



City of Corpus Christi – Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2022 Report

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General Overview

Executive Summary

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill signed into law by the President in March 2021. Within the ARPA, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund were established which provides \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to respond to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Corpus Christi's first allocation from the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of \$33,776,947 was received in May 2021 and the second allocation for the same amount was received in June 2022 for a total of \$67,553,894.

On June 22, 2021, the Corpus Christi 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

Through June 2022, the City of Corpus Christi has expended more than \$5 million of the SLFR funds. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting aid to outdoor dining and major water infrastructure upgrade projects. More information on the projects can be found beginning on page 6 of this report under the Project Inventory section.

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 they continue to develop, the outcomes will be able to be calculated and discussed, in accordance with the guidance provided under the American Rescue Plan Final Rule.

Community Engagement

City Council represents the citizens of Corpus Christi. The proposed projects were presented in an open session with the opportunity for Council members to provide input, as representative of the citizens. These meetings are open to the City of Corpus Christi's citizens and provides an opportunity for the public to speak on the proposed projects under the SLFR funds.

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
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	\$10,870.00	\$10,870.00
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
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	\$10,870.00	\$10,870.00
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$5,004,252.09	\$5,004,252.09
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	\$177,727.45	\$177,727.45
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	\$4,826,524.64	\$4,826,524.64
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		

Project Inventory

Below is a list of the planned projects with a brief project overview:

Project 1076-421002F: Citywide Wastewater Lift Station Upgrades

Funding amount: \$18,400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.5 – Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure

Project overview:

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 Morgan and Woolridge Lift Stations began construction in February 2022 and are about 15% complete. The Williams Lift Station began construction in May 2022 and is about 5% complete. All three projects will make necessary and important improvements to the City's wastewater collection system.

Project 1076-421004F: Downtown Dining Development

Funding amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 – Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

Project overview:

The City is collaborating with the Downtown Management District in creating outdoor dining spaces in the downtown area. The project is currently still in the planning and design phase. This project will allow patrons to socially distance and provide for dining and entertainment in areas that are not enclosed.

Project 1076-421005F: Citywide Waterline Improvements Project

Funding amount: \$30,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 – Drinking Water: Transmission and Distribution

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 1076-421003F: 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.