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
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.

Phase Two: Maximizing Impact

$975 million in additional funding layered on top of $975 Phase One budget
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
- $40.0
- $30.5
- $65.6
- $40.0
- $21.5
- $22.3

**PILLAR 2**
Building a Bridge to an Equitable Recovery

- Allocation: $79.80 Million
- $16.5
- $18.6
- $14.0
- $13.2
- $7.0
- $6.0

**PILLAR 3**
Fiscal Stability and Social Safety Net

- Allocation: $494.1 Million
- $251.3
- $215.0
- $10.2
- $17.6
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- $10.2
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

$ millions (Phase 2 here includes mid-tranche adjustments)
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
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.