# American Rescue Plan Act Funding Overview



### **Presentation Outline**

- Background
- Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
- Other Federal Funds

Conclusion





- On March 11, 2021 President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- \$1.9 trillion package to combat the COVID-19 pandemic focusing on public health and economic impacts.
- \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments



### **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- \$65.1 billion in direct federal aid to all counties based on the county share of U.S. population
  - Populations of at least 50,000: \$45.57 billion in direct federal aid using a modified CDBG formula
  - Populations below 50,000: \$19.53 billion based on each jurisdiction's percentage of the state's population
- \$270.7 Million is Orange County's allocation



### **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

#### **Allowable Uses of Recovery Funds**

- Responding to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts
- Revenue Recovery for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- Responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work



### **Local Government Recovery Funds**

### **Administration of Recovery Funds**

- Funds to be distributed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
- The deadline to obligate funds would be <u>December 31, 2024</u>. Funds must be fully expended by <u>December 31, 2026</u>.
- The U.S. Treasury is required to pay first tranche to counties no later than 60-days after enactment, and second payment no earlier than 12 months after the first payment.
- Local governments are required to provide periodic reports providing accounting of the use of funds.
- Noncompliance with any provision in the bill will require repayment to the U.S. Treasury and equal amount of the funds used in violation.



# **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

#### **CARES Act's CRF v. ARPA's Recovery Fund**

 There are substantial differences between the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") and ARPA's Recovery Fund.

#### • In General:

- CARES Act's CRF: Loosely structured to encourage rapid, short-term emergency relief spending.
- ARPA's Recovery Fund: More strictly structured to encourage data-driven, long-term planned recovery spending.



# **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

#### **CARES Act's CRF v. ARPA's Recovery Fund**

- Treasury Guidance:
  - CARES Act's CRF: Relatively broad and informal.
  - ARPA's Recovery Fund: Specific and formal. Interim Rule and Supplemental Information formally adopted by the Treasury on May 10, 2021. Adoption of a Final Rule\* is pending.
    - \* The Treasury's adoption of the Final Rule could provide differing or additional guidance. The County may have to adjust its related programs and anticipated expenditures accordingly.



# **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

### **CARES Act's CRF v. ARPA's Recovery Fund**

- Federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200):
  - CARES Act's CRF: Waived many provisions of the Uniform Guidance. This meant that the County could use its own procurement policies and procedures when expending CRF Funds.
  - ARPA's Recovery Fund: Subject to more of the provisions of the Uniform Guidance. For example, procurements with Recovery Fund funding must be made using the federal procurement standards this requirement is likewise "passed down" to any Subrecipients of the County as well.



### **Funding Categories**

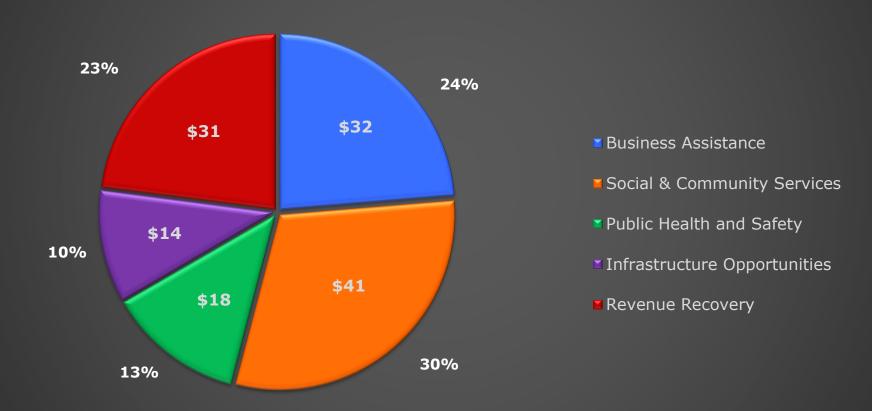
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| Funding Categories          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche<br>2021 | %<br>Allocation |
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| Business Assistance         | \$31.8 Million                  | 24%             |
| Social & Community Services | \$40.7 Million                  | 30%             |
| Public Health and Safety    | \$17.6 Million                  | 13%             |
| Infrastructure Projects     | \$14.2 Million                  | 10%             |
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| Total                       | \$135.4 Million                 | 100%            |



### **Funding Categories**

#### American Rescue Plan Local Recovery Funding \$135 Million

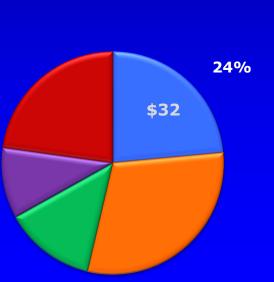




### **Business Assistance**



- Micro-grants for home-based business
- Small business grants
- Grants to GIG workers
- Nonprofit Technical Assistance Program
- Administrative Costs



\$3.00M

\$20.0M

\$3.00M

\$4.00M

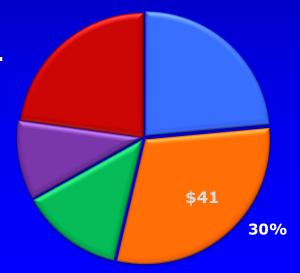
\$1.83M



# **Social Services and Community Services**

- Homelessness \$3.00M
  - To expand and create additional capacity to serve the homeless in the following systems of care:
    - Clean the World Fresh Start Mobile Unit
    - Pathways Drop In Center
    - Samaritan Resource Center
    - Health Care Center of the Homeless
    - Coalition for the Homeless
- Adult and Youth Mental Health \$7.00M
  - Funding will increase the capacity for care in prevention,
    early intervention and therapy as well as training for therapists.
- Job Training \$10.3M
  - To provide a suite of employment and retraining opportunities for residents whose careers were negatively affect by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Support workforce development for industries that are in high demand for labor.



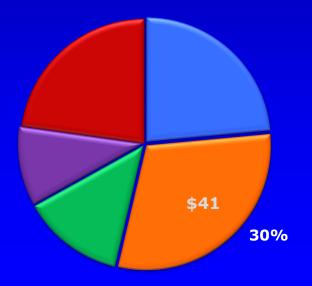




# **Social Services and Community Services**

- Childcare Services \$10.3M
  - Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc.
  - Early Learning Coalition of Orange County
- Food Bank \$10.0M
  - Provide additional food relief to residents financially impacted by COVID-19 by funding the following Second Harvest Food Bank services:
    - Mobile Drop Distribution service
    - Bring Hope Home Delivery Program
    - Shared Maintenance
    - Partner Feeding Program







# **Public Health and Safety**

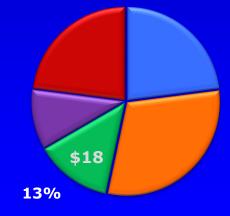


- COVID-19 Testing
  - Barnett Park
- Vaccinations
  - Mobile Sites and Barnett Park
- Other Public Safety Needs

\$13.7M

\$2.39M

\$1.50M



\$18 Million



# **Infrastructure Projects**



- Extension of and upgrades to fixed broadband infrastructure in all lacking areas of the County – \$6.00M
- Evaluation of quality and upgrades to wireless/cellular
  broadband infrastructure throughout the County \$3.47M

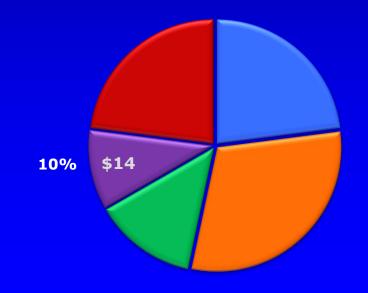


#### Water

Bithlo Rural Water Phase 1 West - \$4.70M

#### Sewer

Septic to sewer projects will be submitted to the State



#### \$14 Million

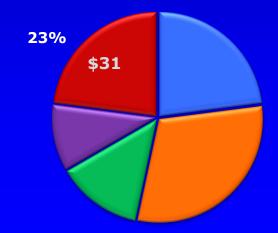


## **Revenue Recovery**

### **Potential Projects**

**Broadband Technology Literacy** 

| • | Fire Rescue – Fire Station 80 (Replacement)                  | \$6.00M |
|---|--|---------|
| • | Fire Rescue – Fire Station 32 Land Acquisition               | \$1.50M |
| • | Fire Rescue – Heavy Equipment (4 Trucks & 7 Rescues)         | \$5.00M |
| • | Public Works Heavy Equipment Replacement                     | \$2.80M |
| • | Radio Tower - Land Mobile Radio System Convergence (West OC) | \$4.50M |
| • | Technology Security Enhancements                             | \$4.25M |



\$500K



### Revenue Recovery

### **Potential Projects**

| Mobil | le ho | teno  | te an | d ta  | hlate |
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- Digital Infrastructure Upgrades at Community Centers
- Virtual Mental Health County Employees
- EOC Renovations Estimated Additional Funding Needed
- Dr. Phillips Frontyard Festival
- United Arts for Art Agency Assistance

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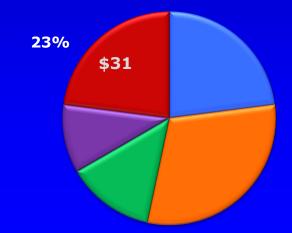
\$425K

\$1.32M

\$1.20M

\$500K

\$1.00M





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# Other American Rescue Plan Federal Funding

| COVID-19 Grants                                    | Federal Agency                         | Grant Amount                                  |
|--|--|---|
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  | US Treasury                            | \$<br>270.7 Million<br>(Total over Two years) |
| Additional Emergency Rental Assistance             | US Treasury                            | \$<br>39.7 Million<br>(Population based)      |
| Homeless Assistance                                | Housing and Urban Development          | \$<br>10.5 Million                            |
| Housing Choice Vouchers                            | Housing and Urban Development          | \$<br>\$659,940 (66 vouchers)                 |
| Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) | Health and Human Services              | \$<br>4,367,079                               |
| Orange County Head Start                           | Administration for Children & Families | \$<br>1,837,824                               |
| Transit Funding - LYNX                             | Federal Transit Administration         | \$<br>76.8 Million                            |
| Transit Funding - SunRail                          | Federal Transit Administration         | \$<br>13 Million                              |
| FEMA   | Department of Homeland Security        | Reimbursement Basis if<br>Necessary           |

<sup>\*</sup>Homeowners Assistance Fund



# **Requested Action**

 Approval of funding categories for the American Rescue Plan as outlined and authorization for staff to transfer up to 15% for each funding category to other funding categories based on actual needs.

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