



# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## COUNTY of VENTURA

### AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The County of Ventura expects to receive approximately \$164.3 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for investment in community programs to support our most vulnerable populations to ensure equitable growth and recovery in future years. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law in March 2021, is a federally approved COVID-19 stimulus plan that provides \$350 billion of funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill.

#### THE COUNTY OF VENTURA CAN USE FEDERAL ARPA FUNDS TO:



Support public health costs of COVID-19 response

Address negative economic impacts to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector

Replace losses to public sector to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks

Invest in water, sewer, and internet services, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to internet

#### TIMELINE:

- **June 2022:** The county expects to receive federal funds
- **December 2024:** State, local and tribal governments must have identified eligible community projects to use ARPA funds
- **December 2026:** ARPA funding must be spent

#### SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

How should the County of Ventura spend \$163.4 million in ARPA funds? Take the survey online at [www.ventura.org/arpa](http://www.ventura.org/arpa) by May 1, 2022. The County's Board of Supervisors will consider community feedback as community projects are funded.





Completed surveys can be e-mailed to arpa@ventura.org, returned to County of Ventura libraries, or mailed to 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009-1940. Surveys can also be completed online at www.ventura.org/arpa or by phone at 805-654-2611. Please complete the survey by May 1, 2022.

1. Are you a resident of Ventura County?

Yes

No

2. Which Ventura County community do you live in? What is your zip code?

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3. Which Supervisorial District do you live in? To find out, visit www.ventura.org/districtmaps

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4. The US Dept. of Treasury has outlined key funding categories for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (Rank from 1 to 3) Please rank your category preferences for County investment related to ARPA - with 1 as the highest priority and 3 the lowest

Support Public Health Expenditures

Address Negative Economic Impacts Caused by the Public Health Emergency

Invest in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

5. On November 16, 2021, an initial ARPA framework was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Please rank the framework below by highest priority for your community - with 1 being the highest priority and 9 the lowest (Rank from 1 to 11)

Public Health: COVID-19 Programs

Stimulate Economic Recovery

Mental Health

Early Learning Initiatives/Childcare

Housing/Homelessness

Parks & Recreation Capital Improvements

Sustainability

Arts Community

Infrastructure: Water, Sewer, & Broadband

Emergency Preparedness

Farmworker Programs

6. Treasury’s eligible uses for ARPA funding includes support for public health expenditures, addressing negative economic impacts, premium pay for essential workers, and water/sewer/broadband infrastructure. Are there any other projects or issues in your community that fall into one of the ARPA eligible categories that you feel have not been addressed but should be?

7. If you would like to receive email updates about ARPA in Ventura County, please write your email

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