

Seattle Rescue Plan:

An Update on Seattle's ARPA Spending

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Key Takeaways

- **Seattle is leading the Nation** in our commitment to leverage once-in-a-generation investments to support those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, from employment to childcare to homelessness. Nearly every City department is engaged to implement about \$300m in new federal grant spending.
- **Help those most harmed by the pandemic.** In targeting aid to groups and geographies disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, SRP investments target groups that are also disproportionately BIPOC. Programs also prioritize outreach to BIPOC groups to ensure equitable outcomes in client bases.
- **Highlighted areas of spending:**
 - Cash assistance
 - Housing affordability
 - Homelessness
 - Childcare
 - Community Well-Being
 - Economic Recovery
 - Outdoor Recreation
 - Unified Aid Portal

Lay of the Federal Funding Land

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): \$300m in direct funding for Seattle; allocated via “Seattle Rescue Plan”:

- ✓ \$232m Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) Funds
- ✓ \$12.2m HOME grant for affordable housing
- ✓ \$28.7m Emergency Rental Assistance 2
- ✓ \$7.7m Older Americans Act – Senior Services
- ✓ \$10.9m Federal Transportation Agency (FTA) funds Madison Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- ✓ \$2.1m Small Business Administration (SBA) Shuttered Venues Grant for McCaw Hall

Additional Resources currently in play:

- **FEMA** (ongoing eligible expenses and reimbursement activities)
- **ARPA:** The State and County received hundreds of millions that may still pass through to or affect the City.

Additional resources to come:

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:** \$550 billion – Passed Congress. Department review underway.
- **Build Back Better Act:** \$2 trillion – Passed House; Senate version in discussion.
- **Innovation and Competition Act:** \$250 billion – Passed Senate; House versions in progress.

Seattle Rescue Plan Implementation Update: Process

With an unprecedented level of direct funding heading to all levels of government nation-wide, the Treasury created a thorough and complex set of guidelines and use restrictions for CLFR dollars.

Treasury first published these guidelines as an “Interim Final Rule,” and just recently updated them with a “Final Rule.” To address this complexity, CBO created and managed a review process for over 90 programs to:



Seattle Rescue Plan Implementation Update: Reporting

Treasury requires CLFR recipients submit two regular reports:

Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report

- Technical report relying on accounting structures set up with departments with specific Treasury requirements.
- First Project and Expenditure Report due January 31, 2022.

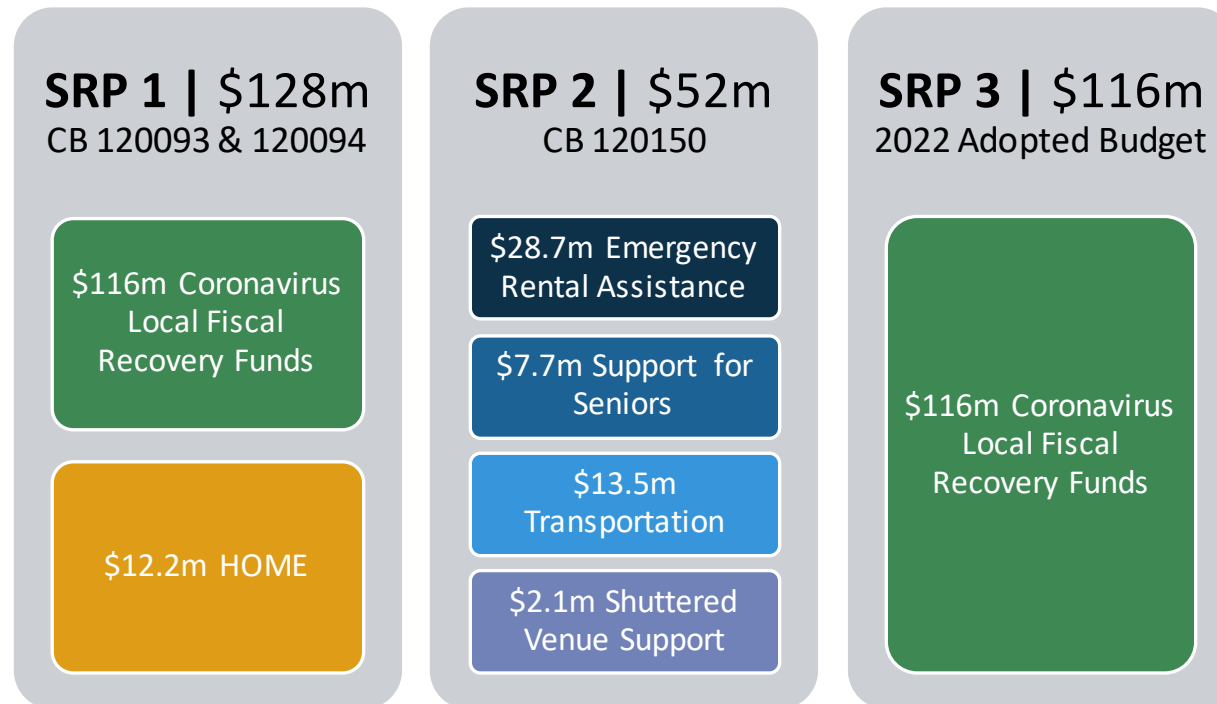
Annual Recovery Plan and Performance Report

- Provides a high-level look at the entire plan for CLFR looking forward, including spending and performance evaluation.
- First Recovery Plan and Performance Report was submitted on August 31, 2021, shared with Central Staff, and published on CBO website: [Link](#)
- The next annual Recovery Plan and Performance Report will be due by July 31, 2022.

City Council is now receiving monthly update reports on Seattle Rescue Plan.

Seattle Rescue Plan (SRP) Summary

- Seattle has received nearly \$300M of the \$1.9T total from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), including \$232M in local direct aid (flexible funding from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery [CLFR] funds) and other targeted aid under the umbrella of the “Seattle Rescue Plan.”



All-SRP Appropriation Summary

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Grand Total	\$123,410,000	\$52,150,000	\$121,150,000	\$296,710,000
Housing/Homelessness	\$44,820,000	\$28,730,000	\$28,310,000	\$101,860,000
Community Well-being	\$46,590,000	\$7,750,000	\$15,140,000	\$69,480,000
Recovery	\$24,130,000	\$15,670,000	\$10,350,000	\$50,140,000
Community Safety/Mental Health	\$600,000		\$7,030,000	\$7,630,000
Supporting City Workers and Reopening	\$7,280,000		\$60,330,000	\$67,600,000

SRP1 Spending Update

	Allocated	Spent	Encumbered	In Process / Contracted	Total Spent/ Encumbered/ In Process	% Progress
Grand Total	\$123,410,000	\$42,983,087	\$16,087,439	\$14,358,500	\$73,429,026	60%
Housing/Homelessness	\$44,820,000	\$12,800,000	\$5,830,750	\$14,000,000	\$32,630,750	73%
Community Well-being	\$46,590,000	\$27,477,760	\$6,060,010	\$304,500	\$33,842,270	73%
Recovery	\$24,130,000	\$1,862,783	\$3,852,032	\$54,000	\$5,768,815	24%
Community Safety/Mental Health	\$600,000	\$63,219	\$344,645	-	\$407,864	68%
Supporting City Workers and Reopening	\$7,280,000	\$1,312,208	-	-	\$1,312,208	18%

Spending Highlights: Cash Assistance



Cash Assistance: \$25 million

Spending near complete. \$22 million awarded to 12,690 low-income households, with awards of \$1k-3k based on household size.

Phase 1: \$5.8 million disbursed, with 89% (3,298 households) of prior recipients reached

- Recertification of prior recipients of Seattle Disaster Relief Fund cash assistance.
- Seattle Disaster Relief Fund was a 2020 program providing cash assistance to eligible households who couldn't benefit from federal cash assistance programs.
- Used recertification for speed in reaching eligible households whose status meant they had/have limited access to public assistance spending.

Phase 2: \$16.2 million disbursed to 9,392 households

- Open application to eligible low-income households
- 63,672 applications were submitted; all applications were reviewed and approved/denied by December 16
- Initial data on applicants who received awards reflect that 82.7% lost a job or income, 44% had contracted COVID-19, 51% experienced mental health/substance use crisis that required medication or counseling, 92% had experienced unstable housing situations, 54% had no health insurance, 41% were survivors of harm or violence, 49% received no stimulus assistance, and 31% had a family member with a disability.

Spending Highlights: Housing



Affordable Housing Rapid Acquisitions: \$28.5 million

- Thanks to ARPA funds (CLFR and HOME grants) the Office of Housing is poised to purchase, pending HUD approval, **four new multifamily buildings with 198 units total**. Half of the funds are coming from a matching grant from the State, for a grand total of \$50m.
- The units and shelter beds will be open for occupancy in 2022. OH secured 100% match from the State to support this work. The NOFA is rolling subject to funding availability.
- **Work underway:** Working with the State to secure support on Operation, Maintenance, and Services

■ Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) 1 and 2

ERA1 (\$22.7m):

- 100% obligated, including to 16 Community Based Organizations who are presently working with tenants
- 83% spent, including full spend down by United Way King County (UWKC) & publicly subsidized housing providers

ERA2 (\$28.7m):

- 59% obligated, including contract renewal with UWKC
- 37% spent, by publicly subsidized housing providers

Spending Highlights: Homelessness



Most of the City's homelessness investment will be implemented via the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. The Master Services Agreement with KCRHA, including CLFR-funded services, has been signed (and includes CLFR funding from the 2022 Adopted Budget).

\$41.6 million for services for those experiencing homelessness, including:

- \$34.8 million*: shelter and services
- \$2.3m: capacity building and ensuring stability of providers
- \$2.3m: Rapid Rehousing
- \$1.3m: Diversion
- \$500k: RV safe lots
- \$400k: THVs

*\$7.5 million of the shelter and services line above is being managed by King County and is under contract.

Spending Highlights: Childcare



Support for childcare workers: \$3 million disbursed to over 3,500 workers

- Spending near complete. One-time payment recognizing the essential services they have provided to families during the pandemic.
- 69% of payment recipients, which include both center-based and Family Child Care providers, identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color.
- 59% of the programs are located in historically under-resourced neighborhoods in southeast and southwest Seattle.



Building or expanding childcare facilities: \$5 million

- Approximately 15 centers in early- to mid-planning stages seeking funding, with significant need of technical assistance to undertake capital improvement projects. HSD is hiring positions who will be able to help.

Spending Highlights: Community Well-Being



Older Americans Act (OAA): \$2.8 million available in 2021

- Services include: elder abuse case mgmt., transit subsidies, caregiver counseling, and nutrition/meals
- Maintain or scale existing covid relief efforts, including alleviating negative health effects of social isolation
- HSD's Aging & Disability Services division has developed a draft 1 year spending plan for the Older Americans Act COVID grant and is proceeding with contracting, with \$900k awarded to date.



Supporting Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: \$600,000

- Total spent or encumbered: \$500,000



Mental health services for individuals, youth, families: \$600,000

- One contract executed for investments in mental health (\$240,169)

Spending Highlights: Economic Recovery



Small Business:

\$900,000 for Downtown Activation/Welcome Back Weeks: over \$700,000 spent, another \$83,000 encumbered.

\$20 million for recovery grants and technical assistance to small businesses, micro businesses, neighborhood business organizations

- Neighborhood Economic Recovery Grants (\$5.5M): \$2.5M spent/encumbered in 2021; additional \$3M to be contracted in 2022.
- Small Business Stabilization Fund (\$4.3M): 94 grants awarded (\$1.6M). Awarded funding included CLFR and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Downtown Recovery Grants, Workforce Development, and Empty Storefronts (total \$1.1M): \$620K spent/encumbered.



Arts and Cultural Organizations:

\$3 million for direct financial assistance for COVID-related relief and facilities support

- Cultural Organizations Reopening Grants (\$2.2M): Panel will determine the funding allocations for the grants in January.
- Cultural Districts Recovery Grants (\$500k): All cultural districts have been contracted.
- Technical Assistance Supporting Rehiring Cultural Workers (\$25k): Community advisory group is underway. Contract in process for webinar coordinator.
- Hope Corps (\$250k): \$235K spent/encumbered.



Job Training:

\$1 million for youth employment/paid internship partnership with the Port of Seattle. RFP in development.

\$450,000 for wrap-around services and retention program as part of Seattle's Priority Hire program:

- FAS is coordinating approach with OSE's \$1M for pre-apprenticeship training. RFP release estimated Q2 2022.

Spending Highlights: Outdoor Recreation



Parks Enhanced Maintenance: \$1.05 million

- Spending complete.



Opening Wading Pools: \$400,000

- Spending complete.



Rec N' the Streets: \$200,000

- Spending complete.



Parks Activation: \$500,000

- SPR is developing a program plan to fully implement next summer.



Stay Healthy Streets: \$2.5 million

- SDOT is delineating eligible costs of the program to apply CLFR funds to.

Spending Highlights: CiviForm Unified Application Portal

This program will improve efficacy of City aid programs addressing negative economic impacts by streamlining access to City benefit programs via a unified application portal. This portal will simplify the process of applying for aid by:

- Bringing programs from different departments together on one website, making it easier for applicants learn about programs they qualify for, and
- Reusing their information across program applications so that applicants don't need to enter information in repeatedly.



Through partnership with Google.org volunteers, the pilot program, CiviForm, is active and running well with four City programs online. We are poised to open the portal more broadly in February with the addition of more City aid programs. Current programs on CiviForm are:

- ORCA Youth Opportunity (SDOT)
- Utility Discount Program (SCL/SPU)
- Seattle Preschool Program (DEEL)
- Childcare Scholarship Program (SPR)

Seattle's Recovery Plan for Treasury

[Link to CBO's Seattle Rescue Plan Site](#)

"Cities that got out of the gate with comprehensive plans bridging high -level goals with project-level details—such as Boston, Buffalo, St. Louis, and Seattle—offer models for how other cities can approach this historic opportunity."

-Brookings, 9/7/2021 ([link](#))

Results for America has done an analysis of 150 counties and cities ARPA reports and found Seattle to be among 8 jurisdictions with a 10/10 on "Data, Evidence & Outcomes Provision Assessment."

- Results4America, December 2021 ([dashboard](#))

Questions?

Appendix: Additional Funding Detail

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SRP2 Spending Update

	Allocated	Spent	Encumbered	In Process / Contracted	Total Spent/ Encumbered/ In Process	% Progress
Grand Total	\$52,150,000	\$13,494,891	\$10,507,361	\$900,000	\$24,902,252	48%
Housing/Homelessness	\$28,730,000	\$1,725,965	\$9,576,988	-	\$11,302,953	39%
Community Well-being	\$7,750,000	-	-	\$900,000	\$900,000	12%
Recovery	\$15,670,000	\$11,768,925	\$930,373	-	\$12,699,298	81%

Housing/Homelessness

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Housing/Homelessness Total	\$44,820,000	\$28,730,000	\$28,310,000	\$101,860,000
Homelessness	\$14,300,000		\$27,310,000	\$41,610,000
Housing Capital*	\$28,500,000			\$28,500,000
Housing provider capacity	\$2,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
Rental Assistance		\$28,700,000		\$28,700,000

*Note that the 2022 Proposed Budget (of which SRP3 is a part) included over \$50m from CLFR for affordable housing capital; however, the Council changed the funding source, so that investment is not reflected in this table.

Community Well-being

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Community Well-being Total	\$46,590,000	\$7,750,000	\$15,140,000	\$69,480,000
Cash assistance	\$25,000,000			\$25,000,000
Childcare facilities and providers support	\$8,000,000			\$8,000,000
Library support	\$1,100,000		\$440,000	\$1,540,000
Seattle Promise	\$4,000,000		\$2,360,000	\$6,360,000
Outdoor recreational space	\$5,650,000			\$5,650,000
Unified Aid Program Application Portal	\$330,000		\$2,250,000	\$2,580,000
Food support			\$8,890,000	\$8,890,000
Other community supports	\$2,500,000	\$7,750,000	\$1,200,000	\$11,450,000

Recovery

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Recovery Total	\$24,130,000	\$15,670,000	\$10,350,000	\$50,140,000
Grants and financial assistance to small business/nonprofits	\$22,680,000	\$2,150,000	\$1,000,000	\$25,830,000
Job training	\$1,450,000			\$1,450,000
Transportation operating and capital		\$13,500,000		\$13,500,000
City clean-up			\$9,350,000	\$9,350,000

Community Safety/Mental Health

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Community Safety/Mental Health Total	\$600,000		\$7,025,000	\$7,625,000
Mental health	\$600,000		\$4,875,000	\$5,475,000
Community safety			\$2,150,000	\$2,150,000

Supporting City Workers and Reopening

	SRP1	SRP 2	SRP3	Total
Supporting City Workers and Reopening Total	\$7,280,000		\$60,330,000	\$67,600,000
Critical IT staffing and tech upgrades	\$6,000,000		\$4,500,000	\$10,500,000
Return to work	\$330,000		\$510,000	\$840,000
Public building maintenance	\$770,000			\$770,000
Impact Evaluation	\$180,000		\$930,000	\$1,110,000
Fed funds project management			\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000
Legislative staff			\$850,000	\$850,000
SFD payroll (revenue replacement)			\$49,780,000	\$49,780,000