



City of Anaheim

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

While the City of Anaheim has a diverse economy, city revenues rely heavily on visitors with the Anaheim Resort and Anaheim Convention Center. As a result, the Coronavirus Pandemic severely impacted our City budget and required extraordinary actions to preserve existing City services and provide for the new, unanticipated needs of our community directly related to the pandemic. State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the American Rescue Plan are critical to ensuring the continuation of governmental services in light of significant revenue losses. Revenue received by the City of Anaheim under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), equal to \$106.6 million, will be used to preserve and provide governmental services and offset more than \$422 million in lost revenue for FY 2019/20 through FY 2021/22.

Uses of Funds

The City of Anaheim's intended use of SLFRF funds from the American Rescue Plan Act falls entirely within the Revenue Replacement category (EC 6). In order to continue providing services to all areas of the City, it is critical that these funds are used to offset the dramatic revenue losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic downturn. In the adopted FY 2019/20 budget, Anaheim Resort revenues were projected to generate a net surplus (sources over uses) of \$94.5M, which represents 27% of the City's General Fund ongoing expenditure budget. This is available to support core services across all areas of the City, which includes Police and Fire services; parks, libraries and recreation; streets and street lighting; as well as support services like Finance and Human Resources. With the onset of the pandemic, tourism came to a halt and the Anaheim Resort remained empty for approximately 15 months. This was in addition to more typical economic impacts seen across areas of the City outside of the Resort associated with State directed stay-at-home orders and resulting business closures. Funds will be used to support General Fund labor expenses in all city departments providing governmental services to all areas of our community.

While SLFRF funds will not be used directly to provide new projects or services, the City of Anaheim was proactive and took prompt action to implement assistance programs for our community and we remain committed to serving the needs of our residents. Since the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic, over \$72 million in assistance has been dedicated to helping the Anaheim community. These programs are intended to provide community relief and to support the ongoing economic recovery in our city.

The COVID-19 crisis hit all parts of our community, with many residents struggling with lost work and wages, other financial burdens, mental and physical health challenges, and for some, sadly, the loss of loved ones to COVID-19. And Anaheim businesses have been fighting to survive in the pandemic, amid state and county regulations and the constantly fluctuating requirements and closures.

Anaheim is proud to say that we've been here to help. Amid the challenging times of the past year and a half, we've dedicated \$72 million in assistance directly helping our community.

The Anaheim City Council allocated millions in spending for community and economic relief, called the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan, starting in mid-2020, and we continued to expand offerings to the community with new funding sources. These relief efforts were funded by local dollars while Anaheim also aggressively pursued and secured additional state and federal grant funding to pass on to those who need help.

Below is a summary of how we allocated the \$72.2 million to our community.

Find more detail in our fact sheet [here](#).

COMMUNITY RELIEF



Anaheim has led the way, supporting the county of Orange, the state and the federal government's efforts to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to the community.

Anaheim Fire & Rescue was instrumental in leading PODs, or points of dispensing, in our city. We provided additional city staff and financial and logistical support for the Anaheim POD at Disneyland and the Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center, now closed.

We continue to support mobile vaccine sites in our neighborhoods. Learn more about vaccines [here](#).

Anaheim has held three rounds of our [Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#), helping hundreds of struggling families with unpaid rent.

Anaheim also implemented a [moratorium](#) on commercial and residential evictions.



Building on Anaheim's ongoing efforts to address homelessness, we stepped up with additional assistance during the coronavirus crisis for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

We rented out a motel in Anaheim to help isolate those who are high risk in our shelters, and contracted with City Net, Salvation Army and Illumination Foundation to operate 39 camper trailers provided by the state for quarantining.

We also opened an additional interim emergency shelter at the Salvation Army's thrift store for additional beds for homeless women. And we launched the [Community Care Response Team](#) to help with homeless COVID-19 outreach.

Anaheim partnered with the nonprofit Anaheim Community Foundation to distribute \$3 million in grants to local nonprofits to provide direct assistance to families, seniors and others in the community.

Sixty-four nonprofits have used the money to help nearly 200,000 people with food, household supplies, diapers, face masks, sanitizer and more.



Anaheim dedicated resources to help those in need of housing or supportive services.

We allocated \$1.7 million in grant money to help residents with housing vouchers and other assistance.

We allocated \$1.2 million to help Anaheim workers who lost their jobs or had reduced hours due to the coronavirus crisis.

This included reemploying laid-off workers as well as training and education.



We purchased face masks and other personal protective equipment for residents and businesses to better stem the spread of the virus in our community.



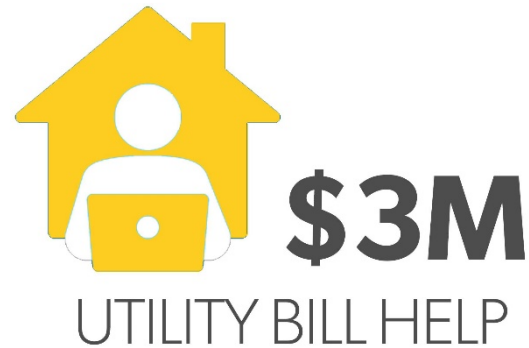
At our three drive-thru mask giveaway events in September, 2020, we served more than 2,250 Anaheim families and handed out 90,500 masks.

In addition, we allocated money toward COVID-19 testing sites in Anaheim, including a testing super site at the Anaheim Convention Center.

We allocated \$3 million to help struggling families, small businesses and nonprofits keep things running by providing assistance with utility bills and a rebate for home internet access.

Programs included:

- [Internet Access Rebate Program](#)
- [Utility bill assistance](#)
- Emergency Small Business Assistance



ECONOMIC RECOVERY



We allocated \$6.5 million in local funds to Visit Anaheim, which books events at the Anaheim Convention Center and promotes Anaheim as a place to visit.

As we push forward with our economic recovery here in Anaheim, revenues generated by visitors to our city will be critical in helping us provide essential services to residents such as parks, public safety, community centers, libraries and more.

Anaheim distributed \$10,000 grants directly to hundreds of small businesses struggling amid the economic impacts of the pandemic. We're helping additional businesses with funding provided by the county. [Learn more.](#)



Another \$1 million went to our [Restaurant Relief Grant Program](#) to help restaurants set up or expand outdoor space and a [shop and dine local marketing program](#) through the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The City strives to promote equity in all areas of service. SLFRF funds will be used to provide governmental services across all General Fund departments and will therefore support all areas of the City. The City is divided into six districts, each represented by a single Council Member who ensures that the needs of their district are met. The Mayor is elected and serves at large.

Community Engagement

In addition to this report, the city maintains diverse and detailed COVID-19 information and resources on its website. Information is shared regularly across social media platforms through quarterly neighborhood meetings and at regular Council meetings. Libraries provide internet access to those without as well as printed materials to keep residents informed. City Council meetings are held in person with public comment periods offered. Public comments can also be provided to the City Clerk in writing in advance of all meetings to be included in the record.

Labor Practices

SLFRF funds are not being used for any infrastructure projects with hiring requirements.

Use of Evidence

SLFRF funds are not being used for any projects or evidence-based interventions.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		March- June 2021	July – December 2021	Cumulative Expenditures to Date (\$)	Amount Spent Since Last Recovery Plan
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement				
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$70,619,508	\$36,010,731	\$106,630,239	\$0

Project Inventory

SLFRF funds are being used entirely for General Fund labor expenses under the provision of Government Services. There are no planned projects to inventory.