

City of Tampa
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The City of Tampa, like all communities across the country, experienced unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the City has taken on each of those challenges, our ability to address them with any degree of success would not have been possible without the steadfastness of City staff, our community's support, and the unmatched federal assistance.

To ensure that our community emerges from it stronger than before, the City has proposed a framework to the citizens and City Council on how the American Rescue Plans State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA SLFRF) should be utilized toward a successful path forward for all. On August 5, 2021, the Mayor presented the City's Fiscal Year 2022 (Beginning October 1, 2021) budget which included the planned appropriations for the full allocation the City is to receive from the ARPA SLFRF. This proposal is based on the current guidance provided by the US Treasury Department and utilizes the majority of the funding for revenue replacement and the provision of government services. More than 20% of the funds are also being utilized for negative economic impacts/services to disproportionately impacted in the community through household assistance.

The City is receiving input from the community and City Council concerning this proposal through a workshop, town hall meetings, and public hearings. The City provides multiple avenues for its citizens to submit their comments including speaking in-person or remotely during council meetings, submitting on-line comments, sending emails, making phone calls, or sending their comments in writing by mail. The City also receives recommendations from the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

Uses of Funds

The City has proposed to utilize the majority of the ARPA funding for revenue replacement and the provision of government services as well as 20% of the total allocation for negative economic impacts/services to disproportionately impacted in the community through household assistance.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the City identified five core responsibilities which were used to plan a way forward:

- 1) Strengthen Community Services
- 2) Enhance Workforce Development
- 3) Increase Housing Affordability
- 4) Improve Infrastructure and Mobility
- 5) Sustainability and Resiliency

Strengthening Community Services – To facilitate growth and ensure Tampa continues to evolve, a solid foundation is needed, built on strong quality basic services that are connected to the community it serves.

The City has proposed to utilize 20% of the total SLFRF allocation for strengthening community services through bolstering the resources of our first responders (Revenue Replacement Expenditure Category (EC)). This pandemic has shown us all what a vital role they have in helping a community through an emergency event. To ensure they have the necessary resources to respond, the City plans to invest these funds in needed assets, technology, and facility improvements.

Enhancing Workforce Development – To ensure a healthy workforce, Tampa is establishing ways that our workforce can connect with local employers and inform them of training and educational opportunities.

The City has proposed to utilize 1% of the SLFRF for assisting households who have been negatively impacted due to the pandemic (Negative Economic Impacts/Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities EC).

Increasing Housing Affordability – To ensure there are sufficient housing options for our citizens at all income levels by: furnishing tools to help renters become homeowners; providing a realistic and attainable path to homeownership through a wide range of programs, workshops, and services.; and working with local partners to add affordable housing units as well as assisting with the maintenance and repair of existing affordable units.

The City has proposed to utilize 20% of the SLFRF for assistance to households through owner occupied rehabilitation, homeless outreach, first time home buyers, and project-based assistance (Negative Economic Impacts/Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities EC). This allotment adds to the assistance funding that the City has received from the CARES Act (\$11.4M) as well as the Emergency Rental Assistance Programs that were funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act (\$21.6M). Lastly, the City also has close to \$20M of state, federal and local funding budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year towards affordable housing.

Improving Infrastructure and Mobility – To develop a transportation and infrastructure system that is affordable, accessible, and innovative, Tampa is focusing on improving safety, increasing economic opportunities, promoting sustainability and resiliency, making equitable investments across the entire city, and addressing all modes of transportation.

The City has proposed to utilize 29% of SLFRF for infrastructure and mobility (Revenue Replacement EC). This allocation would be used for road safety and maintenance, repairs to City facilities and parking structures, and the development of two Parks and Recreation facilities.

Establishing Sustainability and Resilience – To ensure that our most vulnerable residents have equal access to a healthy, safe, and clean City where citizens are not disproportionately burdened by environmental hazards; Tampa will prioritize green space and infrastructure in vulnerable areas, improve water conservation and resiliency as well as increase coordination and collaboration with our community partners when responding to emergencies.

The City has proposed to utilize 1% of SLFRF toward sustainability and resiliency (Negative Economic Impacts/Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities EC).

Lastly the City has proposed to utilize 29% of SLFRF for lost revenues and pandemic response costs (Revenue Replacement EC). This allocation would be utilized to cover the City's expenses related to the pandemic and the personnel cost for our first responders.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The City is committed to providing equitable outcomes for all its citizens and understands the amplified impact that the pandemic has had among low-income and minority groups. The Tampa community has a significant portion of the City which falls within the Qualified Census Tract (QCT). If a need for assistance arises outside of the QCT, the City will thoroughly document its necessity and how those specific households were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

After the City has received feedback from the community as well as City Council, and has a final approved allocation of funding for household assistance; the City will be able to formalize its plans and set goals for the various programs, widely communicate the availability of the assistance through multiple media outlets and community outreach, and develop tracking tools to evaluate the program's success.

Community Engagement

The City encourages the community to provide their input through the annual citizens survey, various advisory committees, the development of the five core responsibilities mentioned previously, and during public hearings held by City Council.

On August 5, 2021, the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer presented the City's Fiscal Year 2022 budget which included the planned appropriations for the full allocation the City is to receive from the ARPA SLFRF. This presentation was broadcast on the City of Tampa Television (CTTV) Live Stream and is available to watch on demand both from the CTTV On Demand and the budget publication which are available on the City's website. The City is conducting a workshop, virtual town hall meetings and public hearings to further discuss the details of the budget. City Council and the Administration will also receive comments from the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee which reviews the City's budget, meets with each department, and then presents their recommendation(s).

Citizens are encouraged to provide comments concerning the proposed budget at each public meeting and are given the opportunity to speak in-person or remotely during council meetings, submit on-line comments, send emails, make phone calls or send their comments in writing by mail. Notice for each of the City's meetings includes the email and phone number for the ADA Coordinator for individuals needing accommodations to participate.

In developing the current proposals, the City utilized previous comments received from City Council and the community concerning Fire Rescue, Housing, Parks and Recreation and Mobility.

Labor Practices

The City does not currently have any planned projects in Expenditure Category 5 (Water, Sewer or Broadband).

Use of Evidence

The City is dedicated to providing programs that deliver evidentiary proof that they were successful and the appropriate program for the community. After the City has received feedback and has a final approved allocation of funding for household assistance, the City will be able to formalize its plans based on a thorough review of the community's data.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

The City has no expenditures at the time of reporting.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
7	Administrative and Other		

Project Inventory

Project information is still being formalized and will be provided once completed. In the interim, the following are general descriptions of the items that are proposed to be funded by the full allocation of SLFRF for Tampa (\$80.4M).

Expenditure Category Negative Economic Impacts/Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

\$16.1M for Housing and Community Development which would be utilized for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, First Time Home Buyer, Project Based Assistance and Homeless Outreach Program.

\$500,000 for Workforce Development.

\$500,000 for Sustainability & Resiliency

Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement

Within the provision of governmental services:

\$13.4M for Tampa Fire Rescue which would be utilized for fire station renovations, vehicles, peak unit services, technology, a scholarship program, and other operating and capital items.

\$7.2M for the City's Mobility Department which would be utilized for road safety and maintenance through sidewalks and resurfacing projects.

\$3M for the Police Department which would be used for vehicles, aviation maintenance and body worn cameras.

\$3M for the Parks and Recreation Department which would be used toward the development of the East Tampa Recreational Complex and the New Tampa Inclusive Playground.

\$4.3M for Logistics and Asset Management which would be utilized for various repairs and renovations to City facilities including electrical and roof repairs as well HVAC maintenance.

\$3.4M for the Parking Department which would be utilized for Parking Capital Projects.

\$5.5M for the Solid Waste Department which would be utilized for the Solid Waste Facility Relocation Project.

\$1M for the Technology and Innovations Department for cybersecurity.

\$22.5M for the General Fund to cover the City's pandemic response costs and personnel expenses for the Police and Fire Departments.