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# American Rescue Plan



## ARP Distribution to State and Local Governments

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocates \$350 billion to states, territories, Tribes, and local governments.
- Saint Paul anticipates receiving \$172 million of one-time funds, half within 60 days of the bill's passage and half 12 months later.
- Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024.
- Anticipate additional guidance from the US Department of Treasury.



## Eligible Expenses

- Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including with aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries like tourism and hospitality.
- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers.
- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19.
- Make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
- Transfer funds to nonprofit groups and units of state or local governments.
- **Funds may not be used for pensions or to offset revenue resulting from a tax cut enacted since March 3, 2021**



## Initial Strategy

- Recommend the City create an overarching strategy for ARP funding addressing:
  - Priorities of community, Council, City
  - Strategy to address immediate needs and plan for the future
  - Analyze City's fiscal needs
  - Outline internal processes and logistics
  - Prepare for long-term management of funds
  - Consider other federal sources



## Other Sources Potentially Available to Local Governments

Program	Agency	Potential City Department	Summary	Amount
Emergency Connectivity Fund	FCC	Libraries	Funding to provide broadband and connected devices to patrons	\$7.171B
Firefighter Grants	FEMA	Fire	\$100M for SAFER grants, \$200M for AFG	\$300M
Emergency Management Performance Grant	FEMA	Emergency Management	To advance National Preparedness Goals	\$100M
Disaster Relief Aid	FEMA	Several	Reimbursement for pandemic related activities including PPE and disinfecting public facilities	\$50B
Mental and Behavioral Health Training for Public Safety Officers	DHS	Fire, Police	Grants or contracts to provide training for public safety officers to address mental and behavioral health	\$80M
Community Navigator Pilot Program	SBA	OFE, PED, HREEO	To increase awareness of and participation in COVID-19 relief programs for business owners currently lacking access	\$175M
Library relief	IMLS	Libraries	To support library reopening and recovery	\$200M
Housing	HUD, FEMA	PED	Variety of programs to assist renters, homeowners, and unsheltered	\$41B



## Other Sources for Community Support

- \$2.57M to State of Minnesota
- \$106.7M to Ramsey County
- Direct aid to families
  - Economic impact payments of up to \$1,400 for individuals plus \$1,400 for qualifying dependents
  - Increased Child Tax Credit maximum
  - Additional \$1,000 Earned Income Tax Credit relief
- Small business assistance
  - Additional \$7.25B for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loans.
  - \$15B for targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan for businesses located in low-income communities that have suffered economic losses.
  - \$25B for eligible restaurants, bars, and other businesses providing food and drink to cover pandemic-related revenue losses up to \$10 million per entity or \$5 million per location limited to 20 locations.
  - \$1.25 billion for shuttered venue operators.



## Other Sources for Community Support

- Health and human services
  - \$47.8B for testing and contact tracing, \$8.5 billion for CDC vaccine activities, including additional funding for state, local, and territory vaccine distribution grants.
  - \$7.66B for state, local, and territorial public health departments to support public health workforce.
  - \$3B in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration block grant funding.
  - \$800M for health workforce.
  - \$39B in total funding for childcare
- Housing and utilities
  - \$27.4B in Emergency Rental Assistance (State of MN estimated to receive \$200M)
    - Similar to Emergency Rental Assistance authorized in December 2020 and includes homeowner assistance fund of \$9.96B.
  - \$4.5B for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
  - \$500M for Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program for assistance with payments for drinking water and wastewater expenses for low-income households.

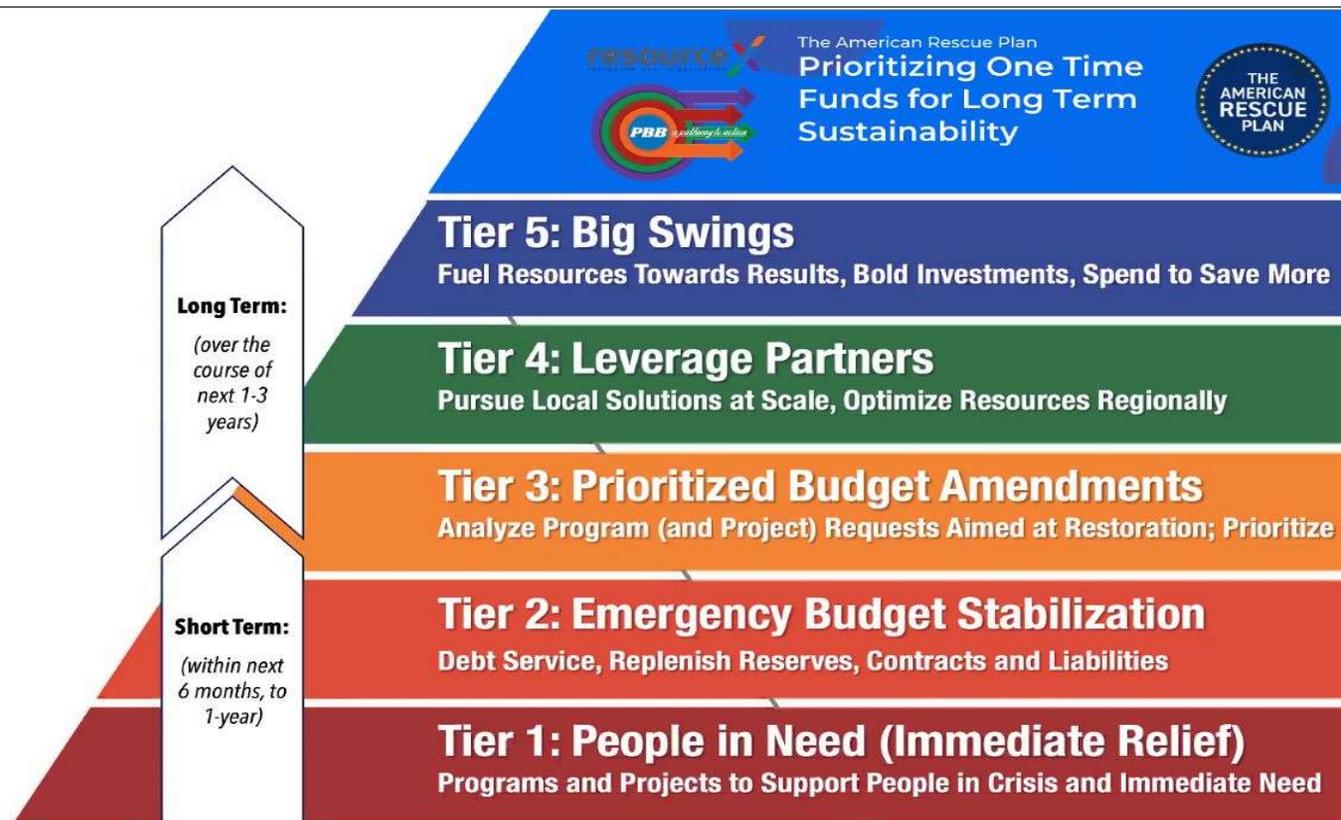


## Process and Timeline

- Spending Guidance from Treasury – April – May
- First payment – by 5/10/21
- Accept funds via Council Resolution – Mid-May
- Budget Amendment(s) for immediate needs/crisis response – May-Aug
- 2022 Proposed Budget – Mid-August



# Useful Framework





## Immediate Need

- Downtown Public Safety Strategy
  - Compared to pre-pandemic, we have seen an increase in unsheltered homelessness. Many individuals appear to have mental health and/or chemical dependency challenges. This contributes to an environment where individuals are being preyed upon by drug traffickers.
  - Objectives:
    - Increase our ability to connect individuals in need to resources; and
    - Ensure the downtown public realm is safe and well maintained as businesses transition to bringing their employees back to the office, and venues reopen for special events.
  - Collaboration by multiple City departments, governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies and non-profits, as well as community members, business owners, and managers.



## SPPD

Estimated funding needed for implementation of the plan:

Enforcement operations (narcotics sales, other targeted criminal activity that may be identified)

- 10 enforcement operations = \$125k

On-Going Maintenance with a rotating schedule and ability to patrol all area action plan locations based on deployment needs. Staffing will start in April and go through November (can go longer with additional funding)

- Cost is \$25k per week, 34 weeks (approx.) = \$850k

Total Ask for initial enforcement and on-going maintenance = \$975k



## Block by Block (additional staffing and programming)

All Season Deployment

Position	Zone	Task	Hours	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Total
Cleaning Ambassadors	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm		8	8	8	8	8	8	48
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Safety Ambassadors	All	Safety Patrol	8:30am - 5pm	8						8	16
	All	Safety Patrol	8:30am - 5pm	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56
	All	Safety Patrol	2:30pm - 11pm	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56
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Team Leader	All	Working Supervisor	7am - 3:30pm	8						8	16
	All	Working Supervisor	2:30pm - 11pm	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56
<b>Total Scheduled Weekly Hours</b>				<b>56</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>552</b>