

Marion County, Florida

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2021 Interim Report

Note: The Recovery Plan Performance Report will provide the public and Treasury information on the projects that recipients are undertaking with program funding and how they are planning to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner. While this template includes the minimum requirements for the Recovery Plan, each recipient is encouraged to add information to the plan that they feel is appropriate to provide information to their constituents on efforts they are taking to respond to the pandemic and promote an equitable economic recovery.

Each jurisdiction may determine the general form and content of the Recovery Plan, as long as it meets the reporting requirements, and recipients are encouraged to tailor this template to best meet their needs. Use of infographics, tables, charts, pictures, case studies, and other explanatory elements are encouraged.

Notes on using this template

All States and territories, and metropolitan cities and counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents that are recipients of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awards are required to produce a Recovery Plan Performance Report (the “Recovery Plan”). The Recovery Plan provides information on the recipient’s projects and how they plan to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective and equitable manner. It will include key performance indicators identified by the recipient and some mandatory indicators identified by Treasury. Each annual Recovery Plan must be posted on the public-facing website of the recipient by or on the same date that the recipient submits the report to Treasury.

The initial Recovery Plan will cover the period from the date of award to July 31, 2021 and must be submitted to Treasury by August 31, 2021. Thereafter, the Recovery Plan will cover a 12-month period and recipients will be required to submit the report to Treasury within 30 days after the end of the 12-month period (by July 31).

Annual Report	Period Covered	Due Date
1	Award Date – July 31, 2021	August 31, 2021
2	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	July 31, 2022
3	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	July 31, 2023
4	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	July 31, 2024
5	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	July 31, 2025
6	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	July 31, 2026
7	July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	March 31, 2027

Instructions:

This document is meant as a suggested template for applicable SLFRF recipients to assist them in submitting their Recovery Plan. Recipients should consult the SLFRF Guidance on Recipient Compliance and Reporting Responsibilities (Reporting Guidance) located at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf> for detailed guidance on the submission of this report.

Treasury encourages Recipients to tailor this report to best meet their needs in terms of format and content. Treasury recommends the use of infographics, tables, charts, pictures, case studies, and other explanatory elements in describing their programs.

Text in italics represents the requirements from the Reporting Guidance and is meant to serve as a reference as recipients prepare their Recovery Plan. This instructions page and the *text in italics* should be removed before the final transmitted report is published and submitted to Treasury.

Additional information around Expenditure Categories is located in Appendix 1 of the Reporting Guidance.

For More Information

More information about the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program and associated reporting requirements are located at www.treasury.gov/SLFRP .

Questions on reporting, eligible uses, or other general topics should be directed to SLFRP@treasury.gov.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners provided an initial guidance to use the funds in a combination of ways with the lion share to be used for Water, Sewer, Broadband and not-for-profit agency support. The County has a series of Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) being considered to support with compliance with federal and state regulations related to the use of funds, to support the administration of the construction projects and to perform a Countywide broadband feasibility study.

At this time, none of the funds have been obligated.

Uses of Funds

Marion County has been allocated approximately \$71MM. The following is a list of projects and programs being considered:

RFQ's for Support Services

1. "ARPA Consultant" – this contract is currently under negotiations and we anticipate to award it by the end of September 2021. It will provide support to County staff to identify proper use of funds as needs or requests arise.
2. "Program Manager" – this RFQ is under evaluation and we anticipate to award the contract by the end of October 2021. It will provide general support with handling construction contracts and regulations applicable to those.

RFQ's for Studies (EC 5)

1. Countywide Broadband Feasibility Study – this RFP is under internal review prior to advertising. The study will provide a foundation of Broadband information for the County and will identify unserved and underserved areas of the county. The study will also provide granular data to understand best cost to benefit solutions per areas of the County, private or public.

RFQ's for water and sewer projects or programs (EC 5)

1. General water line extension program (Proposed at \$5MM) – this is a program to provide grant funding to builders within strategic areas of the County. Marion County has several communities that were platted prior to many of the water and wastewater regulations being adopted at the federal, state and local levels. The original developers of those communities started central utility systems but never completed them and now the builders have faced construction of central lines which have inflated the cost of construction in those areas. The County is proposing to establish a "first come first serve, while funds last" program to help reduce the cost of building in those communities in an effort to reduce the price of the homes. Central water systems also provide fire hydrants to the communities and potable water to the residences.

2. Marion Oaks water line extensions project (proposed at \$10MM) – this project would help complete the water system in a portion of Marion Oaks, one of the communities with incomplete systems. The overall cost of completing the water system in the entire Marion Oaks Community exceeds \$60 MM at this time.
3. Silver Springs Shores water and sewer line extensions project (scalable, currently proposed at \$48.5 MM) – this project would help complete portions of the water and sewer systems in the Silver Springs Shores community, one of the communities with incomplete systems. Marion County is home to several first magnitude springs, one of which is Silver Springs. Silver Springs is considered an impaired water body due to the nutrient load. As part of the state effort to reduce nutrient load, a Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) was adopted. The BMAP identified septic tanks as a major contributor of nutrients. The County recently completed a Countywide sewer feasibility study that determined that the initial area for septic to sewer conversions was within Silver Springs Shores.

Not-for-profit support (EC 2)

Marion County recognizes that COVID 19 has placed a heavy burden on our community. Our non-for-profit agencies have had their workload expanded due to those burdens. While the Board of County Commissioners have not defined exact amounts, they have left some funds unassigned (\$7.0 MM) at this time to reassess the best way to help our community.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category (N/A – No expenditures at this time)