

City of St. Petersburg, Florida

Recovery Plan

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2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The City of St. Petersburg is in the process of developing our spending plan for the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The city felt it was important to gather input from the community before allocating these funds to specific projects due to requests from the public to be involved in the decision-making process and the emphasis on community participation noted in the ARPA itself. At the end of the July, the city held three in-person workshops to receive community input on how the funds should be used. They were held in three different geographic areas of the city to help ensure we received input from all citizens throughout the city.

In-Person Workshop Dates and Locations:

- 1) Monday, July 26, 6-8 p.m. at Enoch Davis Center (1111 18th Ave. S.)
- 2) Tuesday, July 27, 6-8 p.m. at JW Cate Rec Center (5801 22nd Ave. N.)
- 3) Wednesday, July 28, 6-8 p.m. at Willis S. Johns Rec Center (6635 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N.)

We also included a virtual participation option for those citizens who were unable to attend an in-person workshop. The public comment option was closed on Friday, August 6, 2021. A link to the city's website with information on this public input process is below:

https://www.stpete.org/government/initiatives_programs/american_rescue_plan_act.php

The purpose of the series of workshops and virtual participation option for community feedback was to help prioritize which areas of impact receive funds. Feedback collected during these workshops was aggregated and will directly influence the ranking of priorities for receiving funds. The City outlined the following areas of impact eligible for the funds, based on the federal guidelines included in the ARPA:

- 1) Infrastructure (water, stormwater, sewer, and broadband)
- 2) Housing affordability and support,
- 3) Health and social equity,
- 4) Economic recovery/resilience, and
- 5) Public health/safety.

The city is not eligible to use funds for the revenue replacement category and is therefore limited from using funds for projects outside the specific ARPA identified areas. Each workshop included opening statements and presentations outlining the state of affairs for each area of impact by subject matter experts, followed by breakout sessions where participants ranked the areas for funding prioritization.

The results from the public input were presented to City Council on August 19, 2021, and the results are discussed in detail in the below Community Engagement Section.

Based on the ranking results the city administration suggested the following allocation plan of resources (\$45,413,871 over two years) to City Council:

Area of Impact	Community Driven Grant Proposals	City Driven Investments	Totals
Housing Affordability/Support	\$1,000,000	\$14,137,957	\$15,137,957
Health & Social Equity	\$1,000,000	\$11,110,365	\$12,110,365
Infrastructure	\$1,000,000	\$8,082,774	\$9,082,774
Economic Recovery/Resilience	\$1,000,000	\$5,055,183	\$6,055,183
Public Health/Safety	\$1,000,000	\$2,027,591	\$3,027,591
	\$5,000,000	\$40,413,871	\$45,413,871

During the discussion at the August 19th City Council meeting, there was general agreement with the above allocation plan. City Administration also committed to returning to City Council in six to eight weeks with more details on how these resources will be invested.

Uses of Funds

While the specific projects have not yet been identified, the City intends to use the ARPA funds in the following areas of impact:

- 1) Infrastructure (water, stormwater, sewer, and broadband)
- 2) Housing affordability and support,
- 3) Health and social equity,
- 4) Economic recovery/resilience, and
- 5) Public health/safety.

The projects funded in these areas of impact will fall under the following ARPA Expenditure Categories: Public Health (EC 1), Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2), Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3), and Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5).

Using the revenue calculation guidelines provided for in the Interim Rule and accompanying Treasury guidance the city did not qualify to use funds under the Revenue Replacement (EC 6) expenditure category. At the time of the first reporting period, the city was not proposing to spend funds under the Premium Pay (EC 4) category.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The City has not identified specific projects as of the date of this report. This section will be completed in future reports if applicable.

Community Engagement

Through the three in-person meetings and the online public input, the city received feedback from 557 citizens. The number 557 consisted of:

- 26 total tables at the three in-person meetings (each table counts as one)
- 157 individual cards collected at these meetings (each card counts as one)
- 374 participants on-line (each on-line counts as one)

The citizens were asked to provide rankings of the five areas of impact: Infrastructure (water, stormwater, sewer, and broadband), housing affordability and support, health and social equity, economic recovery/resilience, and public health/safety. The categories were ranked from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rank and 5 the lowest.

Based on citizen ranking here are the results as a weighted average score:

CATEGORY	SCORE
1) Housing and Affordability Support	2.25
2) Health and Social Equity	2.66
3) Infrastructure	2.82
4) Economy Recovery/Resilience	3.41
5) Public Health/Safety	3.86

In addition to the ranking of the five areas of impact, the city also allowed for qualitative feedback on the comment card and online. The following issues were seen in many of the responses:

- Housing/Homelessness
- Phillis Wheatly Rise to Reading
- Sickle Cell
- Reproductive Health
- Increased Bus Service
- Childhood Development
- Gun Violence
- Food Access
- Flooding
- Mental Health
- Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys
- Climate Change, Seawalls
- Job Training/Income
- Individual Grants

Some examples of the qualitative feedback are included below:

“The cost of rent in the area has gotten completely out of hand. We need more affordable housing.”

“We want our City officials to stay focused on the health, safety, and economic security of our communities, particularly people of color working to make ends meet....”

“A very meaningful share of funding should be allocated NOW to accelerate completion of the Southside’s many current community-based designed improvement projects as embodied in their Warehouse Arts District/Deuces Live Joint Action Plan.”

“Need more funds going to early childhood development.”

“Following President Biden in his effort to ensure ARPA funds make a measurable difference in the Black and Brown Community. How will St Pete ARPA be evaluated for effectiveness?”

“Case managers for families and individuals trying to access services for adults with disabilities, especially adults who move to St Pete (mental and behavioral health)”

“It is very important to focus on bread and butter issues. Jobs, income and housing that is affordable.”

“Our City seems to be economically recovering on its own. Housing, housing, housing., (affordable that is)”

Labor Practices

The City has not identified specific projects as of the date of this report. This section will be completed in future reports if applicable.

Use of Evidence

The City has not identified specific projects as of the date of this report. This section will be completed in future reports.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

As of July 31, 2021, the city has not expended any of its SLFRF funds. We were still collecting community input, with the final date for submissions from the community on August 6, 2021.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	\$0	\$0
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

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
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	\$0	\$0
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
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

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
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	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$0	\$0
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

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
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	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	\$0	\$0
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$0	\$0
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	\$0	\$0
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$0	\$0
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

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
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	\$0	\$0
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$0	\$0
7	Administrative and Other	\$0	\$0
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 City has not identified specific projects as of the date of this report. This section will be completed in future reports.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: TAX OFFSET PROVISION (STATES AND TERRITORIES ONLY)

This section is not applicable to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida.