



COUNTY *of* **VENTURA**

American Rescue Plan Act



Funding Plan Update

October 11, 2022

ARPA Background



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



**Coronavirus
State and Local
Fiscal Recovery Funds**

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) - \$164.3M

- Direct funding to County
 - First \$82M payment received June 2021
 - Second \$82M payment received June 2022
- Obligate by Dec 31, 2024; Spend by Dec 31, 2026
- Respond to social & economic impacts from, or made worse by, COVID-19
- Focus on disadvantaged and impacted communities & equitable recovery
- Approx. \$140M in direct funding to cities & \$160M to schools in the County



County Goals & Implementation

GOALS

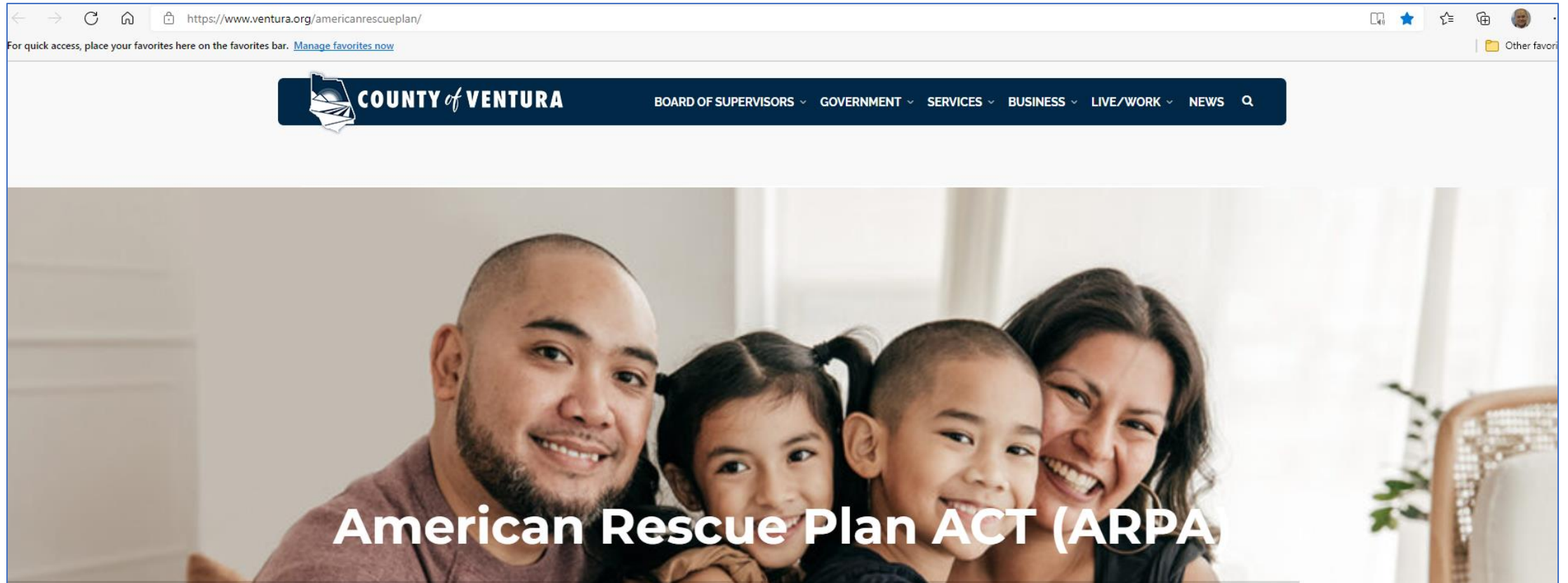
- Public Health: Suppress Further Spread Of COVID-19
- Stimulate Economic Recovery
- Infrastructure
- Board Priorities
 - Mental Health
 - Housing/Homelessness
 - Sustainability

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

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](#)

Milestones & Updates

February 2022

- Feb 4 – Internal “Call for Projects”
- Feb 11 – Econ Vitality Committee
- Feb 17 – 1st SLFRF Advisory Team
- Feb 18 – Outreach with VCTA
- Feb 28 – ARPA Website & Survey

April 2022

- Apr 7 – SLFRF Scorecard w/ DEI
- Apr 7 – SLFRF w/ VC Library
- Apr 26 – BOS Meeting
 - Approve set aside of \$65.3M
- Quarterly Report to Treasury

June 2022

- Jun 2 – Meet w/ CPEHN
- Jun 23 – Meet #1 w/ CSUCI
- Continued review of Survey Results
- Continued review of Call for Projects
- Refinement of Prioritization

August 2022 – Present

- Review & refinement of criteria internally and w/ EY
- Aug 3 – Meet #2 w/ CSUCI
- Aug 10 – Updated Treasury Guidance
- Refine & Finalize Recommended Project List

- Mar 4 – SLFRF w/ CBO’s including Complete County Committee
- Mar 16 – SLFRF Advisory Team
 - Review Draft Project Matrix
 - April Report Back Strategy
- Ongoing review of “Call for Projects” results and Public Survey results

March 2022

- May 1 – Public Survey closed
 - 602 Responses
 - 628 Total Responses
- May 31 – Call for Projects
 - 55 Responses by Mar 11
 - 88 Total Responses

May 2022

- Jul 14 – Meet w/ EDC
- Jul 27 – Meet w/ Ventura College
- Jul 29 – Meet w/ Legal Aid Contact
- Continued work on Prioritization
- Annual Recovery Plan & Quarterly Report to Treasury

July 2022

Accomplishments

- **Board Approved Projects - \$11.29M**
 - Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - \$4M
 - EDC Business Technical Assistance & Training - \$3.25M
 - IHSS Premium Payment - \$1.7M
 - Mesa Transitional Housing | Homekey - \$1.2M
 - Casa Pacifica Transitional Housing | Homekey - \$640k
 - State Microbusiness Grant Program Administration Costs - \$500k
- **Continued engagement with Community Based Organizations**
 - California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPHEN)
 - California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI)
 - Ventura College (VCCCD)
 - Women's Economic Ventures (WEV)
 - Housing Trust Fund Ventura County (HTFVC) & Ventura County Housing Coalition (VCHC)
- **Issued, analyzed, and review "Call for Projects" from County agencies**
- **Conducted the Public Survey**
 - Digital and physical materials available in both English and Spanish with assistance from Complete Count Committee
 - 628 total surveys completed
 - 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
- **Continued to identify potential opportunities**
- **Coordination, oversight, and management of the SLFRF award by the CEO**

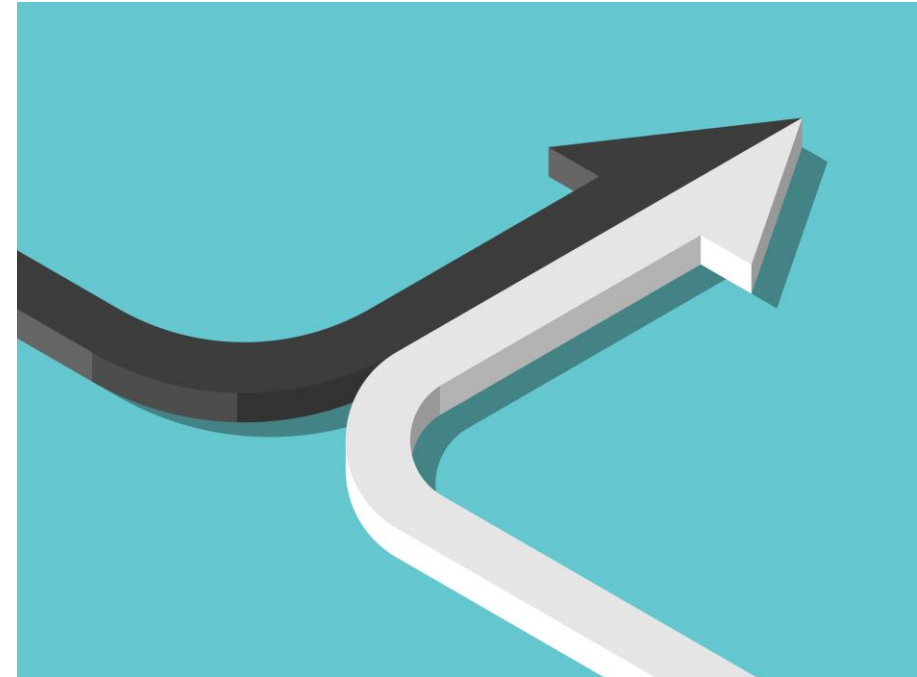


Strategy & Funding – Parallel Path

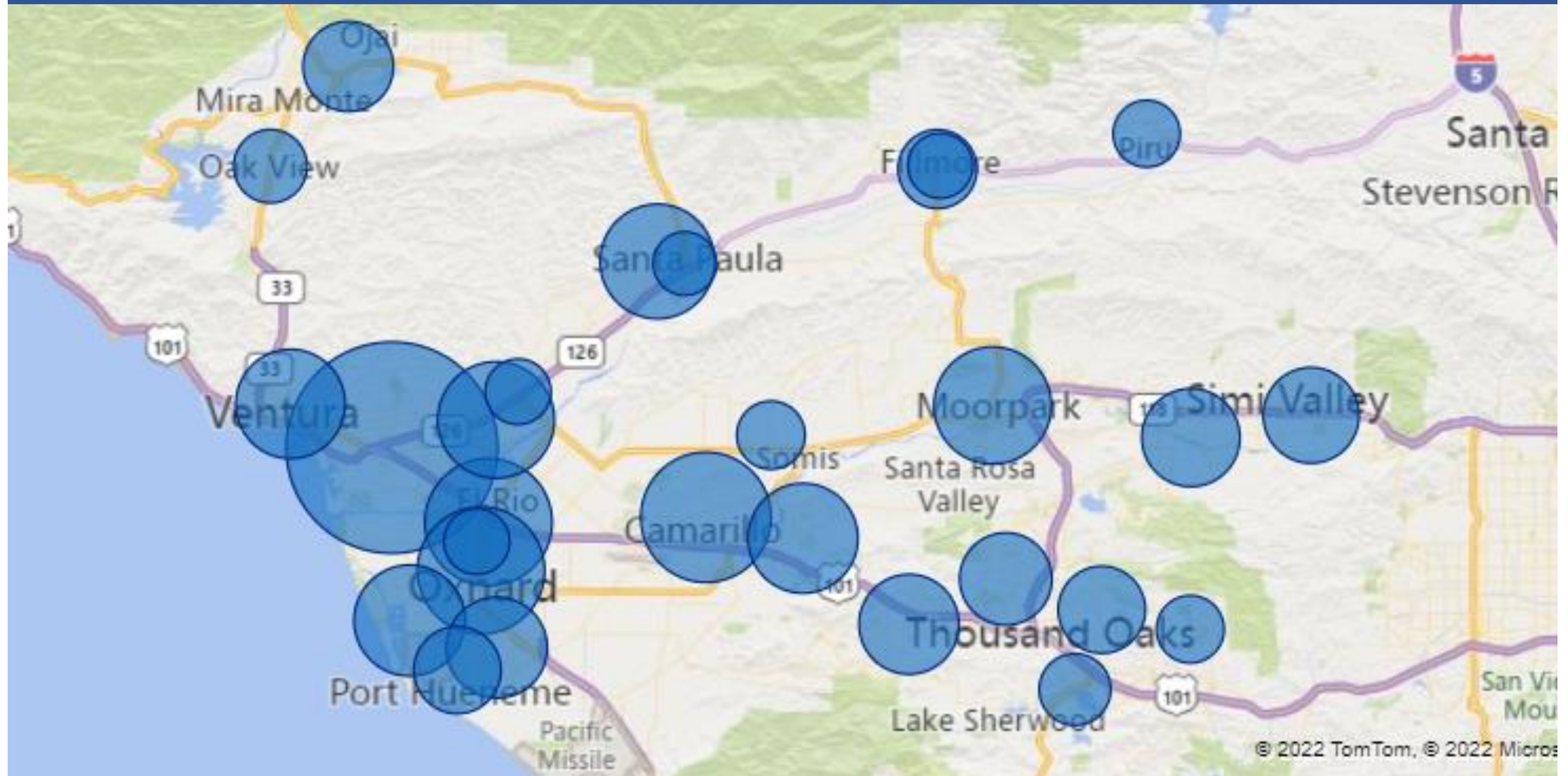
Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework...

...Balanced Against Immediate Opportunities

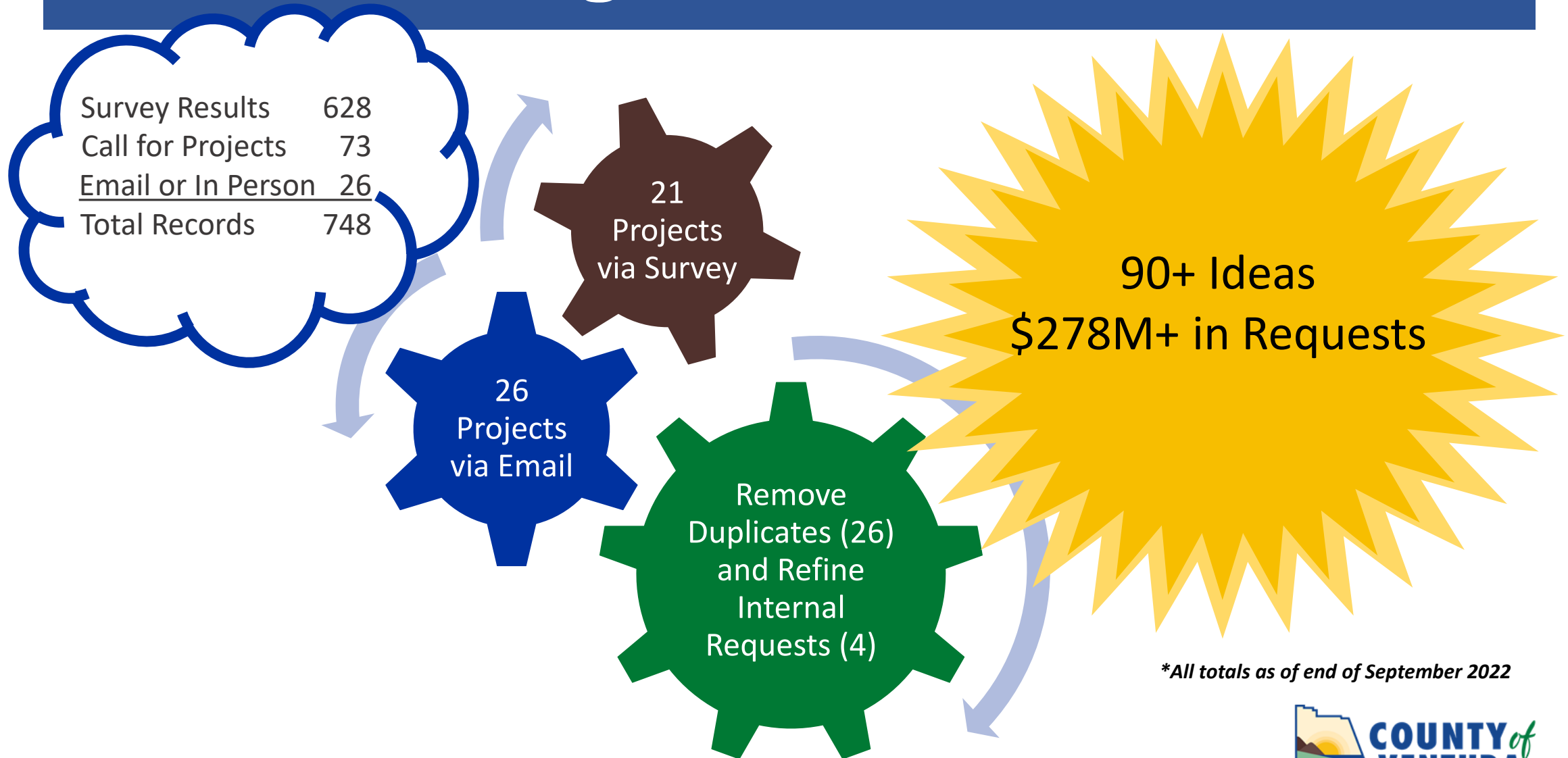
- Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework
 - Board priorities
 - Surveys & CBO engagement
 - Other potential sources of funding
- Evaluation of SLFRF Funding Requests
 - Treasury guidance & requirements
 - Eligibility, compliance, performance
- Immediate Funding Opportunities
 - Piru WWD #16 Water Treatment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



Reviewing the Results - Survey



Reviewing the Results - Ideas



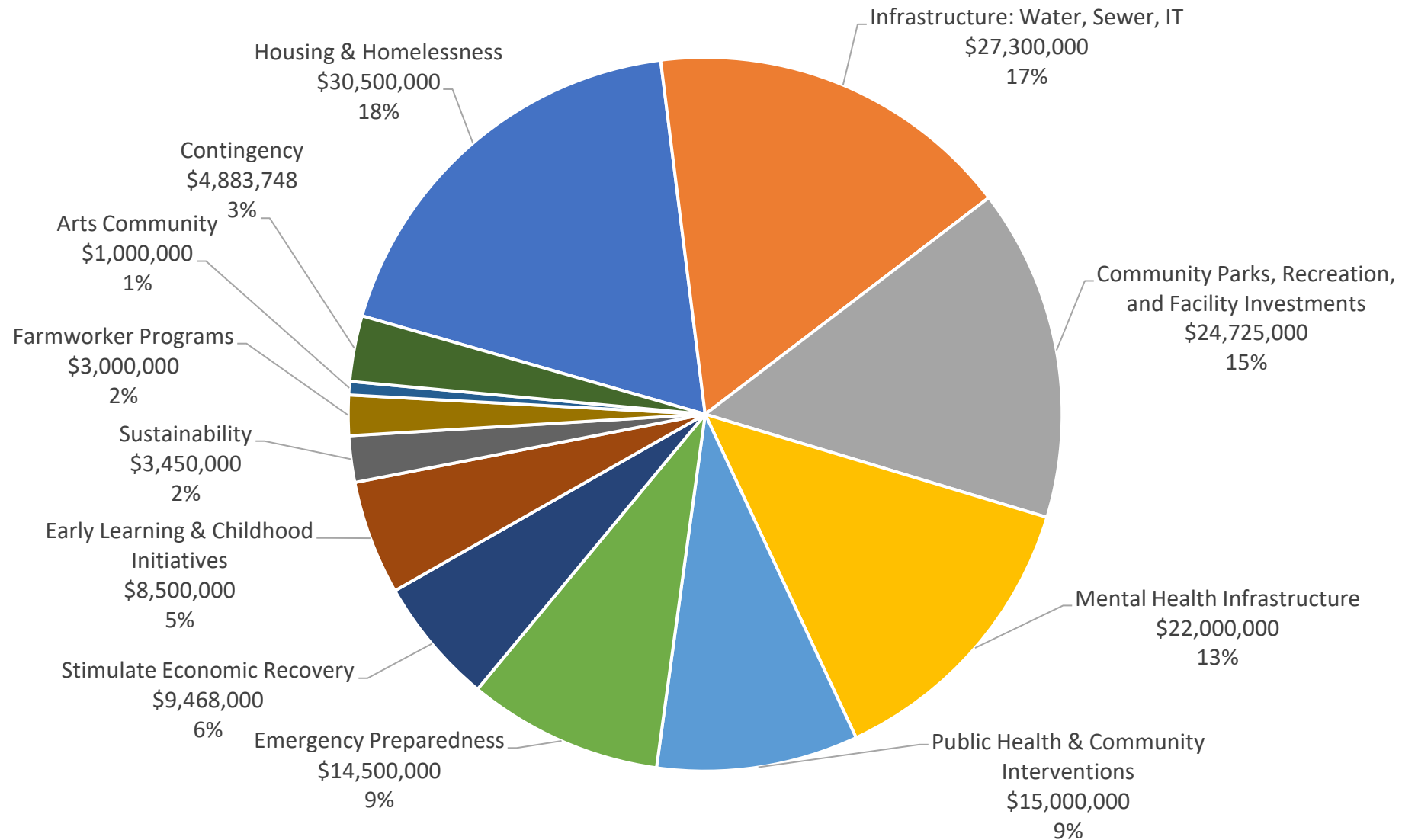
**All totals as of end of September 2022*

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



SLFRF Recommended Funding Plan





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Additional Slides as Needed

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Priority	Project Name	Project Description	BOS Approved	Amount
Housing & Homelessness - \$30,500,000	Affordable Housing Construction & Loan Capital	Acquisition and construction of properties to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Capital to provide both short-term bridge financing and long-term loan capital for affordable housing projects		15,000,000
	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Facility Investments	Supports the development and operations of permanent supportive housing, bridge housing, recuperative care centers, and other homeless services at two (2) County owned properties		7,500,000
	Project Homekey - Transitional & Other Supportive Housing	Funding to support the CEO Community Development Division work with external/internal partners to operationalize housing programs via Project HomeKey. Board approved \$5M for this use on April 26, 2022 with \$1,840,000 obligated to date for two (2) HomeKey funded projects (1) Mesa Independent Living (2) Casa Pacifica; Remaining Balance of \$3.16M		3,160,000
	Ventura College Affordable Student Housing Complex	Support Ventura College's initiative to provide on-campus affordable housing to disadvantaged students. This funding compliments the approx. \$65 million provided to VCCCD by the State		3,000,000
	Mesa Independent Living - Homekey	Match to State Homekey Funds to acquire property, rehabilitate the existing structure on property, and construct tiny homes to provide transitional housing for transitional aged youth (TAY) (ages 18-24). Board approved SLFRF for project on Dec 14, 2021	X	1,200,000
	Casa Pacifica - Homekey	Match to State Homekey Funds to rehabilitate three existing structures at Casa Pacifica at Lewis Road complex to provide transitional housing for transitional aged youth (TAY) (ages 18-24). Board approved SLFRF for project on Apr 26, 2022	X	640,000

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Infrastructure: Water, Sewer, IT - \$27,300,000	Integration Pubic Safety Information System Upgrade	Integrated public safety initiative led by the County's Information Technology Services Department (ITSD) to address a critical countywide information system in need of upgrade. The current system resides on outdated and aging architecture that is no longer vendor supported, and modernization of the platform would provide enhance data sharing capabilities, operational efficiencies, and reduce the risk of technology obsolescence. In addition, a centralized reporting platform would allow for improved data analysis utilized for program monitoring and performance management of department operations. These capabilities would provide visibility into outcomes at key decision points during the criminal justice lifecycle and allow complex interagency issues, such as reductions in recidivism, to be addressed		20,000,000
	Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Construction of tertiary treatment facilities to remove high salt content from wastewater. These upgrades help improve the water quality of the effluent for meeting State WDR order. Board approved \$4M in SLFRF for project on Nov 16, 2021 and PWA anticipates additional \$1M in funding needed due to changes in design	X	5,000,000
	Channel Islands Harbor Water Quality Projects	Match to City of Oxnard SLFRF funding of \$1.3M to conduct water quality feasibility studies and mitigation activities in the Channel Islands Harbor area		1,300,000
	Countywide Water Purveyor Needs Assessment	Conduct needs and condition assessment of water purveyors for smaller community-based water systems throughout the County		1,000,000

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Community Parks, Recreation, and Facility Investments - \$24,725,000	Rebuild Animal Resource Center	Funding to support the rebuilding and revitalization of the County Animal Services facility. The total project is estimated to cost more than the \$10M being recommended from SLFRF and this funding would support and augment additional funding sources to complete the project		10,000,000
	Nyeland Acres Community Center & Saticoy Park Improvements	Rehabilitation and remodel of two (2) County owned park and recreation properties in the communities of Nyeland Acres and Saticoy. Funding for Nyeland to support \$5.5M in funding recently awarded from the State		10,000,000
	Ojai Valley Trail Improvements	Repave & expansion of the 9.5 miles of the OVT which has not been resurfaced in almost 40 years. Work includes expansion of the trail from 8' to 10' where feasible, all spot repair and base stabilization, as well as 1.5" of pavement overlay. Hazard tree mitigation, root management and fence repair are also included		3,125,000
	Jose Flores Passive Park	Acquisition of two (2) parcels adjacent to center and development into a passive use park and new outdoor park connecting to the Jose Flores Community Center		1,000,000
	Warring Park Playground Replacement	Replacement of playground equipment with new ADA accessible play equipment		250,000
	Santa Paula Boys & Girls Club Restroom Remodel	The Santa Paula location serves the youth of Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru and the project would consist of remodeling the antiquated boy's and girl's restrooms which are heavily utilized by the youth from the various communities		250,000
	Santa Paula Community Center Enhancements	The community center is at the heart of the City and supports youth, seniors and in some cases our homeless population as the location serves as a "designated cooling center", Red Cross Center and Emergency Shelter and food distribution location for over 120 seniors daily. The restrooms, lobby and auditorium need significant upgrades. The City has invested over \$100,000 to install an emergency generator at this critical location which will be installed as soon as late 2022 or early 2023		100,000

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Mental Health Infrastructure - \$22,000,000	Lewis Road Campus Development	Multiple projects and improvements at the County's 55-acre Lewis Road Campus including water system and interconnectivity improvements, monumentation, traffic signal, transit center, and other site rehabilitation and development		15,000,000
	East County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	Site acquisition and tenant improvements for an East County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) to better serve the communities in the eastern regions of Ventura County		7,000,000

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Public Health & Community Interventions - \$15,000,000	Oxnard Family Justice Center	Site acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction for a Family Justice Center within the community of Oxnard. The funding matches the March 29, 2022 funding commitment of \$2M by the City of Oxnard towards the project. The Board initially approved a reserve of \$2M for the project on April 26, 2022 but due to more information and scope the request SLFRF has been increased		5,000,000
	Equipment Acquisitions for VCMC	Funding to purchase various needed medical equipment including a new MRI machine and Robotic machine & bed for the Ventura County Medical Center		3,500,000
	The Ventura County Community Information Exchange (CIE)	The Ventura County Community Information Exchange (CIE) is an integrated system of care that promotes cross-sector partnerships, client and resource data sharing, and real-time care coordination to improve population health. The CIE system supports individuals or families as they progress through the Ventura County social service delivery system towards their goals and better quality of life. Using a collaborative approach to care between county health and social service providers, shared language, common outcome measures, evaluation, and data analysis, the CIE breakdowns barriers and reveals resource and funding gaps		3,000,000
	Food Share Facility Expansion	Support Food Share of Ventura County's effort to acquire a new facility. The facility will enable Food Share to increase operations and provide even more critical food and nutritional programs for the county's low-income and disadvantaged residents. The recommendation matches a similar \$3M commitment from the State		3,000,000
	Racial Social Health Equity Map	This project will produce an online public dashboard showing different Social Progress Index component scores and the distribution of the lowest performing to the highest performing neighborhoods (census tracts) on a scale grouped by city. The dashboard would additionally have public facing aspects to be used by other Ventura County municipalities as well as the public, for example in supporting the data case for CBOs and other community partners in their grant writing. The data project would also result in an annual Racial Equity Report that will measure inequities faced by communities of color across multiple domains and can be used to quantify the state of racial equity in Ventura County, and measure progress over time		500,000

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Emergency Preparedness - \$14,500,000	Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Facility Improvements	Rehabilitation and remodel of a County owned facility to accommodate various and multiple public safety operations and emergency and disaster preparedness capacity. Facility for emergency personnel, potentially natural disaster coordination, federal/state/county public safety communication, and other public safety operations as needed		6,000,000
	Government Center Emergency Preparedness & Resilience	The project will consist of removing four existing underground storage tanks (USTs) and existing fuel islands and replacing them with two 30,000 gallon double-wall fiberglass USTs for gasoline and one 12,000 gallon double-wall UST for diesel fuel, along with a new fuel island, all located in the same parking lot as the existing fuel island at the GSA Service building. The facility provides critical services to County vehicles & equipment during emergencies and/or natural disasters		4,500,000
	Mass Care and Shelter Supply Warehouse & Backup EOC	Warehouse for the SHF Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department – This facility will house critical and lifesaving supplies for emergency personnel. This Office is crucial for coordination efforts between the County and state/federal partners during the emergency events such as the Thomas and Woolsey fires and during response efforts for COVID-19		4,000,000

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Stimulate Economic Recovery - \$9,468,000	Small Business Training & Assistance	Funding to provide programs and support in the following four (4) areas: Business Assistance and Capital Access (\$2.22M); Fathomwerx Start-up Business Support (\$420k); Childcare Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (\$360k); VC Business Forward Enhancement & Outreach (\$250k). Board approved SLFRF for project on July 26, 2022	X	3,250,000
	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Premium Pay	One-time \$250 stipend premium payment to IHSS service providers who worked during the heights of the COVID-19 pandemic from January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Initially approved by the Board on July 27, 2021 and confirmed for SLFRF on April 26, 2022	X	1,718,000
	The SkillUp Ventura County Program	This project will incorporate an innovative learning management system with access in the community and individualized career counseling services using a community-based approach to ensure services are provided equitably and through a human-centered lens. The SkillUp Ventura County program will provide a free virtual training to help job seekers anywhere in Ventura County to upgrade their skills and train for certifications. There will be a particular focus on serving job seekers who live in communities where there are low healthy community conditions, according to the California Healthy Places Index (HPI)		1,500,000
	Foster Care Program Income Pilot Project	The California Department of Social Services is offering counties an opportunity to participate in a Guaranteed Income Pilot Project. Guaranteed income pilot programs traditionally provide unconditional, individual, regular cash payments intended to support the basic needs of the recipients who have typically been disproportionately marginalized by multiple systems and institutions, and then evaluate participants' progress over time. The State will prioritize funding for pilot programs that serve California residents who age out of the extended foster care program at or after 21 years of age, or who are pregnant individuals. A 1:1 match of at least \$1M total over three years beginning in 2022 is required to participate		1,500,000
	Countywide Small Business & Non-Profit Support	Funding to provide services and resources in support of the small businesses and non-profits impacted by the pandemic. Particular emphasis to be placed on key industries and demographics most impacted as well as entrepreneurial resources for those starting over or pivoting their business model to be successful in the new post pandemic business environment		1,000,000
	CA Microbusiness Grant Program Administration Costs	Administration costs for the State funded CA Microbusiness Grant Program. While the State allowed for a portion of the grant award to be used for Administration Costs, Using SLFRF allowed the full \$1,052,842 grant pool to be available for potential applicants. Board approved SLFRF for project on January 11, 2022	X	500,000

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Early Learning & Childcare Initiatives - \$8,500,000	Early Childhood Care & Education Center	Funding support for planning and construction of a new Early Childhood Care and Education Center (ECCEC) on the CSUCI campus. CSUCI intends to build a state of the art, model Early Childhood Care and Education Center (ECCEC) on campus that will utilize the experience and expertise of the doctorate faculty to serve children of the campus community and from surrounding areas throughout Ventura County. The Center will provide high quality services for infants, toddlers, and three- and four- year-old students, and before-school and after-school childcare services and flexible scheduling to accommodate working families. The total project is estimated to cost \$39M and leverages additional funding from the State and the University		5,000,000
	First 5 Neighborhood For Learning (NfL) and PACT Support	Expanding First 5 Neighborhood for Learning services to ensure the success of children by investing in them as early as possible, and addressing the economic, racial, and health disparities made worse by the pandemic. Onboard personnel for programs in disadvantaged areas - maternal mental health, social determinants of health, children's developmental milestones, health insurance, health and mental health services, prenatal care, WIC, etc. Additional services include parent bonding classes and home visits		3,500,000
Sustainability - \$3,450,000	Southern California Edison (SCE) Charge Ready 2	Funding to support electric vehicle (EV) transition at two (2) County owned facilities and offset the acquisition cost of EVs and EV charging stations at these locations in addition to offsetting the acquisition cost of public EV charging stations. Board approved on September 13, 2022	X	1,500,000
	Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Facility	Installation of a Solar Photovoltaic Facility at the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant, Waterworks District #16. Project would provide carbon-free power and reduce operating costs for the District's sewer customers within the community of Piru		1,200,000
	E.P. Foster Library HVAC System	Match of \$750k in State funding for proposed heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system installation at the E.P. Foster Library in the City of Ventura		750,000

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Farmworker Programs - \$3,000,000	Farmworker Healthworker Collaborative	The project would seek to expand health education, outreach, and engagement efforts focused on helping farmworkers cope with COVID related and other health disparities. These efforts may include assistance with health coverage and access to services, health education on various topics, early detection and screening of other health issues that increased risk for COVID such as asthma and diabetes. One of the focus areas will be health coverage/application assistance and health system navigation support to increase access to health care services, especially for preventive health services such as routine health screenings and physical and mental health wellness checks utilizing trained (and paid via stipend or EH/temp workers or to CBOs) promotoras (lay community health workers)		3,000,000
Arts Community - \$1,000,000	Countywide Arts & Culture Support	Funding to provide services and resources in support of arts & culture organizations and projects. Particular emphasis is to be placed on communities most impacted by the pandemic and activities that align with the County Economic Vitality Strategic Plan's focus on the creative economy		1,000,000
Contingency - \$4,883,748	Contingency	Contingent funds to mitigate potential cost overruns for only those projects listed within this Funding Plan		4,883,748

Potential Scope - Lewis Road Campus

Category	Recommend to Reserve (\$M)	Comments
Lewis Road Campus Improvements	15.0	
Mental Health Rehabilitation Center	6.5	Potential contribution for MHRC
Interconnectivity Improvements/Monumentation	3.0	Campus wide system & plan for interconnected & shared facilities
Water System Improvements	3.0	Rehabilitation & modernization of water/sewer infrastructure
Water Mitigation Cost	1.0	Potential costs to acquire additional water rights to campus
Demonstration Garden	0.5	Design & construction of community demonstration garden
Contingency	1.0	Contingency for additional scope & cost impacts
Other Improvements Pending ARPA Review	2.0	
Barn Restoration (TBD ARPA eligibility)	2.0	Refurbishment of existing barn structure to Community Center