



## **Recovery Plan**

### **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

2021 Report

**Pasco County**  
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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Executive Summary**

Pasco County was awarded an allocation of \$107,579,711.00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law on March 11, 2021. Of the total amount awarded, the United States Treasury has paid 50% of the funding or \$53,798,855.50 to the County and the remaining funding is expected to be paid to the County in Calendar year 2022. The Funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026.

The Interim Final Rule, which is the guidance put forth by the United States Treasury Department on how these funds may be spent, closed its public comment period on July 15, 2021. Treasury is still reviewing the public comment and there may be modifications to the Guidance. The final guidance will be used to determine how the funding will be utilized.

Utilizing the current form of the guidance, the Board of County Commissioners has approved an investment plan that serves to both guide and direct how the funding will be spent. This investment plan may evolve as the allowed uses of the funds is finalized and the needs of the County continue to be assessed. The investment plan currently focuses on addressing critical needs relating to various public health issues that have become even more evident during the course of the pandemic; funding certain critical capital and economic program needs in accordance with the ARPA revenue loss guidelines; and addressing the public safety and operational needs of the County during its continuing response to COVID-19.

This funding will also be used to offset any direct salary costs incurred to mitigate the virus. These salaries include primarily the salaries of public safety workers as well as the salaries of those employees who were diverted from their normal duties to address public health issues of the pandemic and specialized cleaning protocols implemented as a result of the pandemic.

Pursuant to the guidance in the Interim Final Rule, the County calculated a loss of over \$52 million in revenue in calendar year 2020. The County anticipates that future year revenue losses during the grant period are expected to be in the range of \$20 million to \$35 million annually. The County investment plan is heavily focused on using the broad latitude afforded it in the Interim Final Rule toward the provision of government services to address improvements and capital programs that it was not able to pursue as a result of that lost revenue in 2020 and future years.

For the period covered by this Recovery Plan (March 3, 2021 – July 31, 2021), Pasco County has not spent any of the awarded State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

## Uses of Funds

The Board of County Commissioners, along with the County Administrator have established the following priorities to set the course for an equitable recovery:

- Fiscal Sustainability and Core County Services: Recover revenue losses during the economic recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The infusion will stabilize the County's finances and allow it to continue providing high quality services.
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers: Provide a one-time premium pay stipend to all County employees (including Constitutional Officers) who did not receive the state stipend and continued to serve our community during the public health emergency. County offices remained open and provided essential services during the pandemic.
- COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Public Health: Increase vaccinations, ensure County Facilities are ready and equipped to stay open, sustain testing, and ensure public health information and programs are accessible and engaged with every Pasco community.

## Promoting equitable outcomes

The investment plan for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocates funding to implement a small business assistance and redevelopment program as part of Expenditure Category 2.09 (Small Business Economic Assistance). Although no funds have been expended to date on this program, this program will be focused on providing 0% interest capital improvement loans to assist small businesses with funding for necessary upgrades required to allow business property and building to meet new land development codes and applicable government regulations. The program will also fund 0% interest redevelopment loans for properties in targeted areas of the County that faced negative economic impacts due to the pandemic. Additionally, the program will provide incentives to stimulate redevelopment of existing properties in targeted areas within the County.

## Community Engagement

Community engagement will be an ongoing process. The County Administrator and several County Commissioners have addressed the plans for spending the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with constituents over the last few months in order to gauge the opinion of the public for the optimal use of the funds.

Additionally, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and the County's investment plan and uses of funds listed above were discussed at the full Board of County Commissioners meetings. All meetings are televised and available for viewing at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PascoCountyGovernment>. The Board of County Commissioners always devote a portion of their meeting agenda meeting to accept public comment. All planned expenditures of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be discussed in a public forum by the County Administrator, with a public vote by the County Commission authorizing any changes to the planned expenditures of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

## Labor Practices

As of the date of this report, the Pasco County Commission has not agreed to use the funds for projects related to water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

## Use of Evidence

As of the date of this report, Pasco County's allocation will not be used for projects requiring evidence-based interventions and/or for projects that are evaluated through rigorous program evaluations designed to build evidence.

**Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category**

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	0	0
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	0	0
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	0	0
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	0	0
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	0	0
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	0	0
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	0	0
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	0	0
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	0	0
1.10	Mental Health Services	0	0
1.11	Substance Use Services	0	0
1.12	Other Public Health Services	0	0
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	0	0
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	0	0
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	0	0
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	0	0

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	0	0
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	0	0
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	0	0
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	0	0
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	0	0
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	0	0
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	0	0
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	0	0
2.13	Other Economic Support	0	0
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	0	0
3	<b>Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	0	0
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	0	0
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	0	0
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	0	0
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	0	0
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	0	0
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	0	0
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	0	0
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	0	0
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	0	0
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	0	0
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	0	0
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	0	0
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	0	0
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	0	0
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	0	0
4	<b>Expenditure Category: Premium Pay</b>		
4.1	Public Sector Employees	0	0
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	0	0
5	<b>Expenditure Category: Infrastructure</b>		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	0	0
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	0	0
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	0	0
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	0	0
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	0	0
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	0	0
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	0	0
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	0	0
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	0	0
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	0	0
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	0	0
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	0	0
5.13	Drinking water: Source	0	0
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	0	0
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	0	0
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	0	0
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	0	0
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	0	0
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	0	0
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	0	0
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	0	0
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	0	0

**Project Inventory**

The current investment plan for ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is as follows:

- Project: Lindrick Utility Acquisition
- Funding amount: TBD
- Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services
- Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to acquire the Florida Government Utility Authority’s (FGUA) Lindrick Utility System located on the west side of Pasco County, Florida. This system serves 3,100 water and 2,600 wastewater customers. After a thorough evaluation of the system with FGUA, it was determined that significant capital

improvements were needed in order to improve water quality for the citizens and ensure safe operation of the wastewater system.

- This project is currently in the planning stage.

Project: Wesley Chapel Library

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project overview

- Provide capital investment for construction of a new library, increasing library services to an underserved population of the County.
- This project is currently in the early procurement stage with construction planned for fiscal year 2023.

Project: Jail Expansion

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to increase the capital investment to construct an expansion to the County Jail. The existing jail is over-populated and expansion of the facility is required.
- This project is currently in the design stage with construction anticipated to start in the spring of 2022.

Project: Village of Pasadena Hills Super Park

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to initiate construction on a Super Park for the Villages of Pasadena Hills (VOPH). The park site is approximately 300 acres and is intended to consist of both active and passive park facilities. At full completion, amenities will include an assortment of multi-use fields and baseball diamonds, a recreation complex, outdoor courts, aquatic facility, playgrounds, picnic areas, and a wilderness park.
- This project is currently in the planning stage.

Project: Magnolia Valley District Park

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to initiate construction on a district park within the West Market Area of the County. This park facility is being planned in conjunction with a stormwater project to address community flooding in and around a defunct golf course. At approximately 120 acres in size, this location will support a typical district park including a combination of athletic fields, a recreation complex, outdoor courts,



playgrounds, and other open space amenities. The project will be incorporating and activating various open space elements of a corresponding stormwater project through walking trails, picnic shelters, and boardwalks thereby maximizing the parks colocation with this public works project.

- This project is currently in the planning stage.

Project: Coastal Dredging

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Project overview

- Provide funding to establish a program to dredge and maintain Pasco County coastal and waterway channels.
- This project is currently in the planning stage.

Project: Small Business Assistance

Funding amount: \$2M

Project Expenditure Category: 2.09 Small Business Economic Assistance

Project overview

- Provide funding to initiate a program that is focused on providing 0% interest capital improvement loans to assist small businesses. The program will also provide incentives to stimulate redevelopment of existing properties in targeted areas within the County.
- This project is currently in the planning stages.

Project: COVID-19 Health Expenditures

Funding amount: \$5.5M

Project Expenditure Category: 1.0 Public Health

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County's continuing COVID-19 treatment and medical services expenses. This funding will also be used for any necessary COVID-19 mitigation and prevention expenditures.
- Although no funds have been expended towards this project as of this report date, the County's response to the pandemic is currently in an ongoing status and this funding will be utilized for future expenses.

Project: Public Safety Service Pay

Funding amount: \$4M

Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to provide premium pay for Pasco County Government employees considered essential and did not receive the State allocation of premium pay in compliance with regulations governing US Treasury Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- This constitutes a one-time payment to eligible employees for their service during the pandemic, occurring in September 2021.

Project: Vaccination Incentive

Funding amount: TBD

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

Project overview

- Provide funding for the County to incentivize employees to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination.
- This project is currently in the planning stage.

### Performance Report

During this reporting period, Pasco County has not incurred as a liability any major State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund projects. In the future, Pasco County will define, track and report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as follows.

For projects in the Negative Economic Impacts and Services to Disproportionately Affected Communities project categories, the County will report on required programmatic data and KPIs as defined by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Appropriate outputs will be defined before project/program implementation and future reports will include data on defined outputs and outcomes.

For projects in the Public Health, Premium Pay, Infrastructure, and Revenue Replacement categories, the County will report on required programmatic data. Appropriate outputs and outcomes will be defined as project plans are developed, prior to implementation. Future reports will include data on defined outputs and outcomes.