</b>
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	<b>10.0</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Homeless/Housing</b>	<b>10.0</b>		
Project Homekey*	5.0	To Be Determined	*Not State Homekey, CEO to solicit opportunities
Other Projects	5.0		TBD
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>20.0</b>		
Piru Wastewater Desalination Project	4.0		Supplement expiring State Grant
Oxnard Family Justice Center	1.0		Cost share with Oxnard and the State
Other Projects	15.0		Lewis Rd, El Rio, Nyeland Acres
<b>Other Capital Projects</b>	<b>25.0</b>		<b>Public Safety Radio Upgrade</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>12.0</b>		<b>Contingency, other projects</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 82.0</b>	<b>\$ 82.0</b>	

# SLFRF Recommendation Summary – Apr 26, 2022

Category	BOS Approved (\$M)	Recommend to Reserve (\$M)	Total Funded (\$M)	Comments
<b>Public Health Expenses</b>	-	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	-	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	
<b>Homeless/Housing</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>18.7</b>	Approved \$2.2M includes IHSS \$1.7M
<b>Water/Sewer/Broadband</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
<b>Public Safety Infrastructure</b>	-	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	
<b>Contingency</b>	-	-	-	
<b>Total SLFRF Approved/Reserved</b>	<b>\$ 7.4</b>	<b>\$ 65.3</b>	<b>\$ 72.7</b>	
<b>Total Est SLFRF Allocation</b>			<b>\$ 164.3</b>	
<b>Est Available SLFRF Funds</b>			<b>\$ 91.6</b>	

# SLFRF Recommendation Detail – Apr 26, 2022

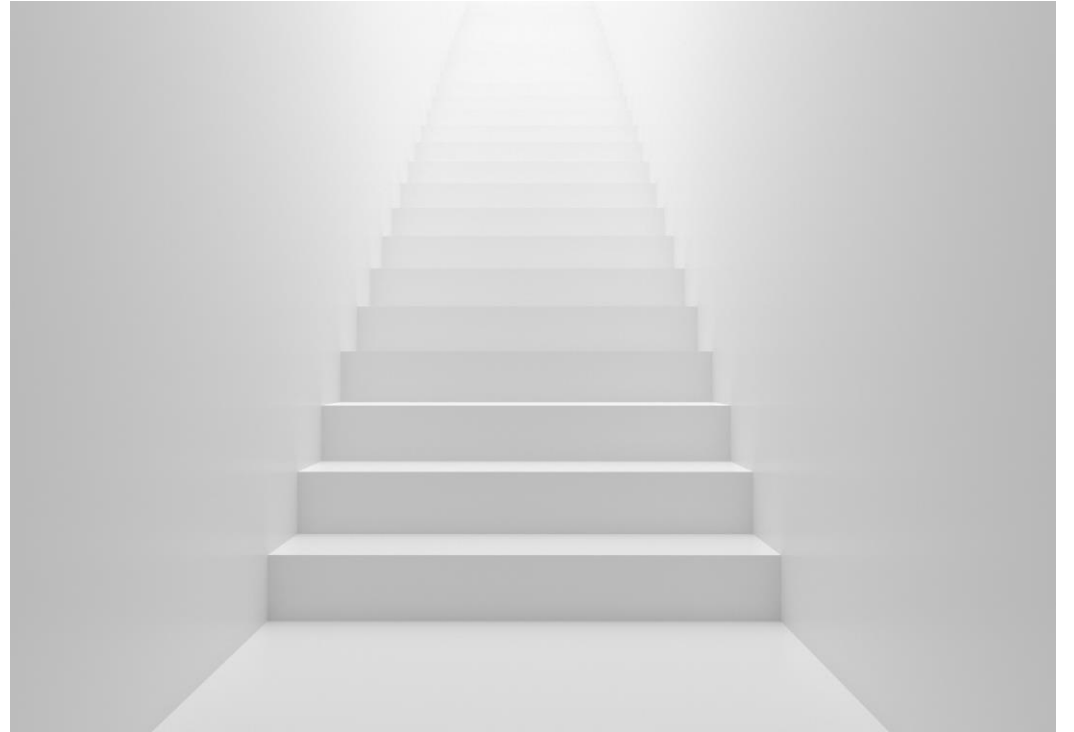
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East County Crisis Stabilization Unit	-	7.0	7.0	Site acquisition and construction
Oxnard Family Justice Center	-	2.0	2.0	Match to City of Oxnard commitment
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	-	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	
Lewis Road Campus Development	-	15.0	15.0	Multiple site and facility improvements
<b>Homeless/Housing</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
Mesa Transitional Housing	1.2	-	1.2	Supplement State Homekey funding
Transitional & Other Supportive Housing	-	3.8	3.8	Site acquisition and construction
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>18.7</b>	
State Microbusiness Grant Program	0.5	-	0.5	County administration of CA MBCRG program
Community Park Improvements	-	10.0	10.0	Nyeland Acres CC and Saticoy Park
Healthy Childhood Environments	-	3.5	3.5	Early childhood learning and support
Economic Vitality	-	3.0	3.0	Business programming, training, and support
IHSS Provider Payment	1.7	-	1.7	Confirm \$250 One-Time Payment approved Jul, 27 2021 funded by ARPA

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Water Purveyor Needs Assessment		1.0	1.0	Small community purveyors needs/risk analysis
<b>Public Safety Infrastructure</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	
Public Safety Information System	-	20.0	20.0	Integrated criminal justice system upgrade
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
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# Next Steps

- Return to Board Summer 2022
- Continue to monitor legislation
- Review survey results due May 1
- Identify additional opportunities to recommend for funding
- Continued engagement with the community
- Continued guidance & direction from your Board





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**Questions?**