



COUNTY *of* **VENTURA**

American Rescue Plan Act



Spending Plan Update

November 16, 2021

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 in one year
- Respond to social & economic impacts from COVID-19
- Focus on disadvantaged communities & equitable recovery
- Approx. \$140M in direct funding to Ventura County cities
- Initial BOS Presentation October 5, 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 Oct 5th Update

- Measured approach, one-time projects, maximize funding
- Public Health & Mental Health
 - East County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
- Homelessness & Housing
- Infrastructure Needs
 - Water/Sewer infrastructure in Piru, El Rio, Other
 - County's South Lewis Road Site (55 acres)
- Early Learning Initiatives/Childcare
- Economic Recovery
- Parks & Recreation Capital Improvements
- Disadvantaged Communities in the County UA
- Arts Community
- General Plan Programs



Update Since October 5th Report

- Continued engagement with NACo, GFOA and CSAC
- Preparing County website
- Draft Program Checklist
 - Tool to assess eligibility of potential SLFRF projects
 - Funding Requirements (timeline, data, equity, audit, compliance, etc)
 - Crosswalk for Treasury Guidance Interim Final Rule (IFR)
- Tracking potential federal ARPA Flexibility Legislation (S.3011)
- Continuing to Finalize Strategic Funding Framework & stand-up SLFRF Advisory Team



Community Engagement

- Public-facing County Website
 - Landing site for the County's Performance & Recovery Plan
 - Potential means for direct engagement with community
 - Options for surveys, polls, priorities
- Community Stakeholder Input
 - Virtual meetings & forums
 - Surveys
 - Community partners
- Partnerships with Cities
- Board of Supervisors Meetings



SLFRF Advisory Team

- Internal Stakeholder Group
 - Key County Agencies
 - DEI/PIO/Community Engagement
 - CEO Finance & Budget
 - Ernst & Young
- Diverse perspectives
- Subject matter expertise
- Review, assess, and advise on SLFRF opportunities and recommended projects for funding



Strategy & Funding – Parallel Path

Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework...

...Balanced Against Immediate Opportunities

- Finalization of SLFRF Funding Framework
 - Guidance from Treasury
 - Flexibility legislation
 - Eligibility, compliance, performance
- Evaluation of SLFRF Funding Requests
 - F5VC, EDC, VCAC, etc.
 - Other potential sources of funding
- Immediate Funding Opportunities
 - Piru WWD #16 Water Treatment Project
 - Oxnard Family Justice Center



SLFRF Project Funding

PWA Waterworks District #16 – Piru Wastewater Tertiary Treatment Project

- \$6.7M project, \$2.7M in expiring grant funds → \$4M in SLFRF
- Address NOV from Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Contractor bid extended through mid November
- Meets equity and metrics requirement (Piru is a state-recognized DAC)



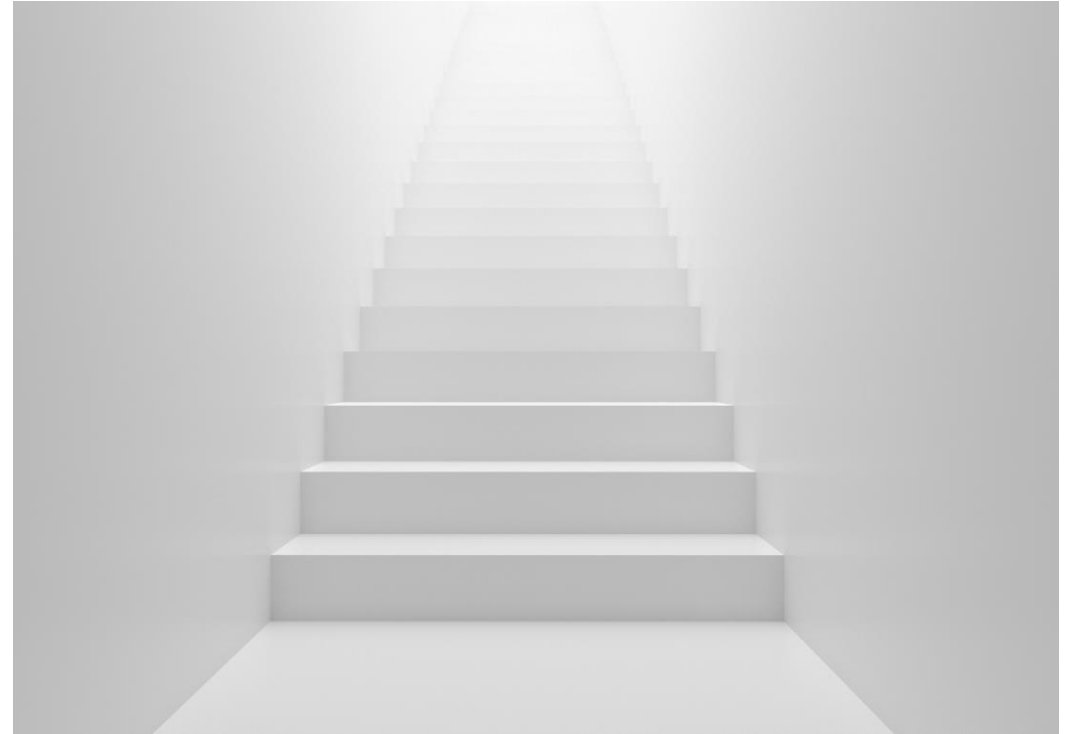
Preliminary SLFRF Funding Plan

Category	Tranche 1 Funding (\$M)	Tranche 2 Funding (\$M)	Comments
Public Health Expenses	5.0		Potential ongoing COVID mitigation costs
Mental Health Services	10.0		TBD
Homeless/Housing	10.0		
Project Homekey*	5.0	To Be Determined	*Not State Homekey, CEO to solicit opportunities
Other Projects	5.0		TBD
Infrastructure	20.0		
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
Other Capital Projects	25.0		Public Safety Radio Upgrade
Contingency	12.0		Contingency, other projects
Total	\$ 82.0	\$ 82.0	



Next Steps

- Publish County ARP Website
- Continue to monitor legislation
- Stand-up SLFRF Advisory Team
- Finalize Strategic Framework for funding
- Community engagement
- Identify additional opportunities to recommend for funding
- Continued engagement with your Board





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Questions?