

Executive Summary

The proposed Hillsborough County American Rescue Plan (ARP) Investment Plan, a 39-page document designed to guide County Commissioner decision-making through the presentation of 32 potential investment options aligned with ARP funding categories, will be considered for approval by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners on September 1, 2021. Each option is described in terms of the community needs it is designed to address, the project or program being proposed to address those needs, and an estimated budget range. As our Commissioners approve these initiatives, we will refine our plans, describe how each initiative impacts and supports equity and inclusion, develop output- and outcome-based performance measures to track community benefits, and apply a program-management approach to ensure all initiatives are successfully managed, monitored, and implemented.

Uses of Funds

Subject to the proposed Hillsborough County American Rescue Plan (ARP) Investment Plan's approval by the Board of County Commissioners on September 1, 2021, as our Commissioners approve the above mentioned initiatives, we will, when applicable, refine Hillsborough County plans, describe how each initiative impacts and supports equity and inclusion, develop output- and outcome-based performance measures to track community benefits, and apply a program-management approach to ensure all initiatives are successfully managed, monitored, and implemented.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners has retained a strategic consultant to develop an equity profile for Hillsborough County that will be used to inform strategic equity spaces including, but not limited to, income bias, economic opportunity, health care, criminal justice, housing, land use/zoning, transportation, food security, and educational access/the digital divide. Additionally, the resulting profile and data will be used to guide the design and implementation of an "equity lens" through which actions taken by the County are examined to assess and measure questions of equity.

It is Hillsborough County's desire to respond to, not only the current social, cultural, economic climate, but also address in a meaningful way the historic disparities within our community. By developing an equity profile of our community, opportunities for equitable growth and thriving can be identified and nurtured. Hillsborough County is focused on looking forward and promoting growth by capitalizing on the assets and diversity of our community.

Community Engagement

Hillsborough County has a population of over 1.4 million residents. Due to the size of the County, Hillsborough County Government was the recipient of \$256 million in CARES Act funds in April

2020. The receipt of these funds meant that the County had to very quickly determine the needs of its residents and develop short-term programs to meet those needs. Significant staff efforts have been devoted to assisting residents since the early days of the pandemic. Those efforts continue today, and they necessitate constant communication with the public on how we can best service not only residents, but local businesses. Pandemic outreach has been a constant effort for the past year and a half.

At each Board of County Commissioners meeting, a COVID status report is placed on the Board's agenda. The public can review this report prior to each meeting and to make comments during the public comment portion of the agenda. This report began to include details of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) beginning in March 2021. Additionally, the County Administrator delivered her FY 22 Recommended Budget to the Board at a meeting in July 2021. The presentation at this meeting included materials for the American Rescue Plan and residents had an opportunity to weigh in on the budget at this meeting.

During the months of June and July, there were a total of three face to face community meetings held at Hillsborough County facilities in underserved areas of the County. While these meetings were not specifically targeted to the ARP, they were designed to educate citizens on County services and to gather input from residents on their needs. The ARP was discussed at these meetings.

As of the date of this report, Hillsborough County Administration has not yet presented an ARP Investment Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. However, the plan is scheduled for Board consideration on September 1. Hillsborough County's next report will include information on the Board approved plan.

Labor Practices

Infrastructure projects in the Recovery plan will comply with Davis Bacon Act to reflect the prevailing minimum wage rates as required. While the County doesn't have a local-preference ordinance, the Hillsborough County Disadvantaged Minority/Disadvantaged Women (DM/DWBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Encouragement Programs are designed to provide special opportunities to small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women within County procurements.

A recent Hillsborough County ordinance establishing apprenticeship participation requirements for County construction contracts becomes effective Sept. 1, 2021. The Construction Apprenticeship Program ordinance requires contractors bidding on County construction projects estimated to cost \$1 million or more to participate in an apprenticeship program registered with the Florida Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Labor. For the duration of the construction contract, at least 12% of the labor hours on the construction project must be performed by apprentices employed by the contractor or subcontractors on the construction project where applicable.

Use of Evidence

As our Commissioners approve projects we will identify appropriate metrics for evidence-based interventions which will be included in the Project Inventory as required.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
7	Administrative and Other	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0