City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

Recovery Plan Performance Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge consolidated government (City-Parish) has been allocated $165.4 million in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As of this reporting period, the City-Parish has approved a spending plan for the entire allocation of $165 million. As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the total ARPA allocation has been spent or committed/encumbered. The City-Parish's Recovery Plan Performance provides a framework for ensuring that the SLFRF Program supports long-term investments for the future of its citizens. The Mayor-President has provided periodic updates to the Council with progress on the initial projects.

USES OF FUNDS

The ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allows the City-Parish to invest in infrastructure and launch programs that support the community and small businesses by providing for a strong economic recovery. This plan outlines the spending plan of over $165 million. These funds are being used for infrastructure improvements specifically related to stormwater that reduce flood risk and avoid detrimental downstream impacts. Funding is being utilized to address public health concerns such as building security, air quality improvements, proper workspace for social distancing, blight elimination, personal protective equipment for first responders, affordable housing, and improvements to communication access. Additional use of funds are community policing programs that will assist in combating crime. Premium pay for essential workers is something that benefited the hard-working dedicated employees who continued to provide operational support and services during the pandemic. In addition, funding has been earmarked to promote economic recovery through festivals and tourism that will also improve the quality of life of the citizens during the recovery phase. In the revenue loss expense category, funds are being utilized to improve technology infrastructure to address cybersecurity concerns and potential threats as well as provide for general governmental services.

The City-Parish utilizes the following expenditure category areas which support programming that will help the City-Parish sustain a long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and its secondary impacts:

Public Health (EC-1)

- The City-Parish is using the public health expenditure category to address a wide variety of public health needs, with emphasis on community violence intervention programming, first responder and criminal justice system capacity and re-entry programs. These programs are implemented in partnership with subrecipients and other partners, including but not limited to: The Baton Rouge Fire Department, Baton Rouge Police Department, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office and numerous other community organizations.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC-2)

- The City-Parish is using these funds to support affordable housing investment and to stimulate the travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors. These funds will be primarily deployed through partnerships with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber and several affordable housing developers.

Premium Pay (EC-4)

- These funds are being used to implement an eligible premium pay program to all full-time City-Parish staff that were physically present and essential to maintaining City-Parish services during the acute phases of the pandemic.

Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure (EC-5)

- The City-Parish is using these funds for City-Parish wide stormwater infrastructure improvements in line with the recommendations of the recently completed East Baton Rouge

Parish Stormwater Master Plan. The necessity of this investment was made abundantly clear following the Great Flood of 2016, which resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration. A stormwater project has been accounted for in two expenditure categories as a result of the expanded Treasury guidance issued in the 2023 Interim Final Rule (12/29/22). Phase I of the project addresses stormwater infrastructure improvements by the removal of an existing structure in a drainage canal to address the subsurface drainage issues. Phase II: Bridge replacement is being reported in **EC 9.2 - Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (Streamlined Framework)**.

Revenue Replacement (EC-6)

- The City-Parish is using these funds to support routine government services, as well as providing for a range of programming that would be eligible under other expenditure categories including cybersecurity, public safety equipment, building improvements, affordable housing development, and community violence intervention programming.

The ARPA funding continues to provide the needed relief to the City-Parish that will enable us to continue to support the public health response, address deferred maintenance, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery.

In addition, all the ARPA funds have been appropriated through previous Metropolitan Council action. According to the U.S. Treasury guidance, recipients must obligate (encumber or execution of a contract) all ARPA funds by December 31, 2024; however, once obligated, recipients may continue to expend these funds until December 31, 2026. In addition, recipients cannot re-obligate funds or obligate additional SLFRF funds after the obligation deadline of December 31, 2024. This means no budget amendments, new projects, or change orders increasing contracts will be allowed after the obligation deadline.

There was a concern that some projects will not be able to the meet these deadlines and will need to be reevaluated. Therefore, each department or agency was asked to provide a project status update which was utilized to perform a spending risk analysis against the program deadlines. Throughout 2024, the Council approved several reallocation plans. Therefore narrative and funding adjustments to the different expenditure categories are reflected in this report.

In addition to the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds, the City-Parish was awarded Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and Head Start grants from the US Treasury. As of March 31, 2024, 22,000 applications for rental assistance have been processed by the City-Parish program, with $56 million in approved rental assistance for eligible households.

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Without equitable governance, marginalized communities face increased institutional and structural barriers when seeking basic opportunities for security and advancement. Consequences of inequity were revealed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and illuminated prevalent racial injustices our country and community have suffered from for centuries and showcased the need for reform. As a result, the Commission on Racial Equity and Inclusion (COREI) was created. The purpose of the COREI is to instill accountability, racial equity, and inclusion throughout the City-Parish. The COREI provides an opportunity for awareness with open, honest, and continual dialogue between community members, public and private sector leaders, and other community stakeholders. Utilizing the diversity amongst us is key to strengthening our City-Parish, and important to building a more equitable community. Progress takes intentionality, dedication, and collaboration. Members of the COREI lay the foundation to create the path to a more equitable future.

Supporting the COREI initiative, the Supplier Diversity Division was established within the Purchasing Office, which is a long-term commitment to address the barriers to disadvantaged business participation in the City-Parish procurement process. The Division of Supplier Diversity within Purchasing is responsible for overseeing certification, compliance, outreach, training, and capacity-building for local, small, and disadvantaged businesses in the City-Parish.

The City-Parish is providing access and inclusion for projects funded through its SLFRF program by utilizing the Disadvantage Business Enterprise certification program for contactors to have opportunities to participate in construction or professional service contracts resulting from projects and programs detailed in the ARPA Recovery Performance Plan.

The entirety of funds dedicated to projects and programs supported by the City-Parish SLFRF program either serve City-Parish wide objectives (i.e., stormwater management activities, first responder capacity) or are targeted toward historically underserved, marginalized or adversely affected groups. No projects or programs provide exclusive benefit to non-underserved, marginalized or adversely affected groups. See the evidence and performance-based reporting narratives within this report for additional information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Mayor-President's principle of transparency and community engagement is a continuous goal. At the onset of the administration of this funding, Council Members and the departmental leaders were asked to submit needs based on a community assessment for the development of the recovery plan.

The Metropolitan Council is required to approve the budget outlined in the recovery plan prior to spending the funds. Approval of the budget requires two separate public notices, an introduction, and a public hearing. During the public hearing, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the recovery plan.

Public participation is encouraged at the Council meetings and all legislative actions, budgetary or otherwise, have satisfied state open meetings laws.

LABOR PRACTICES

Construction projects under this recovery plan will comply with the federal procurement guidelines. All contracts include language to ensure the contractor or sub-recipient is following the federal requirements. The City-Parish currently abides by the Davis-Bacon Act when federal funds compliance terms require them for specific activities. The City-Parish has established a threshold within its program specific standard operating procedures to consider incorporating Davis-Bacon labor standards under the City-Parish SLFRF Program.

USE OF EVIDENCE

The City-Parish's commitment to an equitable economic recovery includes the use of evidence-based interventions in situations where program evaluations are not conducted. If applicable, detailed evidence information will be provided for each project in the Project Inventory section below. The City-Parish's Recovery Plan includes the following expenditure categories that required evidence-based interventions in accordance with the Compliance and Reporting Guidance: Public Health (EC 1) – Community Violence Interventions (1.11); and Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2) - Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing (2.15).

EC – 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

The City-Parish is one of 16 jurisdictions working with the White House Community Violence Intervention Collaborative (CVIC) to determine a range of strategies to reduce community violence within its jurisdiction. As a part of this initiative, the City-Parish is using a portion of its ARPA SLFRF funds to support a wide range of community violence reduction strategies. The City-Parish has referenced the United States Department of Justice's National Public Safety Partnership Clearinghouse to assist in formulating interventions that are supported by evidence. This effort has been conducted in partnership with the City-Parish administration, law enforcement community and community-based organizations.

EC 1.11 Evidence Based Reporting Resources				
EBR ARPA Project	**Total Project Spending**	**Causal Relationship**	**Evidence Based Clearinghouse Source**	**Disproportionately Impacted Community Served**
Technology Enhancement	$1,806,312.31	Strong	United States Department of Justice – National Public Safety Partnership	US Treasury is presumptive about community violence intervention program(s) beneficiaries serving disproportionately impacted populations.
Gun Violence Reduction Strategies	$3,138,567.09	Strong		
Fleet Replacement	$10,513,286.09	Moderate		
Expansion of the Hospital Violence Intervention Program	$100,000.00	Strong		
Continuation and Expansion of the Innovative Opioid Project	$150,000.00	Strong		
Appointment of Special Prosecutors and Public Defenders	$500,000.00	Strong		
Youth Employment	$746,059.58	Strong		

EC – 2.15 Long Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

The City-Parish is investing $6 million through its SLFRF program to support affordable housing development. The affordable housing development is located within Qualified Census Tracts and along corridors or sub-areas where the City-Parish is actively coordinating other public investment to support improved community outcomes. This development will leverage other ongoing community development activities within the area to support long-term revitalization.

EC 2.15 Evidence Based Reporting Resources			
EBR ARPA Project	**Causal Relationship**	**Evidence Based Clearinghouse Source**	**Disproportionately Impacted Community Served**
Scotlandville Housing Development	Strong	Urban Institute Housing Finance Center	Households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts

PERFORMANCE REPORT

The City-Parish has worked extensively to try to determine the best output vs. outcome reporting metrics that will assist in guiding program implementation and understand impacts of its SLFRF ARPA investment and help inform performance management. While it is assumed that the outputs metrics derived are not wholly determinant of the outcome metrics, the evidenced based relationships between the intent of the program and project investments undertaken and the intended outcomes is generally well established where required. The City-Parish will continue to assess these performance reporting metrics to improve understanding of program implementation and impact.

Performance Based Outcome vs. Output Reporting Measures			
Locally Defined SLFRF Program Areas	**Affiliated EBR Projects**	**Output Metrics**	**Outcome Metrics**
Blight Reduction	• Council District Blight Elimination	• # of enforcement actions taken	• # of condemned homes demolished • Quantity of junk, trash, debris removed • # of acres of public and private land w/ reduced blighted conditions
Equipment and Upgrades to Support Pandemic and Response Operations	• Public Facility HVAC Replacements • Fire Fighter/ First Responders Equipment • Cybersecurity software/hardware • Replace/upgrade storage environment • Replace Email gateway • Exchange Online • Windows Server License Upgrades • SQL Server License Upgrades • Multifactor Authentication • General Operations	• *City-Parish defining output metrics for this program area grouping.*	• Estimated % of administrative workers who could quickly be shifted to remote work

Investments to Reduce to Community Violence	• City Hall 1st Floor Security
	• Police Precinct Upgrades
	• Public Defender Phone System
	• Technology Enhancement
	• Gun Violence Reduction Strategies
	• Fleet Replacement
	• Expansion of the Hospital Violence Intervention Program
	• Continuation and Expansion of the Innovative Opioid Project
	• Appointment of Special Prosecutors
	• Appointment of Public Defenders
	• Youth Employment Initiative
		• # of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs (required)
		• # of workers completing sectoral job training programs (required)
		• # of people participating in summer youth employment programs (required)
		• *City-Parish is working to define additional output metrics that will be required as these items take off.*[1]
			• Average emergency call response time for police
			• Uniform Crime Reporting Offenses
			  o Violent Crimes
			    ▪ Homicide
			    ▪ Negligent Manslaughter
			    ▪ Rape
			    ▪ Robbery
			    ▪ Aggravated Assault
			  o Property Crimes
			    ▪ Burglary
			    ▪ Larceny
			    ▪ Auto Theft

[1] Data collection is integral to the implementation of all City-Parish community violence intervention programming. However, due to the unique, evolving nature of the ecosystem of organizations, services and outreach conducted through these programs, output based performance metrics may change annually, depending on the type of programming conducted.

Economic Recovery	• EBR Premium Pay • BRAC Economic Impact Program	• Attendance at job fairs for employers and job seekers • Visitation counts and # of profiles generated for online job resource website • # of businesses in partnership with high schools • # of participating schools • Visitation counts for marketing website from outside EBR	• See Community Violence outcome metrics related to job training and employment • # of major festivals held • # of high school interns placed • Market hotel occupancy rate average • Net migration for 25-44 y/o • # of regional entertainment and hospitality sector jobs
Affordable Housing	• Scotlandville Housing Development	• # of households receiving eviction prevention services, including legal representation (required) • # of affordable housing units preserved or developed (required)	• # of X percentage or lower AMI households placed in affordable housing w/ X term of affordability or greater
Flood Risk Reduction	• Channel Clearing and Grubbing • Storm drain cleanout • Drainage box and stormwater pipe cleaning • Stormwater Operations • Roadside drainage cave-in repairs • Jones Creek Drainage Improvements • Lined Canal Repairs • Bridge Replacements • Magnolia Woods/Baird Dr. Drainage Improvements • Engineering and Project Management	• # of catch basins/storm drains repaired • # linear feet of drainage pipe replaced • # linear feet of drainage pipe cleaned • # linear feet of roadside drainage ditches cleaned • # linear feet of non-roadside drainage ditches/ waterways cleaned	• # of annual NFIP claims[2]

Program Groupings as of June 30, 2025 with Enough Progression to Justify Reporting

The following reporting based on the previous table details program groupings that have sufficient progression to justify performance-based reporting. Subsequent Recovery Performance Plan Report performance reporting will capture additional program groupings as they are implemented. The Performance Report chart is located at the end of the Project Inventory Section of this plan.

[2] output vs. outcome relationship will vary based on intensity and location of storms experienced year over year

PROJECT INVENTORY

Expenditure Category 1: Public Health - $40,505,050.06

1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses - $23,450,824.99

Improving public health and safety is a top priority of the City-Parish.

- Blight Elimination - $3.71 million, ID No. PHBE. Blight elimination is the first step to transforming communities and protecting community health. Blight elimination is of vital importance to improving public safety and advancing economic development efforts in our communities. These blighted areas can foster criminal activity and make urban residents, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, feel unsafe. Removal of blight protects the public from dangerous conditions associated with dilapidated buildings by removing or demolishing those buildings or structures. In addition, clearing of vegetative growth and debris from vacant lots is another mechanism to protect public health. The City-Parish issued contracts for demolition and abatement services, junk trash and debris removal services, and grass and weed removal services to address blight issues. As of June 30, 2025, 100% of funding to eliminate blight has been spent or committed/encumbered. Additionally, approximately 200 blighted structures demolished, about 443 blighted properties improved through trash, debris, and 1,821 overgrown grass/weed removal.

- City Hall Security - $1.10 million, ID No. PHSEC. Due to the high volume of foot traffic at City Hall, new first-floor doors with hands-free access control are being installed to reduce the spread of viruses and enhance building security. The updated system will include limited-access entry for employees, touchless operation, and tracking of building access activity. Additional upgrades include metal detectors, possession scanners, and check-in kiosks at the east and west entrances to create consistent safety protocols. Video surveillance cameras will also be installed at all entrances to support public health safety. As of June 30, 2025, the design phase is complete and the project is in the construction phase. Bid advertisement was held on April 25, 2024, materials are on order, and on-site construction will begin the week of August 25, 2025.

- Replacement of aging HVAC to improve the indoor air quality - $2.72 million, ID No. PHHVAC To enhance indoor air quality, several HVAC systems are being replaced across key City-Parish facilities. Work includes air handler replacements at the River Center arena, air handlers and temperature controls at City Hall's Information Services server room, upgraded HVAC controls at the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, the air handler unit at the Department of Human Development and Services (DHDS), and replacement of one chiller and five boilers at the Public Safety Complex. Due to rising labor and material costs, the projects were reevaluated, and additional funding was approved from the General Fund. Seven air handlers have been replaced at the River Center, with final acceptance expected in September 2024. Three boilers have been replaced at the Public Safety Complex, with final acceptance in March 2025.

- Public Safety Complex improvements - $792,746, ID No. PHPSCI. Proper office space is needed to ensure public health and wellness. Improvements include renovating the second floor of the Public Safety Complex to allow the Registrar of Voters to expand their office to accommodate proper social distancing for the employees and the public; and renovating the fifth floor to provide proper space for the police academy and on-going public safety training. Due to the complex nature of the building, the project is being broken into phases. During the evaluation process for the renovation of the aging Public Safety Complex it was discovered that the chiller system for the complex need replacement and is currently undergoing testing and calibration. Since the evaluation of the project was taking additional time, a portion of the funding from this project was reallocated to provide additional funding for public safety equipment. The funding for the renovations of the complex was utilized in the Revenue Loss category rather than the Public Health. Construction for the Police Training Academy is nearing completion, with final acceptance anticipated in

September. The reroofing of the H2 facility began in March and is currently underway, also targeting September completion. Construction for the Registrar of Voters is scheduled to begin in September 2025. Due to the building's complexity, the project has been divided into phases, and additional General Fund dollars were approved to complete the work.

- Police Precinct Upgrade - $1.36 million, ID No. PHPDI. The Police Department's First and Second Districts are approximately 30 years old and do not provide adequate usable space or functionality. Upgrades will be done to the current security camera systems at each police district and at the Public Safety Complex since these cameras are outdated and cannot connect to the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). Funds are being requested to replace those camera systems at each district with cameras that use the same video management system. These cameras will be able to be monitored from the RTCC for increased situational awareness. All security cameras in police districts have been replaced. Each of these systems are connected to the department's real-time crime center for increased situational awareness and remote access to communicate with the public. The public-facing interface allows officers to communicate and take reports remotely from the members of the public who come to a police district. Additionally, the First and Second district precincts will undergo renovations to improve functionality and capacity. As of June 30 2025, renovation of the First District is 50% completed. However due to rising cost of construction, additional General Fund funding will be necessary to for renovations to Second District.

- Fire Fighter/First Responders Equipment - $4.41 million, ID No. PHFD1. Replacement of computers and vehicle locaters are needed to address needed technology enhancements, maintain continuity of services during the pandemic or other emergencies, identify vehicles responding to emergencies, and create efficiencies within the department; replacement of aging fleet for personnel; replacement of first responders uniforms; building repairs and fencing to address public safety concerns; and treadmills to assist in physical health for the first responders.

- Fire Fighter/First Responders Equipment - $9.09 million, ID No. PHFD2. Pumper Trucks; Aerials; Rescue Units; and Air Packs. On March 16, 2023, Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome and Baton Rouge Fire Chief Michael Kimble gave a press release to announce more than $4 million in new engines and equipment for the Baton Rouge Fire Department. The equipment is already in use across several fire stations in Baton Rouge, and was purchased using the American Rescue Plan Act funds with the approval of the Metropolitan Council. "I dedicated funding from the American Rescue Plan to address pressing needs in public safety and infrastructure in East Baton Rouge Parish. The purchase of this critical equipment will help our Class 1 Baton Rouge Fire Department serve the citizens of our city at moment's notice," said Mayor Broome. The new equipment includes five 2022 Ferrara Inferno Custom Top Mount Pumper Engines, with 1500-gallon-per-minute pumps, to be utilized at Fire Stations 1, 2, 3, 12 and 13. The total cost of the five new fire engines is $2,940,742. Additionally, 230 Scott X3 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses have been purchased at a cost of $1,698,466. The new air packs are lighter weight, with improved safety features and lower maintenance costs.

- $250,192 for the replacement and expansion of the Public Defender phone system and update computer hardware and software, ID No. PHPD. This funding will allow improved access between inmates and the public defenders when in-person meetings are restricted. As of June 30, 2025, the new phone system has been completed, and additional computers to aide in communication are being purchased with the remaining balance.

As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the funding in this expenditure category has been spent or committed/encumbered.

1.11 Community Violence Interventions - $17,054,225.07

The Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) is the primary law enforcement agency for the capital city of Louisiana and serves a population of approximately 220,000 residents in the metropolitan area. As an accredited police department for over 20 years, BRPD remains committed to enhancing the quality of life for citizens while reducing violent crimes and fears of crime in Baton Rouge.

In 2020, Uniform Crime Reporting data suggests that the overall violent crime rate rose only 1%, but revealed a 46% increase in homicides and a 13% increase in assaults when compared to 2019. The drastic increase in homicides and assaults seems to be consistent with the nationwide trend of violent crime spikes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A closer examination of the homicides and assaults show an alarming number of these cases involved firearms. The BRPD 2021, 2nd quarter report states homicide and assault, resulting from gun violence, will continue to trend upward without meaningful intervention. In an effort to stem the rise in violent gun crime, departmental leaders have examined recommendations made by President Biden in his comprehensive strategy to combat gun violence and his recommendations to develop a coordinated, intelligence-led gun violence reduction plan. This plan proposes utilizing ARPA dollars to invest funds for gun violence reduction strategies, reduction of drivers of violent crime, and to build public safety capacity so additional focus can be placed on areas that experience chronic gun violence.

To achieve this goal, the following is needed to fund crime and community strategies, departmental capacity and infrastructure to support public safety:

- $1.80 million ID No. SDTE to increase and enhance the department's technological capabilities, throughout East Baton Rouge Parish, in areas with persistent gun violence and violent crime.

  The Baton Rouge Police Department is heavily invested in technology to enhance public safety not only in the City of Baton Rouge, but throughout East Baton Rouge Parish (population of 440,000). Law Enforcement agencies have taken a collaborative approach by sharing data and assets such as crime cameras, license plate readers, and ShotSpotter cameras. The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) is "ground zero" for the coordination of data, crime analysis, strategic planning, and situational awareness. All technology assets can be operated and managed at the crime center, which provides a central location for operational planning, police operations, and investigative support. Funding for the RTCC would provide additional capacity by connecting all terminals to a central server with backup power. The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) is one of the department's most cost-effective investigative tools. Additional funds are being requested to enhance the ALPR system by adding up to 50 additional ALPRs in disinvested areas that suffer from persistent violent gun crime. In addition to the ALPR, funds are being requested for the department's strategic camera share program. The strategic camera share program uses data and intelligence to strategically place cameras in the same disinvested areas to complement the ALPR program. The department will identify approximately 75 locations and install cameras in advantageous locations whose property owners, through a memorandum of understanding, agree to provide internet connectivity and infrastructure necessary to send data back to the RTCC.

  Building capacity in some cases means maintaining or enhancing existing infrastructure and capabilities of the department to ensure it is able to operate effectively. The department uses many different types of software and hardware to function in this digital environment such as mobile data terminals, body/car cameras, and databases. These replacements will ensure continuity of services during an emergency. Departmental laptop computers and desktops are outdated, out of warranty and are beginning to fail at an alarming rate. This funding will provide 200 laptops/mobile data terminals, 100 desktop computers, and 300 Microsoft Office licenses.

  As of June 30, 2025, all funds have been expended and all planned projects are either completed or in progress. The department has purchased 400 items including: laptops, desktops, and software for uniform patrol officers, detectives, and support staff. Additional monitoring and computer capacity were purchased for the Real Time Crime Center enabling more users and capacity to receive data. The department has used ARPA funds to purchase approximately 221 crime cameras/license plate readers and licensing for existing hardware. Additional hardware and software enable the crime center to increase capacity and versatility regarding receiving data and video.

- $3.13 million ID No. SDGUNV to implement gun violence reduction strategies in areas dominated by gun violence and increase community programing.

  The department's plan focuses on problem places, people, and behaviors in persistent hot spots to reduce gun violence. It will be a combined effort with community, local, state, and federal partners who focus on the small group of individuals responsible for most violence in Baton Rouge. Our Placed Network Investigations (PNI) strategy focuses on Crime sites, Convergent settings, Comfort space, and Corrupting spots. Crime intelligence and analysis are used to identify these four types of locations, that when combined, will build crime networks. This investigation shows exactly how a small percentage of offenders, and often time repeat offenders, operate in the given infrastructure. This three-year strategy involves a holistic approach that includes public safety, city leaders, and community partners to diminish the infrastructure used by crime networks. Once eradicated, the strategy calls for programs that encourage positive growth and sustained opportunities for residents to break the cycle of violence and crime. Moving in concert with PNI are additional strategies such as the BRPD Patrol Strategies Initiative, which utilizes the department's Public Safety Common Operational Platform and risk terrain model to identify underlying risk factors contributing to gun violence and violent crimes. Funding for additional manpower to conduct community policing is necessary in order to increase the department's commitment to these strategies. Both of these strategies rely heavily on the crime analysis, technology, and real time data conducted in the RTCC to ensure efforts are effective and to identify strategies that include traditional and non-traditional solutions to address gun violence and violent crime. Our Public Safety Partnership provides training and technical assistance with data-driven, evidence-based strategies to help combat gun violence and group violence. Our strategies align with an idea that police alone cannot solve the problem.

  The Chances-Innovative Gun-Violence Intervention Program - $100,000 ID No. SDDA1 administered by the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office (EBRPDA) will utilize this funding to assist in the implementation of a gun-violence intervention program. The EBRPDA has designed a post adjudication diversion program to address weapons related status offenses. The program will target youthful offenders who have been identified as committing a gun offense. The curriculum will be centered around a six-episode youth/young adult drama film about a conflicted teenage drug dealer and aspiring rapper, who turns to an innovative community program for help in order to find a new way to succeed and escape the cycle of death and imprisonment in his impoverished community. A lesson/discussion, taught by a credible messenger, focusing on positive, healthy behavioral changes will follow each episode. The program will be staffed with a clinical psychologist, peer support specialists, and mentors. As of June 30, 2025, the program design has substantially been completed. As the Research partner, LSU assisted with the development of instruments that will be used to evaluate and monitor the program. The program is set to go live in August of 2025. Once live, the program will be drawing down on the remaining funds budgeted.

  Each of these strategies contain elements that involve community groups, educators and city government bodies. The goal is to enhance crime strategy capabilities, increased police presence in these persistent micro hot spots, and build trust through community policing. Ultimately, the goal is to remediate and reinvest in areas plagued by gun violence and empower residents to take part in keeping their neighborhood safe.

  This effort is ongoing and internally to coordinate gun violence reduction strategies (enforcement), with community programming (community events), and technology. Funds were used to support extra patrols, investigations of gun crimes, and support proactive community programming. In 2022, approximately 9,257 overtime hours of direct enforcement patrols and community walks/events were conducted. In 2023, approximately 3,645 overtime hours of direct enforcement patrols and community walks/events were conducted. In 2024, approximately 4,122 overtime hours of direct enforcement patrols and community walks/events to date were conducted. Utilization of overtime hours for additional strategic patrols/operations has been effective based on a measurable decline in homicides, non-fatal shootings, and a decrease in calls for service. From 2021 to date, the department has seen an average decrease of approximately 21% in homicides, approximately 14% in non-fatal shootings, and a 4% decrease in calls for service. To date, the department has participated in 236 community walks and events/meetings.

- Approximately $10.51 million ID No. SDPD for the replacement of the public safety fleet. The aging fleet also poses challenges to police operations. The department was recently provided funding to purchase approximately 100 police units, but that only accounts for a fraction of what is needed to get the fleet up-to-date. Approximately 150 units are needed each year to keep the fleet on a three-to-four-year cycle, which reduces maintenance costs that have increased each year. The funding requested will purchase 190 marked-patrol units and 48 unmarked with the necessary equipment to outfit each. Below is the status of the fleet replacement as of June 30, 2025 all vehicles are in service.

- $100,000 ID No. SDDA2 for the expansion of the Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) administered by the EBRPDA. These funds will allow this program to expand programming for its evidence-based, trauma-informed, harm-reduction focused HVIP. This request provides for professional training, enhanced services, expansion into other trauma-units, and a comprehensive process evaluation for the HVIP hosted by the EBRPDA. Since 2017, the EBRPDA has dedicated Victim Assistance Coordinators to the HVIP at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center to assist in meeting the physical, mental and emotional needs of survivors and victims of violence. The program focuses on patients who are victims of violence/intentional injuries and seeks to capitalize on such potentially life-altering moments in an effort to disrupt the cycles, and further perpetuation of violence. Since the pandemic, our community has seen a rise in victims of violent crimes. In addition, studies show that survivors of violent/traumatic experiences are significantly more likely to be re-victimized and/or become violent offenders themselves. The HVIP is structured to address the needs of victims after being released from the hospital to eliminate unhealthy behaviors, relationships, and reduce recidivism/re-victimization by supporting a healthy lifestyle. Once a victim is enrolled in the program, they are provided with a wide range of services that continue after discharge. As with the other programs, we are currently in discussions with LSU as a research partner to provide a holistic analysis and report on the best approaches to increase the impact of the program.

- $150,000 ID No. SDDA3 for the Innovative Opioid Project. Fatal overdoses have escalated in East Baton Rouge Parish amid the pandemic nearly doubling the previous record-setting amount of lives lost in 2019. In 2020, the year of the pandemic, there was an unprecedented 242 overdose deaths, which is more than double the murder rate and has disproportionately affected communities of color. Of those fatalities, approximately 85% were attributable to opiates and/or opioids. As of May 24, 2021, fatal overdoses are continuing to increase at an alarming rate (roughly 22% higher than the same time in 2020). Since 2018, the EBRPDA has utilized the federal Innovative Prosecution Solutions grant to implement and operate a collaborative, community-wide, multidisciplinary and multiagency project to address this crisis. The Innovative Opioid Project has enabled the EBRPDA to test, establish, and implement innovative programs focused on public health and public safety enhancements by collecting and sharing data. Recently, the EBRPDA signed a joint letter with the Mayor-President's HealthyBR initiative to form the "East Baton Rouge Overdose Coalition" (EBROC), which is a Public Health and Safety Team model to dedicate and leverage all available resources, at each government level, to conduct and support activities that identify ways for effective collaboration in saving lives, and increasing public health and safety in the Parish through expanded data collection, analysis and sharing related to fatal and non-fatal overdoses. The EBROC will utilize data to implement/inform/support outreach, prevention, education and training efforts that focus on reducing fatalities and harm caused by drug use disorders. As of July 2025, these funds were fully utilized to support the efforts of the DA's Digital Forensics Unit (DFU)—an integral component in the Parish's overall Opioid Abatement strategy. Borne out of necessity and launched with community support in 2021, the DFU provides the only centralized digital evidence analysis in the region—extracting critical leads from devices recovered at overdose scenes. Phones often contain the only actionable intelligence to trace the source of fatal drugs. Since inception, the DFU has processed hundreds of devices received from seven different law enforcement agencies operating within EBR, and is now essential to supporting investigative and prosecutorial efforts related to overdose and other violent crimes.

- $500,000 ID No. SDDAPD for additional special prosecutors and public defenders to assist on matters relating to the ongoing backlog of cases.

- $746,059 ID No. SDYE for youth employment programs that directly address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on young people and their families and communities. These programs will provide paid training and/or work experience targeted primarily to communities experiencing high levels of violence exacerbated by the pandemic. In addition, the programs will provide workforce readiness training, apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship opportunities, skills development, placement services, and/or coaching and mentoring opportunities. During the summer of 2022 through 2025, over 900 youth were employed through community partners.

Mayor's Youth Workforce Experience

IMPACT:

936	Student Interns
149k	Hours of Work Experience
159	Host Sites
270	Mentors Engaged
37	Unique Schools

- Violence is a public health epidemic, and it will spread without a prevention and intervention strategy. Law enforcement cannot deliver public safety on their own. Community plays a major role in our overall Public Safety. Public health uses data as a foundation to understand how frequently violence occurs, where it occurs, trends in violence, victims and perpetrators, and then uses these data to engage stakeholders in the development of community solutions to prevent violence, promote healing, and restore communities. Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome established Safe Hopeful Healthy (SHH) BR, within the Mayor's Healthy City Initiative, to develop a collective vision and strategy to strengthen coordination, capacity, and partnerships to address the root causes of violence, and to advance policies and practices that are grounded in a culture of health. By developing a public safety ecosystem, a diverse coalition of stakeholders, including survivors, advocates, and community partners work collaboratively to prevent all forms of violence and promote healing through four pillars.

Gun Violence Comparisons

-19.8%	2023 vs 2022
-33.5%	2023 vs 2021

Homicides

-14.7%	2023 vs 2022
-32.5%	2023 vs 2021

Five Periods of 21+ Consecutive Days with No Homicides

  - Safe communities - Safe Hopeful Healthy BR centers community as core partners to serve as the leaders in Community Violence Intervention (CVI) and Group Violence Intervention (GVI). These programs reach out to those at the center of gun violence in their communities, build relationships, and work to support healing and address conflict through nonviolent means, including de-escalation and mediation. Service offerings may include other forms of support like housing, education, mental health, and employment opportunities.

- 107 **Dispatches** in 70802 & 70805
- 130 **Interventions, Preventions, and Mediations**
- 55 **Follow-Ups** with the Community
- 1 **Meeting** with Community Members
- 113 **Instances** of Community Engagement Activity

- School-Outreach Dream Academy - The Safe Hopeful Healthy BR School-Outreach Dream Academy (SODA) is currently partnered with 5 High Schools across East Baton Rouge Parish to provide students, their families, and the surrounding community with personal and professional development resources to become their best selves.

- Safe Hopeful Neighborhoods - Safe Hopeful Neighborhood (SHN) serves as the hub of neighborhood engagement for City-Parish, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance, and Build BR. SHN is a citizen-based portal that connects people to city systems, providing residents the resources improve their lives, create change in their neighborhoods.
- National Initiatives –
  - White House Community Violence Intervention Collaborative (CVIC). Baton Rouge participated in a cohort of 16 jurisdictions committed to using American Rescue Plan funding or other public funding to scale and strengthen their CVI infrastructure. Through this partnership with the Biden Administration, anchored by Hyphen, SHHBR partners have established a co-responder program to respond to emergency calls, brought young people and law enforcement into the same room to talk about improving public safety, scaled up the number of individuals served by skills training and entrepreneurship programs, and even established new community violence intervention programs.
  - DOJ's Public Safety Partnership - A coalition of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and community workers have announced the East Baton Rouge Public Safety Partnership, an action plan with the Department of Justice to reduce gun violence throughout the parish. The partnership includes all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in East Baton Rouge Parish, the US Attorney's and District Attorney's Offices, Safe Hopeful Healthy BR, and the City-Parish.

As of June 30, 2025 approximately 100% of the funding in the total Public Health expenditure category has been spent or committed/encumbered.

Expenditure Category 2: Negative Economic Impacts - $8.52 million

The City Parish has directed funds under this expenditure category to supporting affordable housing development and corresponding support services and addressing the economic impacts of COVID-19 in the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors.

Expenditure Category 2: Negative Economic Impacts-Assistance to Households
2.15 Long Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing - $6 million. ID No. HOUSE 1

In recognition of the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 virus on health and economic outcomes in low-income areas, building stronger neighborhoods and communities by the development of affordable housing is essential in rebuilding the community.

The proposed Scotlandville Housing Development, formerly called Housing for Heroes, is a multi-use low and moderate-income housing development for essential workers and professionals. The project is located in a Qualified Census Tract area. The housing project will have 36 units, and 51,000 square feet of mixed use live and work space, creating 25 new jobs in the area and providing 1-3 bedroom housing for essential workers and low and moderate professionals. The total costs of the project are estimated to be $11 million; therefore, this funding would be used as the financial gap necessary for construction of the project. As of June 30, 2025, 100% of the funding has been committed/encumbered.

Expenditure Category 2: Other 2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other - $2.52 million.
ID No. NEI

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism resulted in a loss to the Baton Rouge economy. Cancelled events included weddings, festivals, concerts, and tailgating for football games. The pandemic not only had a direct impact on the tourism industry, but also a ripple effect on related sectors. These funds will be utilized to attract tourism and provide economic development incentives necessary to attract and retain businesses in our parish. As the specific programs are identified, the plan will be amended accordingly. The City-Parish entered into an agreement with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber and partners like the Baton Rouge Convention and Visitor's Bureau to provide a coordinated approach to supporting the tourism, travel and hospitality industries and employment gaps associated with those industries. Specifically, these funds will support programs dedicated to resolving regional employment mismatches, targeted marketing campaigns to promote Baton Rouge as a travel and employment destination for the travel, tourism and hospitality industry and youth workforce initiatives.

As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the funding in this expenditure category has been spent or committed/encumbered.

Expenditure Category 4: Premium Pay - $3.90 million. ID No. PREPAY

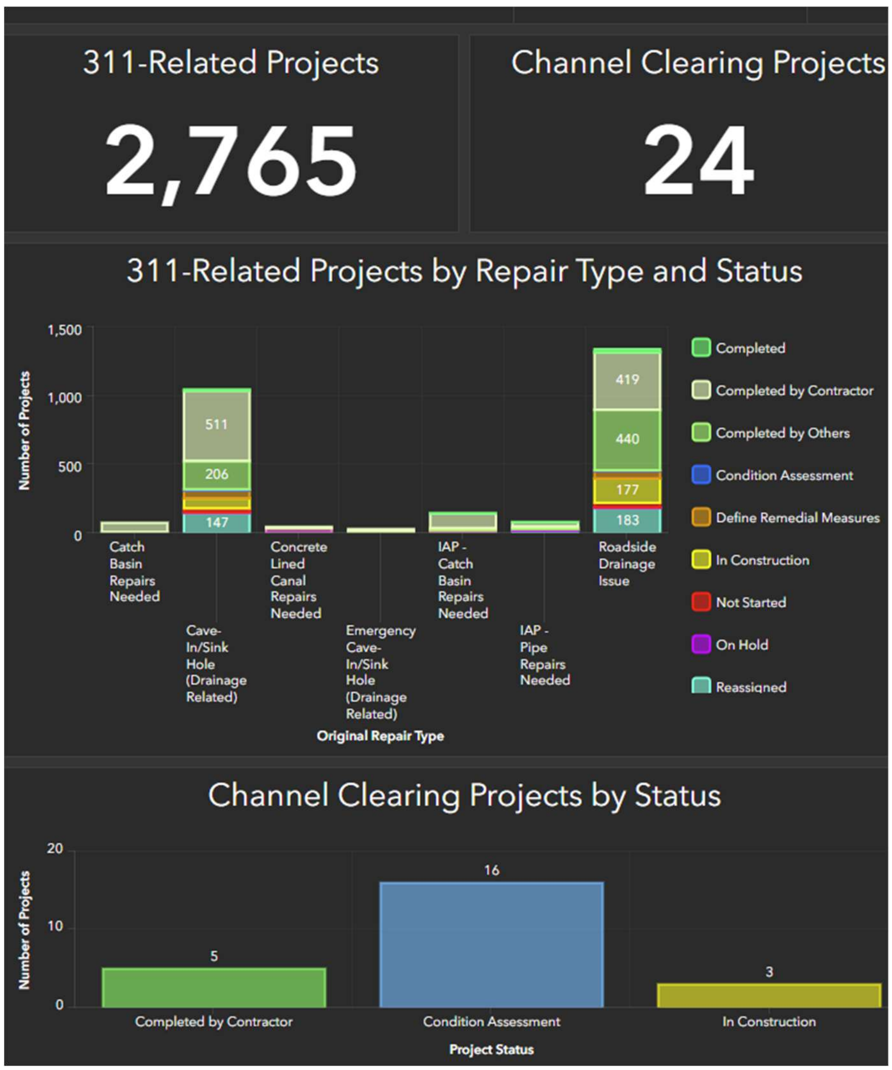
City-Parish buildings were closed to the public for approximately six weeks during the COVID-19 public health emergency. During this time, it was necessary to maintain governmental services. Therefore, each departmental appointing authority had to designate employees as essential workers to continue performing services to the citizens as well as the administrative operations of the City-Parish. According to the ARPA guidance, workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency may be provided premium pay. Providing premium pay to essential employees has been a priority of the Administration. The Parish Attorney's Office is currently seeking an Attorney General Opinion to ensure that premium pay is allowable under Louisiana law. If this compensation is allowable, each appointing authority would be responsible for certifying the essential workers within their department qualify for the pay based on the established criteria and policy, with premium pay restricted to workers that were physically present during the City-Parish's defined eligibility period. Premium pay would be a one-time payment with no retirement benefits. The essential pay allows for the compensation of those employees who continued to perform their work activities and/or endured the heightened risk of performing essential work during the shutdown period. As of June 30, 2025, approximately 2,279 employees received premium pay. As of June 30, 2025, 100% of the funding in this expenditure category has been spent.

Expenditure Category 5: Infrastructure - 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater - $55.37 million

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge experienced widespread flooding that brought to light the current challenges regarding existing infrastructure for dispensing stormwater and how it is managed.

The City-Parish plans to spend approximately one-third of the ARPA funding for these improvements. These events highlighted issues with conveyance systems, development and drainage ordinances and their impact on the overall stormwater management in the Parish. In order to address these issues, the Parish has adopted a phased approach to the development of the Stormwater Master Plan. The East Baton Rouge Stormwater Master Plan and 20-Year Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan seek to identify flood-related risks and vulnerabilities, and recommend prioritized capital improvements to mitigate or reverse those risks. Funding for improvements will include Stormwater Best Management Practices, which will include measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.

Project Description	ID No.	Budget
Channel clearing and grubbing	SWCG	$11,190,184.56
Storm drain cleanout	SWDC	$2,017,543.25
Drainage Box and Stormwater Pipe Cleaning	SWBP	$6,000,000.00
Storm Water Operational	SWOM	$27,439,444.69
Roadside drainage cave-ins	SWDCI	$3,856,028,68
Jones Creek drainage improvements	SWJC	$380,000.00
Lined canal panel repairs	SWCR	$2,500,000.00
Engineering/project management	SWPM	$1,304,236.42
Bridge replacements	SWBR	$615,736.37
Magnolia Woods/Baird Dr. drainage	SWMB	$67,750.00
Total		**$55,370,923.97**



As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the funds have been spent or committed/encumbered.

Expenditure Category 9: Surface Transportation Projects - 9.2 Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (Streamlined Framework) - $937,621.43.

Constructed in 1960, the Twin Oaks bridge served as a vital connection between Scotlandville-Zachary Highway and Heck Young Road. However, a routine inspection in 2015 revealed its structural decline, prompting its immediate closure. Despite the critical role the bridge played in connecting the rural community adjacent to the Scotlandville-Zachary Highway and Heck Young Road, residents were left facing detours, longer commutes, and frequent safety concerns on alternate routes. During the pandemic it became evident that citizens were unable to quickly access healthcare due to the prolonged closure of the bridge. Furthermore, recent drainage issues have become a growing concern along the Baker Canal resulting from the derelict state of the bridge.

The replacement bridge will use watertight expansion joints so that all surface water can drain off the structure and collect in inlets placed at the bridge ends. The downstream ends of bridges need special attention which will collect and concentrate the stormwater away from the bridge. The concentrated flow will be directed into a low-risk erosion area. All runoff shall be directed away from wing walls, fill slopes, and embankments, so that no material is susceptible to erosion. Bridge drains are designed to reduce the amount of concentrated flows off a structure. The replacement of the bridge allows the Parish to address the subsurface drainage issues as well as respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the bridge's closure further highlighted significant public health impacts, as residents were unable to quickly access healthcare facilities. The lack of a direct route increased response times for emergency services, exacerbating health risks during a critical period. Additionally, the bridge's collapse and subsequent debris partially blocked the bayou's flow, increasing backwater upstream of the bridge, resulting in higher flow velocities through the bridge area. This intensified erosive forces, further compromising the structure and surrounding land.

The closure of the bridge also negatively impacted the local economy by disrupting transportation for workers and businesses. Safety concerns on alternate routes posed additional risks to residents. Recent drainage problems along the Baker Canal have become a growing concern, likely exacerbated by the derelict state of the bridge, contributing to localized flooding and additional erosion, impacting both property and infrastructure.

As a result of the expanded Treasury guidance issued in the 2023 Interim Final Rule (12/29/22) the project is being reported in two Treasury expenditure categories. Phase I of the project addresses stormwater infrastructure improvements by the removal of an existing structure in a drainage canal to address the subsurface drainage issues and reported in EC 5.6. Clean Water: Stormwater. However, Phase II: Bridge replacement is being reported in EC 9.2 - Surface Transportation Projects Not Receiving Funding from DOT (Streamlined Framework). As of June 30, 2025 this project was completed and all funds have been expended.

Expenditure Category 6: Revenue Loss
6.1: Provision of Governmental Services- $54.29 million

As a result of the pandemic, the City-Parish experienced a revenue loss in 2020 as compared to the prior year. Based on the formula provided by the US Treasury, the General Fund revenue loss as of 12/31/2020 is approximately $51.2 million. These funds may be used for any general provision of government services, to the extent of the estimated reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Most of these funds will be utilized to assist with public safety operating expenses for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024. The City-Parish contracted with a third-party CPA firm to assist in the revenue loss calculation. In accordance with the Interim Report, these funds will not be used directly for pension deposits or debt service. In the final rule, the US Treasury increased the growth rate used to calculate the revenue loss from 4.1% to 5.2%, which resulted in an additional $8,679,732 or $59,884,177 that the City-Parish may use for any general provision of government services.

The Information Services (IS) Department is responsible for the City-Parish's digital connectivity. The current connectivity is facing daily challenges to meet the ever-increasing demands of citizens and businesses for efficient and effective digital government. The coronavirus pandemic has only intensified these demands with socially distanced employees, and citizens needing digital-first services now more than ever. Some areas in the City-Parish government lack a robust digital infrastructure causing difficulties with the implementation of the new normal. However, with this ever-accelerating shift to digital and online services, cybersecurity is more important than ever before. The City-Parish continues to need cybersecurity protections that make all of our digital interactions safe. Funding in the amount of $3.49 million dedicated for increasing cybersecurity. The Information Services Department has outlined the needs based on current assets and infrastructure.

- A multi-year service that will provide software and hardware to enhance detection, as well as access to a team of cyber experts that will work directly with Information Services - $1.39 million ID No. CSSH.

- Replace Email Security Gateway (spam filter) - $468,483 ID No. CSEG. Email is the number one attack vector for cyber threats so it is important to have appropriate protection for any inbound email received by the City-Parish. The City-Parish identified that the current solution is not performing adequately given today's email-based cyber threats. This upgrade will provide a more advanced email protection system against spam and malicious attacks. It will also include data loss prevention that looks at each email, scans for certain indicators and flags it if protected information, such as social security numbers or account numbers, is being sent without encryption. This will help prevent the accidental or deliberate distribution of protected data. This purchase will provide five years of services for this solution.

- Exchange Online - $456,690 ID No. CSEO. In 2022, the Exchange (email) environment will no longer be supported by Microsoft. Currently the email environment is hosted in the City-Parish datacenters. Given the critical nature of email being always available and the complexity of a truly redundant email solution, many organizations are opting to use a cloud-based email service. It is recommended by the IS Department that the City-Parish transition to this model as well. The IS team would continue to manage the addition of email boxes, but will not need to worry about the constant upgrade of software and storage capacities. The cloud environment will provide exponentially more mailbox space than currently being supported with an on-premise system. Having a cloud-based email system will allow the IS team to continue to communicate internally and with the public should the network ever be affected by a cyberattack. This funding will provide for three years of Exchange Online services.

- Windows Server License upgrades - $644,262 ID No. CSWU. In 2022, Microsoft will no longer provide security patches for the Windows server version used on the City-Parish network. Upgrading to the latest software version is critical to any cybersecurity protection efforts. If the manufacturer no longer makes security patches, then the cyber actors will exploit vulnerabilities in that software. This upgrade will provide the existing Windows Server environment with three years of software maintenance on those licenses.

- Structured Query Language (SQL) Server License upgrades – $320,493 ID No. CSSQL. Similar to the item above, Microsoft will no longer support the version of SQL Server used by the City-Parish.

SQL Server is software that allows the City-Parish to run databases for various software such as the financial and human resources systems, Firehouse, Geographic Information System, etc. Not having supported software will mean that the software will potentially have flaws that can be attacked by cyber actors. This purchase will provide funding to upgrade all SQL licenses used by the City-Parish and will allow for three years of software maintenance on those licenses.

- Multifactor Authentication – $208,474 ID No. CSMA. Multifactor authentication is an industry best practice for remotely accessing the network. Besides simply providing a password, a secondary authentication will need to be provided to gain access to the network. Many financial institutions have moved to this method and will email or text a code to the user as part of the authentication process. At a minimum, this will be used for the City-Parish Virtual Private Network (VPN) server, which allows users to remotely access the network when they are away from the office. The City-Parish can also tie this into any critical systems necessary to be protected by the multifactor authentication.

General Operations - $50,796,054.92 ID No. GLOM. The City-Parish will use these funds for general provision of government services, to the extent of the estimated reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funds include facility improvements for the Public Safety Complex, Parish Prison, the United Way building, community centers, Coroner's Office, and the facilities occupied by the Department of Health and Human Services, Human Resources, and Juvenile Services. Funding is also included for the construction of a new sub-station for the Sheriff in the Glen Oaks area and improvements to the Mayfair Park gym. As well as funding to assist with the planning and design of a new community center in District 6.

In addition, funding for the financial gap of $8 million is necessary to complete the Choice Neighborhoods project that will transform the Ardenwood public housing development and surrounding East Fairfield-Smiley Heights-Melrose East neighborhood due to increased construction and labor costs.

Including in this expenditure category is funding for each parish fire protection district and the municipal fire departments for Baker and Zachary, for public safety equipment. Funding in the amount of $500,000 was provided to the Baker Fire Department to assist with the construction cost of a replacement fire station. The funding will be utilized for equipment, premium pay for eligible employees, and as a temporary funding solution for manpower shortages at the Chaneyville Fire Protection District. Funding in the amount of $2,796,000 is also provided for public safety equipment for the EBRP Sheriff's Office, as well as premium pay. Funding in the amount of $4,870 for premium pay for eligible employees of the Coroner's Office was distributed.

The City-Parish is one of 16 jurisdictions working with the White House Community Violence Intervention Collaborative (CVIC) to determine a range of strategies to reduce community violence within our jurisdiction. As a part of this initiative, $7.57 million was allocated to enhance the initial funding used to support a wide range of community violence reduction strategies.

Public safety equipment is essential to operate effectively. Funding to repair the Mobile Crime Scene Unit of $150,000 and to increase the AXON contract by $600,000 is provided. Due to the rise in violent, gun-related crimes, the department is responding to an increased volume of crime scenes where significant resources are needed. The current mobile crime scene unit is outdated, out of warranty, and past the useful life. The funding was used to acquire two additional quick response mobile crime scene units containing and capable of deploying the necessary safety equipment to properly screen, process, interview, and document victims of violent crime while maintaining precautionary distancing. The Police Department uses many different types of software and hardware to function in this digital environment, but none is more important than the ability of an officer to write reports in an efficient and timely manner. Additional funding for the AXON contract will allow the department to use software that can connect and interface with the officer's body camera allowing officers the ability to complete reports more efficiently and effectively. This connection will provide for better investigative and administrative resources to solve crimes and understand violent crime trends.

Funding of $425,000 for the District Attorney is also included to outsource and expedite DNA testing on gun-related cases and witness protection costs. Retention and recruitment of police officers is critical for the department's crime reduction strategies, which are dependent on increasing the volume of officers assigned to patrol areas plagued with persistent violent gun crime.

With nearly 100 police vacancies, the department continues to struggle with recruitment and retention of qualified officers. Funding is allocated towards workforce retention for the Baton Rouge Police Department.

Due to the increase in domestic violence cases, the City-Parish has collaborated with the YWCA of Baton Rouge to provide legal services to the court that will assist with the case backlog and provide both pre-trial and post-conviction wrap around services to their clients. Furthermore, the Mayor's Office, through community partners, will facilitate a ReEntry Program that will serve as a traditional employment program that aims to reduce recidivism by providing job training and employment opportunities to those returning from our local and state prisons. Total funding for both programs is approximately $1.98 million.

Additional funding in the amount of $600,000 for youth employment programs will provide workforce readiness training, apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship opportunities, skills development, placement services, and/or coaching and mentoring opportunities. Also included, is enhancements in the amount of $700,000 for the Human Resources Department to assist with recruiting and job placements, technology upgrades, reworking our employee evaluation program (PMAS), and modification of various antiquated job occupational descriptions. Funding of $50,000 is included for the purchase of data monitoring software for training and educational resources for small, minority, women, veteran, and disabled business owners.

Funding has been allocated for emergency rental assistance and housing stability, to assist in the transition of eliminating the expanded senior meals no longer being provided to Council on Aging through state funding, additional $900,000 for public safety equipment and vehicles for the Baker and Zachary Police Departments, downtown signage, $50,000 for the arts program and $100,000 towards updating Plan BR3; a comprehensive master planning effort for downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana, focusing on revitalization and development

As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the funding in this expenditure category has been spent or committed/encumbered.

Expenditure Category 7: Administrative
7.1: Administrative Expenses - $1.91 million

Hire a third-party CPA firm to assist with revenue loss calculation as well a program administrator to assist with the administering and reporting requirements of the ARPA funding.

- Financial Reporting / CPA Firm – Calculation of Revenue Loss $14,500 ID No. AE01. The City-Parish will rely on a third-party CPA firm to conduct revenue loss calculations throughout the duration of the program to ensure that it is classifying the correct amount of the SLFRF program under the revenue loss expenditure category.

- Grant/Program Administration $1.90 ID No. AE02 – The City-Parish has aside these funds for third party grant management administration and force account program, compiling reports, and grant administration.

As of June 30, 2025, approximately 100% of the funding in this expenditure category has been spent or committed/encumbered.

Below is a chart of the additional Performance Indicators.

City-Parish SLFRF Performance Reporting				
City-Parish SLFRF Program Grouping	**Output Reporting Metric**	**2024-2025 Measurement**	**Outcome Reporting Metric**	**2025 Measurement**
Blight Reduction	# of enforcement actions taken	8,400	# of condemned homes demolished	17
			# of homes cleared of trash and debris	46 Homes (38.11 tons / 146.15 yds^3)
			# of addresses of public and private land with reduced blighted conditions	278
			# of court orders recorded	528
Investments to Reduce Community Violence	Required		Average response time	6 minutes, 6 seconds
	# of workers enrolled in sectoral job training	Not enough program component progression to justify reporting	Violent	
	# of workers completing sectoral job training programs (required)	Not enough program component progression to justify reporting	Homicide	81
	# of people participating in summer youth employment programs (required)	488	Negligent Manslaughter	4
	2024 CVI Program Output Metrics[3]		Sexual Offenses	373
	# of community events	793	Robbery	434
	# of trainings/ technical workshops	329	Assault / Battery	2,969
	# of events held in target zip codes	766	Property	
	# of in-person participants	15,261	Burglary	2,480
	# of physical resources provided	17,968	Theft	6,091
	# of virtual event participants	Program component not documented	Auto Theft	1,515
Flood Risk Reduction	# of catch basins/storm drains repaired	483 inlets	# of Annual NFIP Claims	8 Claims Closed (2 Paid / 6 Unpaid)
	# of linear feet of drainage pipe replaced	3,542		
	# of linear feet of roadside drainage ditches cleaned	22,085	Total Claim Value	$48,857.04
	# of linear feet of drainage pipe cleaned	5,220		

In addition to the Performance Indicators listed above, the City-Parish has produced a series of ARPA impact reports that can be viewed on our website at https://www.brla.gov/2670/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-of-2021.

[3] Safe, Hopeful, Healthy, Baton Rouge 2024 Annual Partner Metrics