
UPDATE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FINAL RECOVERY PLAN

JULY 30, 2024



BRIEF HISTORY

- On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law.
 - Legislation authorized more than \$1.9 trillion
 - ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
 - Appropriated \$350 billion to SLFRF
- In May 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury published the Interim Final Rule .
- Funds may be used for the four statutory purposes:
 - To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
 - To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.
 - For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID –19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.
 - To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In addition to facilitating the County's response to COVID-19 and addressing its negative impacts on residents the County established the following principles to guide the allocation and use of ARPA Funds:

- **Be Transformational.** Pursue projects or programs that solve an ongoing problem and make a long-term and sustainable difference in the community.
- **One-Time Uses.** Consistent with the County's budget protocols, allocate one-time ARPA dollars to projects or programs with a defined funding period that do not create an ongoing fiscal obligation for the County.
- **Health & Safety.** Support the public health and safety response to COVID-19, which includes addressing the pandemic's ongoing health and safety impacts and building resiliency to better prepare the County for future disasters.
- **Equitable Outcomes.** Prioritize projects or programs that aim to increase equitable recovery and future resilience for disadvantaged or unincorporated communities.
- **Data-Driven.** Prioritize evidence-based projects or programs or contain the necessary data to demonstrate how they will address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic or assist in recovery.
- **Shovel-Ready.** Prioritize shovel-ready infrastructure projects that can be completed within the defined funding period.
- **Close Funding Gaps.** Prioritize funding for industries that experienced negative economic impacts due to the pandemic but did not receive other sources of funding or relief.
- **Avoid Duplication.** Ensure funded projects or programs do not duplicate services approved or administered by

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ARPA INTERIM RECOVERY PLAN

- On August 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's ARPA Interim Recovery Plan
- The County's ARPA Interim Recovery Plan allocates the \$90.6 million into the following Expenditure Categories:
 1. Public Health: \$59,495,682
 2. Negative Economic Impacts: \$4,425,000
 3. Services to disproportionately Impacted Communities: \$5,600,000
 4. Premium Pay: \$5,800,000
 5. Infrastructure: \$14,558,000
 6. Revenue Replacement: \$0
 7. Administrative: \$674,232
- Tranches
 - First tranche, \$45,276,457 received June 2021
 - Second tranche, \$45,276,457 received July 2022

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ARPA FINAL RECOVERY PLAN

- On January 6, 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury adopted the SLFRF Final Rule effective April 1, 2022.
- On March 29, 2022, the County updated its ARPA Interim Recovery Plan to align the projects and programs with the corresponding updated expenditure categories set forth by the Final Rule.
- The County's ARPA Final Recovery Plan incorporates the changes from the Final Rule and provides updates to the projects and programs' equity measures, performance indicators, completion status, and other relevant data as requested by the Treasury's guidelines.
 - Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue under Revenue Replacement EC: Up to \$10 million may be used for government services.
- Plan review and performance report- to be published and submitted to the U.S. Department of the Treasury by July 31 of each year.

PLAN CHANGES

The County's ARPA Final Recovery Plan allocates the \$90.6 million into the following Expenditure Categories:

1. Public Health: \$27,456,095
 - Funding decreased: Self Funded Health Insurance Plan Covid Claims and HVAC Projects
 - Funding increased: Poplar CSD Park and OES Video Conference Equipment
2. Negative Economic Impacts: \$10,927,807
 - Funding increased: Porterville Navigation Center and Aid for Local Non-Profit Organizations
3. Public Health- Negative Economic Impact, Public Sector Capacity: \$21,002,987
 - Funding increased: Payroll for TCSO staff and Payroll for OES staff
4. Premium Pay: \$6,516,579
 - Funding decreased: County Premium Pay

PLAN CHANGES CONTINUED

The County's ARPA Final Recovery Plan allocates the \$90.6 million into the following Expenditure Categories:

5. Infrastructure-Water and Sewer: \$14,382,910
 - Funding increased: Zone of Benefits Sewer and Water Projects, Terra Bella Sewer Projects, East Orosi Sewer Projects
6. Revenue Replacement: \$10,000,000
 - Funding increased: Mooney Grove Park
 - Funding decreased: Bartlett Park
7. Administrative: \$266,536
 - Funding decreased: ARPA Administration to fund Zone of Benefits Sewer and Water Projects

FY 2023/24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

Completed Projects

- 1007- HVAC Project - Visalia Government Plaza (\$1,230,189)
- 1030- HHSA - Air Purifiers and Installation Cost (\$585,863)
- 1005- Distribution of PPE for other Tulare County institutions responding to COVID-19 (\$710,735)
- 1060- Self Funded Health Insurance Plan Covid Claims (\$2,593,347)
- 1036- Goshen Park (\$123,371)
- 1040- Pixley Park (\$1,291,260)
- 3001- Addressing Homelessness - Tagus Gardens and Sequoia Lodge Renovations (\$2,000,000)

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Completed Projects

- 3003- No Place Like Home (\$400,000)
- 5001- Ivanhoe PUD - Disposal Pond Improvements (\$650,000)
- 5008- Poplar CSD - Well Replacement (\$499,000)
- 1034- Bartlett Park (\$2,107,313)
- 1037- Kings River Park (\$126,941)
- 1039- Mooney Grove Park (\$2,248,245)

FY 2023/24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

Deleted Projects

- 5012- Strathmore Public Utilities District - Well and Treatment. (\$2,150,000)

Reestablished Projects

- 1046- Payroll for Fire Staff- Additional allocation of \$406,653

FY 2023/24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

New Projects

- 1071- Poplar CSD Park (\$225,000)
- 2201- East Orosi Sewer- Utility Charge Arrearage (\$70,000)
- 3006- Porterville Navigation Center (\$1,000,000)
- 5017- Tooleville Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (\$151,534)
- 5018- Delft Colony Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (\$172,400)
- 5019- Traver Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (\$146,535)
- 5020- Terra Bella Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (\$274,706)
- 5021- East Orosi Sewer-Emergency liftstation repair (\$20,000)

FY 2023/24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

New Projects

- 5022- El Rancho Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$134,592)
- 5023- Tonyville Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$177,171)
- 5024- Tooleville Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$123,806)
- 5025- East Orosi Sewer Collection System Lift Station and Flushing (\$32,000)
- 5026- Delft Colony Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$103,806)
- 5027- Seville Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$158,421)
- 5028- Traver Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$128,806)
- 5029- Yettem Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$213,421)

FY 2023/24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

New Projects

- 5030- Wells Tract Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$218,421)
- 5031- Terra Bella Sewer Collection System Deferred Maintenance (\$118,934)
- 5032- East Orosi Septic Pumping (\$50,000)
- 5033- Delft Colony Chlorination System Improvements (\$55,000)
- 5034- Delft Colony Water Distribution System Deferred Maintenance (\$31,901)
- 5035- Delft Colony Well Improvements (\$45,012)
- 5036- Delft Colony Water System Storage Tank Improvements (\$94,500)

REQUESTED ACTIONS

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an update to the County of Tulare American Rescue Plan Act Final Recovery Plan for the usage of \$90,552,914 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds received to support the County in responding to the economic and public health impact of the coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Approve all budgetary and accounting transactions necessary to process transfers and reimbursements to cover the County of Tulare American Rescue Plan Act Final Recovery Plan costs for Fiscal Years 2024/2025, as determined by the County Administrative Officer with Auditor-Controller concurrence, and in accordance with U.S. Department of the Treasury compliance and reporting guidelines and Final Rule.
3. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to make adjustments to the County of Tulare American Rescue Plan Act Final Recovery Plan projects and programs up to 5% of each expenditure category with Auditor-Controller concurrence and in accordance with U.S. Department of the Treasury compliance and reporting guidelines and Final Rule.
4. Direct the County Administrative Officer to submit the County of Tulare American Rescue Plan Act Final Recovery Plan to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.