

American Rescue Plan Summary

Overview: Phase Two of Los Angeles County’s American Rescue Plan will invest an additional **\$975 million** in federal recovery funds to reshape and rebuild Los Angeles County as it emerges from a devastating pandemic. The funding in this plan represents the second phase of a **\$1.9 billion** allocation under the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The County received the first round of funding in May 2021 and the second round this June.

The plan invests heavily—and directly—in hard-hit disadvantaged communities and advances innovative, equity-focused programs to address entrenched challenges ranging from homelessness and poverty to the unique needs of immigrants, small businesses, justice-involved individuals and survivors of trauma, including domestic violence and hate crimes. Phase Two also sustains key elements of the public health response to the pandemic and supports one-time capital projects to address pressing community needs.

The plan is based on three strategic pillars, which create the foundation for a “Better Than Before” recovery in Los Angeles County.

STRATEGIC PILLAR I	STRATEGIC PILLAR II	STRATEGIC PILLAR III
<p>Equity-Focused Investments</p>	<p>Building a Bridge to an Equitable Recovery</p>	<p>Fiscal Stability and Social Safety Net</p>
<p>Phase Two Allocation: \$401.1 million</p>	<p>Phase Two Allocation: \$79.8 million</p>	<p>Phase Two Allocation: \$494.1 million</p>
<p>Total ARP Allocation: \$971.3 million</p>	<p>Total ARP Allocation: \$324.28 million</p>	<p>Total ARP Allocation: \$654.42 million</p>
<p>Addressing longstanding inequities in hard-hit and historically disadvantaged communities through urgent, transformative, and innovative investments.</p>	<p>Deploying supportive services through an equity lens to jumpstart recovery in communities that have experienced the most severe impacts of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Sustaining and expanding key programs to ensure a strong safety net as we emerge from the pandemic.</p>

As shown by the totals above, the two phases together represent a cumulative investment of nearly \$2 billion, which presents an unprecedented opportunity for generational change and a better-than-before LA County.

Some priorities received more funding early in the ARP program and others are proposed for a greater allocation in this phase. The Phase Two spending plan is focused primarily on additional investments in Phase One programs to ensure they are sufficiently resourced and to fully take advantage of the extensive groundwork already accomplished to get programs underway. This will allow us to put dollars to work in the community as quickly as possible.

Highlights of the Phase Two spending plan include:

\$282.35 million for housing and related services for people experiencing homelessness, for services to prevent people falling into homelessness, and for the development of affordable housing.

\$251.25 million to support the County’s health and public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including funding for community testing, public health interventions, and related services to people who are experiencing homelessness.

\$215 million for infrastructure projects that will help the County meet its most serious societal challenges and community needs.

\$65.65 million to attack the “digital divide” so that all LA County residents can enjoy educational and economic opportunities and prosperity.

\$30.5 million aimed at breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty by building intergenerational wealth in communities with historically limited economic opportunities and relatively poor health and educational outcomes.

\$21.5 million in direct community investments and partnerships with community-based organizations that provide pandemic recovery services related to justice-involved populations, immigrant and other communities in need, and economic and workforce development.

\$19.6 million for Care First, Jails Last programs, which will augment \$200 million in additional County funding for Care First and Community Investments (formerly Measure J).

\$17.6 million to shore up the social “safety net,” including support for the County’s disaster service workers program.

\$16.5 million for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits hit hard by the pandemic.

\$14 million to help under-skilled and hard-to-employ workers secure employment in the post-pandemic economy, with an emphasis on workforce development for LA County’s youth.

\$13.2 million for LA County families: funding our network of childcare providers, creating healthy childhood environments, and providing families with needed support to thrive post-pandemic.

\$10.25 million in hyperlocal, community outreach to build awareness of services and resources and ensure equitable access.

\$7 million in food distribution programs for individuals, families, and older adults.

\$6 million to address trauma and violence in our communities.

\$4.6 million to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on the arts and the creative economy.

The totals for the combined Phase One and Phase Two spending plans, including other adjustments that occurred between tranches, can be seen in Attachment II to the September 13, 2022 Board letter.