

County of Sacramento
Recovery Plan Performance Report

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2021 Report

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Executive Summary

The County of Sacramento (County) intends to utilize our State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocation in the most effective manner to maximize our response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic. Since receiving the first tranche of funding on May 19, 2021, the County has contracted with consulting firm Deloitte and Touche, LLP (Deloitte) to develop a plan to equitably allocate and maximize the use of, the SLFRF allocation. Prior to allocating SLFRF funding to specific projects, County staff and Deloitte are conducting an effort to strategize and plan for the most equitable use of funds that will maximize input from the community, Board of Supervisors (Board), and County departments. Following completion of this effort, the Board will be asked to identify priority issue areas to focus funding resources, approve funding allocations for priority issue areas, and award funding for specific projects consistent with the overall vision for the County's recovery effort and identified priority issue areas. To date, staff and Deloitte have solicited community and County department input to identify priority issue areas, and the Board has approved priority issue areas that will be used to recommend proposed program funding allocations and ultimately specific projects.

Uses of Funds

The County is currently engaged in a strategizing and planning effort in order to maximize the use of our SLFRF allocation. Following the completion of this effort, staff will seek Board approval of a funding plan that will allocate SLFRF to programs and projects, and staff will work to implement that plan.

To date, this effort has included a community engagement component whereby residents, businesses, and community groups were asked to participate in a Community Needs Survey to identify the most critical issue areas related to the County's COVID-19 response and recovery. Concurrent to conducting the Community Needs Survey, a Department Survey was created for the purpose of seeking initial input regarding potential SLFRF-eligible projects. Both survey periods ended June 30, 2021.

Following completion of the Community Needs Survey, results were analyzed to identify common themes and rank issue areas by order of community priority and SLFRF expenditure categories. The survey results and the priority of issues areas were presented and approved by the Board on July 27, 2021. The order of priority issue areas approved by the Board on July 27, 2021 are as follows:

Sacramento County State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Priority Issue Area	Expenditure Category
1. Housing	Negative Economic Impacts and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
2. Homelessness	Negative Economic Impacts and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
3. Health	Public Health
4. Economic Response	Negative Economic Impacts
5. Essential Workers	Premium Pay for Essential Workers
6. Infrastructure	Infrastructure
7. Education	Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
8. Broadband	Infrastructure

Since the Board approval of the priorities, County staff are actively working toward developing an overall recovery vision for the use of the SLFRF and will present the vision to the Board in Fall 2021. Upon Board approval of an overall recovery vision and funding allocations for each of the eight priority issue areas, staff and Deloitte will align potential projects with the approved funding allocation for each of the identified priority issue areas. The recommended projects will be presented to the Board for approval prior to awarding funds to projects through a competitive bid process.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The County conducted a Community Needs Survey to solicit input from residents, businesses and community organizations. This survey was conducted with equity in mind, and the County made efforts to reach historically underserved and marginalized groups. For example, the online version was available for translation into 100 languages and the hard copy version was translated into nine languages in order to reach as many individuals as possible, reducing barriers to participation, including barriers for people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficiency populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

The results of the survey have allowed the County to understand key issue areas to focus the COVID-19 recovery effort. As the County moves toward allocating funding to the priority issue areas and identifying funding for specific projects that fall within the priority issue areas, the County will be better positioned to identify the best methods to promote equitable outcomes associated with each project.

Community Engagement

The County intends to engage the community over the duration of our SLFRF recovery effort as the County plans, programs, and implements the SLFRF-funded projects.

As of July 31, 2021, the County has completed a Community Needs Survey to solicit input from residents, businesses, and community-based organizations to better understand specific priorities related to COVID response and recovery. The Community Needs Survey was publicized via County social media platforms and website in order to maximize participation and survey copies were made available for completion in both online and hard copy form. The online version was available for translation into 100 languages and the hard copy version was translated into nine languages in order to reach as many individuals as possible, reducing barriers to participation, including barriers for people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficiency populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

Additionally, at the launch of the survey, a public workshop was held online to provide instructions and receive questions on how to complete the survey. A recording of the public workshop was also made available for viewing on the County's main ARPA webpage. As the County moves forward with this effort, the intent is to continue engaging the community by providing updates and soliciting input via County webpages, social media, press releases, and Board presentations, continuing efforts to limit barriers to participation.

Labor Practices

As of July 31, 2021, the County has not obligated or expended any of our SLFRF allocation. The County is currently working to complete a comprehensive plan that will obligate funding to projects that are consistent with community and Board priorities. As specific projects and funding allocations are approved by the Board, the County will follow all applicable labor practices and requirements related to the use of SLFRF.

Use of Evidence

As of July 31, 2021, the County has not obligated or expended any of our SLFRF allocation. The County is currently working to complete a comprehensive plan that will obligate funding to projects that are consistent with community and Board priorities. Projects will be developed to include a measurement and evaluation component so that the County can learn and react to data, taking an evidence-based approach.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

As of July 31, 2021, the County has not obligated or expended any of our SLFRF allocation. The County is currently working to complete a comprehensive plan that will obligate funding for projects that are consistent with community and Board priorities. Expenses will be reported as projects are funded and implemented.

Project Inventory

As of July 31, 2021, the County has not obligated or expended any of our SLFRF allocation. An effort to identify community and Board priorities, align priorities with SLFRF expenditure categories, and identify and fund specific projects is currently underway. As projects are identified and funded, this section will be updated accordingly.