

American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation Recommendations

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The City of Atlanta developed the below principles as a guide.

- Categories that have not been eligible for relief under prior CARES funding should receive priority consideration
- This is one-time funding therefore allocation planning and budgeting should not create long term obligations on the city that it will not be able to sustain
- Other public and private funding sources and priorities should be considered when determining city allocations to optimize overall benefits to residents
- Organizational capacity and compliance should be considered when determining potential allocation channels to ensure timely and effective deployment of funds through internal or external agencies
- Leverage best practices from national organizations and other governments

City of Atlanta staff utilized the below process to develop the recommended allocations.

- Review operational needs for revenue recovery and the continuation of government services for FY21, FY22, and potentially FY23
- Review of other public and private funding sources and priorities
- Review of needs based upon COVID-19 economic impacts
- Review internal and external organizational capacity to deploy funds

The ARP included initial guidance, below, on the eligible uses. An [interim rule and FAQs](#) were published on May 10, 2021 with additional details on eligibility.

- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19
- Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality
- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay cannot exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker
- Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

Summary of Recommended Allocations

The City of Atlanta has been allocated \$170,928,821 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. These funds are expected to be allocated in two tranches of \$85,464,410.50.

The overall goals for the allocation of these funds includes:

- Continuing core City services
- Responding to the continued COVID-19 emergency
- Investing to address the economic effects on the community, complimenting other funds

Below is a breakdown of the allocations. A full report will be provided detailing the recommended allocations and programs.

Category	Total Allocation	Tranche 1	Tranche 2
Government Services Affected by Revenue Reduction	\$123,000,000	\$64,000,000	\$59,000,000
City Response to the COVID-19 Emergency			
IT, Procurement, and Grants	\$3,250,000	\$600,000	\$2,650,000
Public Facility Measures	\$500,000	\$150,000	\$350,000
Public Safety and Violence Prevention	\$7,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$4,000,000
Program Monitoring and Outreach	\$4,478,821	\$2,014,410.50	\$2,464,410.50
Address the Economic Effects			
Affordable Housing	\$3,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000
Small Business and Non-Profits	\$20,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Food Insecurity	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Workforce Development	\$4,700,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,500,000
Youth Engagement and Employment	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Totals	\$170,928,821	\$85,464,410.50	\$85,464,410.50

Overview of Additional One-Time Funding Sources

In addition to the ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, additional one-time funding has been or will be invested in the below key areas to support response and recovery from COVID-19.

- Affordable Housing and Rental Assistance (\$181.9M)
- Economic Development and Small Businesses (\$34M)
- Homelessness (\$31.5M)
- Food Insecurity (\$1.9M)
- Workforce and Youth Development (\$3M)
- Response to COVID-19 Emergency (\$55.8M)

The preparation of the recommended ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds has been done leveraging support resources and will continue to benefit from these resources moving forward, including:

- **Bloomberg Cities Network: COVID Federal Assistance e311 Program** – The City of Atlanta was selected to participate in a support network that provides expert guidance. The network is a collaboration between Bloomberg Philanthropies and the U.S. Conference of Mayors and provides cities with expert assistance to help obtain and retain federal funding for efforts related to COVID response and recovery.
- **Community Foundations of Greater Atlanta** – The foundation has supported and continues to support regional conversations related to community needs and how public, private, and philanthropic funding can address those needs.
- **State of Georgia ERA Funded Governments** – The State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs convenes State of Georgia ERA funded governments to share needs, other's experiences and updates on progress.

In addition, other informal networks of city staff and officials have offered examples and best practices related to the allocation and deployment of funding throughout the COVID-19 emergency.

1. Finalize and adopt allocations - a detailed report has been provided with information on the allocations and programs
2. Program leads deploy the funding
3. Monitor programs and funding

Questions?