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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.

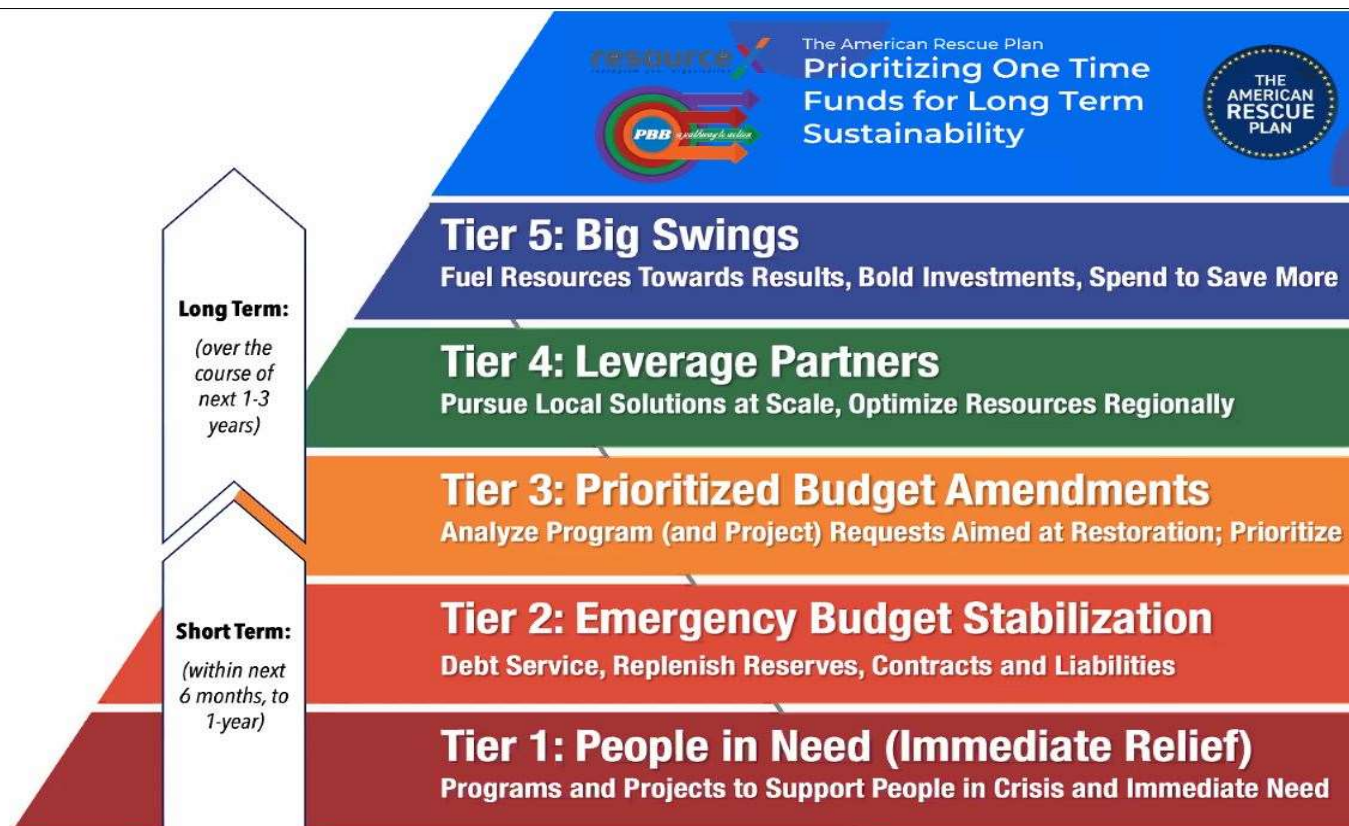


Process and Timeline

- 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



Air 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
	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm		8	8	8	8	8	8	48
	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm		8	8	8	8	8	8	48
	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm		8	8	8	8	8	8	48
	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm		8	8	8	8	8	8	48
	All	Manual Cleaning	7am - 3:30pm								0
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
	All	Safety Patrol	2:30pm - 11pm	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56
	All	Safety Patrol	2:30pm - 11pm	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56
	All	Safety Patrol	2:30pm - 11pm								0
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
				56	80	80	80	80	80	96	
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