Better Than Before
American Rescue Plan
Phase Two Spending Recommendations

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The American Rescue Plan is intended to address the devastating health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

LA County’s goals:

- To build an equitable economic recovery
- Ensure that funds are spent on residents and communities hardest hit by the pandemic and poverty
Pillars of Investment
Phase 1 and Phase 2 Working Together

- **Equity-Focused Investments**
  - Housing
  - Care First
  - Digital Access
  - Building Wealth
  - Community Investment

- **Building a Bridge to An Equitable Recovery**
  - Small Businesses
  - Nonprofits
  - Arts
  - Jobs
  - Rent/Mortgage Relief
  - Families
  - Food

- **Fiscal Stability & Social Safety Net**
  - Pandemic Services
  - Public Health Response
  - Community Outreach
  - Capital Programs

- $971.3 Million
- $324.3 Million
- $654.4 Million
Our Progress to Date

Now underway:

• Implementing Phase One programs

• Connecting residents, businesses and community-based organizations to available services and financial support
Our Economic Outlook

- Proposed investments double down on Phase One programs to ensure maximum impact and take advantage of the extensive groundwork already accomplished to get programs underway.

- Limited number of new programs recommended are specifically Board-approved or reflect high-priority needs.

- Phase 2 recommendations reflect new County funding responsibilities for pandemic relief services, like testing.
What’s New in Phase Two?

Innovative Programs

• County Land Bank for Affordable Housing
• WiFi Network in Digital Deserts
• Guaranteed Income for At-Risk Mothers
• Out-of-School Recreational Programming
• Culturally Competent Community Outreach
• Services for people experiencing homelessness in fire zones

Sustaining Critical Services

• Free Community-based COVID-19 Testing
• Continued response to COVID-19
• Food distribution
Phase Two Proposed Breakdown

**PILLAR 1**
Equity-Focused Investments
- Allocation: $401.1 Million
  - Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness
  - Digital Divide
  - Reduce the Affordable Housing Shortfall
  - Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Poverty
  - Direct Community Investments
  - Care First, Jails Last

**PILLAR 2**
Building a Bridge to an Equitable Recovery
- Allocation: $79.80 Million
  - Stable Housing
  - Small Businesses, Entrepreneurs, and Nonprofits
  - Employment Opportunities for Workers and Youth
  - Healthy Families
  - Food Resources
  - Addressing Trauma and Violence
  - Arts and the Creative Economy

**PILLAR 3**
Fiscal Stability and Social Safety Net
- Allocation: $494.1 Million
  - Support the Sustained Public Health Response to COVID-19
  - Capital Programs
  - Shoring Up the County’s Safety Net
  - Hyperlocal and Community-Based Outreach
We will have until 2026 to put this Phase Two funding to work but are already moving urgently to implement or expand dozens of programs countywide.

- 82 of 83 Phase One programs—representing 99% of Phase One funds—have been approved for launch or implementation.

- Using Phase Two dollars to boost these pre-approved and launched programs will speed service delivery.

- Full scope of programming must be implemented by 2024.

- We also need to develop transition plans to prepare for the end of federal support.
Proposed Total Allocations (Both Phases)

**Pillar One**
- Equity-Focused Investments
- Phase 1: $567.9
- Phase 2: $403.4

**Pillar Two**
- Building a Bridge to an Equitable Recovery
- Phase 1: $239.7
- Phase 2: $84.6

**Pillar Three**
- Fiscal Stability and Social Safety Net
- Phase 1: $167.4
- Phase 2: $487.0

All amounts are in millions (Phase 2 includes mid-tranche adjustments).
Equity Principles Behind the Numbers

Funding prioritizes communities most impacted by the pandemic and most affected by poverty, following these budget guidelines:

- Reduce Equity Gaps
- Promote Accountability and Transparency
- Ensure Access for Immigrants and Systems-Impacted Communities
- Ensure Access for Disadvantaged Communities
- Provide Culturally Tailored and Accessible Service Delivery
- Strengthen CBO Capacity
- Assess and Prioritize Impact
- Uplift Health and Wellness in Impacted Communities
- Prioritize Prevention
How Programs Are Prioritized

**Tools to Ensure Equity**

- Funding formula based on need:  
  - 40% highest need/35% high need/20% moderate need/3% low need/3% lowest need

- Mapping tools informed by hard data and community input ensure equitable versus equal distribution of resources 
  - Public Participation Geographic Information Systems 
  - COVID-19 Vulnerability and Recovery Index

- Guided by regulatory requirements tied to funding
• Program outcomes tracked over time to ensure a focus on evidence-based interventions

• Multidisciplinary approach using both digital technology and community outreach to evaluate program success

• Public-facing dashboard to share data collected
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Next Steps

- Finalizing approval and launch of programs
- Mobilizing to increase community awareness around available programs and services
- Developing transition plan for end of American Rescue Plan funding
Questions?

Thank you.