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# City of Corpus Christi – Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2021 Report

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# 2021 Recovery Plan

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## **General Overview**

### **Executive Summary**

This is the initial submittal of the required Program Report to meet the Recovery Plan Performance Report due August 31, 2021. This report will be more summary in nature due to the City being in the early stages of the project process, but subsequent reports will provide more qualitative and quantitative project details.

The City of Corpus Christi was allocated \$67,553,894 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. On June 22, 2021, City Council appropriated funding to the following project areas:

Citywide Water Infrastructure Improvements	\$30,000,000
Citywide Wastewater Lift Station Upgrades and Improvements	\$18,400,000
Citywide Stormwater Improvements	\$15,000,000
Downtown Outdoor Dining Initiative and Infrastructure	\$100,000
Revenue Replacement	\$4,050,000

As of August 31, 2021, no funds have been expended, but plans for the projects are in process and funds will be expended in the quarter.

## **Uses of Funds**

The City of Corpus Christi will allocate the funds in compliance with the guidance received from the US Treasury, in alignment with the goals of the City Council, and for the benefit of the citizens of Corpus Christi. The guidance provides for the following general categories: Public Health, Negative Economic Impacts, Premium Pay, Revenue Loss, and Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadband. City Council chose to primarily focus on the category of Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadband with the majority of the funding focused on Water, Sewer and Stormwater Improvements that will benefit a large percentage of the citizens. A small portion of the funding will be allocated to Revenue Replacement but will not go into general operations but allocated to the construction of a Fire Station which will serve the citizens of Corpus Christi.

### **Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure – \$63.4 Million**

#### ***Water***

The City has aging infrastructure that needs replacement to improve water quality and reliability. Much of the aging infrastructure is in lower income neighborhoods. By allocating these funds to the infrastructure improvements, future rate pressures are mitigated which helps all citizens. The Water Utility is identifying critical infrastructure and prioritizing it based on future replacement schedules and the overall impact on the system.

#### ***Sewer***

The City has aging sewer lift stations that are in need of upgrades and improvements. These upgrades and improvements will provide for a more reliable system which benefits all citizens. By allocating these funds to the infrastructure improvements, future rate pressures are mitigated which helps all citizens.

#### ***Stormwater/Drainage***

Various areas of the City are in need of drainage enhancements and improvements. There are neighborhoods across the City that routinely flood when the area experiences heavy or prolonged rains. Some of the inadequate drainage infrastructure is in lower income neighborhoods which experience repeated flooding. By allocating these funds to the infrastructure improvements, future rate pressures are mitigated which helps all citizens.

### **Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts – \$100,000**

Restaurants and bars were negatively impacted by COVID-19. Outdoor dining and gathering spaces have proven successful in allowing patrons to socially distance and provide for dining and entertainment in areas that are not enclosed. The City plans to support the creation of outdoor eating and entertainment spaces in the downtown area. The Downtown Management District is working with businesses to create a plan of spending and execution for this allocation.

### **Revenue Replacement – \$4,050,000**

The City was fortunate to have limited revenue loss which was experienced primarily in area that collected fees for services/programs that could not be offered due to COVID-19, Public Safety and Municipal Court due to suspension of trials and less law enforcement activities, and

sales tax reductions in some industries. The City plans to recover a portion of the lost revenue and allocate it not to general operations, but to the construction of a needed Fire Station.

**Promoting equitable outcomes**

Many of these projects are just in the planning stages so qualitative data had not been gathered. A large portion of the infrastructure improvements will be done in the City’s older, lower socioeconomic neighborhoods. As the continue to develop, the outcomes will be able to be calculated and discussed.

**Community Engagement**

City Council represents the citizens of Corpus Christi. The plan was discussed in open session with input for Council members as representatives of the citizens. Citizens were invited to participate in public comment on the proposed plan.

**Labor Practices**

The City has experience in successfully administering prevailing wage and other labor requirements through the state and federal grant programs. These grant-funded contracts include services and infrastructure efforts. Project undertaken using ARPA funding will comply with all federal labor requirements.

**Use of Evidence**

Since the majority of the projects are infrastructure in nature, the City will determine the best approach to this once the projects are fully developed.

**Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category**

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	\$0	\$0
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	\$0	\$0
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$0	\$0
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	\$0	\$0
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$0	\$0
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	\$0	\$0
6.1	Provision of Government Services		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
7	Administrative and Other	\$0	\$0
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

**Project Inventory**

No projects have been started to date. Below is a list of the planned projects with a brief project overview:

Project 1076-421001F: Citywide Waterline Improvements Project  
 Funding amount: \$30,000,000

Project overview:

The City is currently replacing and upgrading various water lines throughout the City in an effort to improve the health of the system. Associated capital improvement projects are also being conducted to install new elevated storage tanks. The replacement of aging/poor condition water mains is necessary to prevent breaks due to the designed increase in the hydraulic grade line (HGL) of the city. The City will be utilizing an existing IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity) to complete this work. This project will make necessary and important improvements to the City’s water system.

Project 1076-421002F: Citywide Wastewater Lift Station Upgrades  
 Funding amount: \$18,400,000

Project overview:

The Williams, Woolridge, and Morgan lift stations are to be upgraded to ensure they are operating as designed and to improve capacity and function. Both hydraulic and electrical modifications will be made to these three lift stations. The project is currently in the design phase with the expected completion of the plans and drawings to be in September 2021 with the bid expected to take place in October 2021. This project will make necessary and important improvements to the City’s wastewater collection system.



Project 1076-421003F: Citywide Stormwater Improvements  
Funding amount: \$15,000,000

Project overview:

This project will rehabilitate and/or replace aging storm water infrastructure. Project will assess existing conditions of storm water pipe, ditches, channels, and other aging systems that have reached the end of their useful service life and correct as warranted. Timeline for the project will be one year. Construction contract will be IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity). As projects are identified, a delivery order will be put together with scope, quantities for construction, and estimated price and will be issued to contractor to start construction.

**Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)**

Not applicable.