

Seattle Rescue Plan: Update on Seattle's ARPA Spending

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Key Takeaways

- **City of Seattle is ahead of the pack in spending CLFR funds.** Thanks to our quick planning and implementing since 2021, Seattle has made great progress in getting our COVID recovery funds out into the community. According to a [Bloomberg analysis](#) of spending reports from across the country, on average as of last September, large cities and counties have spent 29% of their CLFR funds; **Seattle has spent 75% of CLFR funds.**
- **More performance reporting to come.** Implementing Seattle Rescue Plan programs continues and we will continue to gather data and stories about what these funds have done for the people of Seattle.

Lay of the Federal Funding Land

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

- \$300m in direct funding for Seattle; allocated via “**Seattle Rescue Plan**” packages.

FEMA Public Assistance:

- COVID-19 incident period ends May 11, 2023. Almost all reimbursement applications for eligible activity submitted; OEM continues to work to move applications through the review pipeline; some additional small reopening projects still outstanding.

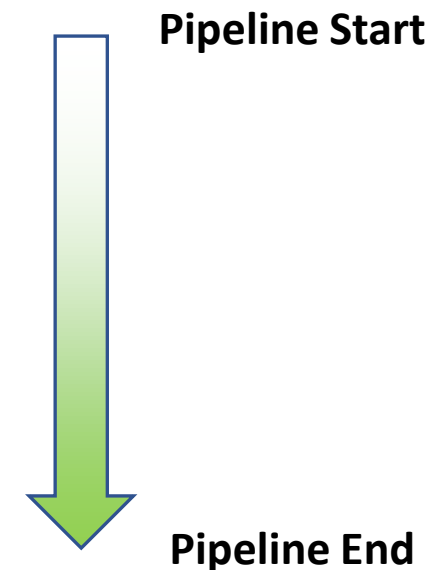
Additional resources for Infrastructure Funding:

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA):**
 - Federal agencies’ grant funding continues for another four years.
 - City departments continue to watch for info to be released, respond to RFIs, and apply for funding.
- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA):**
 - More to come down the road. Note: the same federal agencies implementing BIL are responsible for IRA.

FEMA Public Assistance Update

- \$18.4m of reimbursements received or approved by FEMA; \$9.9m in process
- FEMA reimbursements are all already factored into revenue projections/balancing
- **99.6% approval rate: only \$70k of submissions to FEMA have been rejected**

	# of Projects	Amount
Project Worksheets (PWs) pending submission from Depts	-	-
PWs currently in review with OEM	-	-
PWs currently in State/FEMA Desk Review	-	-
PWs in review by FEMA Consolidated Resources Center	9	\$9,981,094
PWs Approved by FEMA	-	-
FEMA Reimbursement Received	31	\$16,715,353
<i>FEMA Reimbursement Held for Close-Out</i>		<i>\$1,723,827</i>
Total	40	\$28,420,274



Federal Infrastructure Funding Update

Seattle has been awarded over \$70 million in federal infrastructure grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to-date.

A few grants of note:

Department	Grant Name	Project Descriptions	Award Amount
SDOT	Safe Streets for All	Ped/bike safety improvements	\$25,600,000
CEN	All Stations Accessibility Program	Renovation of SC Monorail Station for ADA accessibility	\$15,000,000
SDOT	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Harrison Street Transit Corridor, Denny Way Overlay, Georgetown-Downtown Bike Lane, Beacon Avenue Bike Lane	\$9,110,000

Federal Infrastructure Funding Update

City departments continue to watch for info to be released, respond to RFIs, and apply for funding.

BIL was a five-year funding bill. Federal agencies' grant cycles funded by BIL will continue for another four years, through 2026.

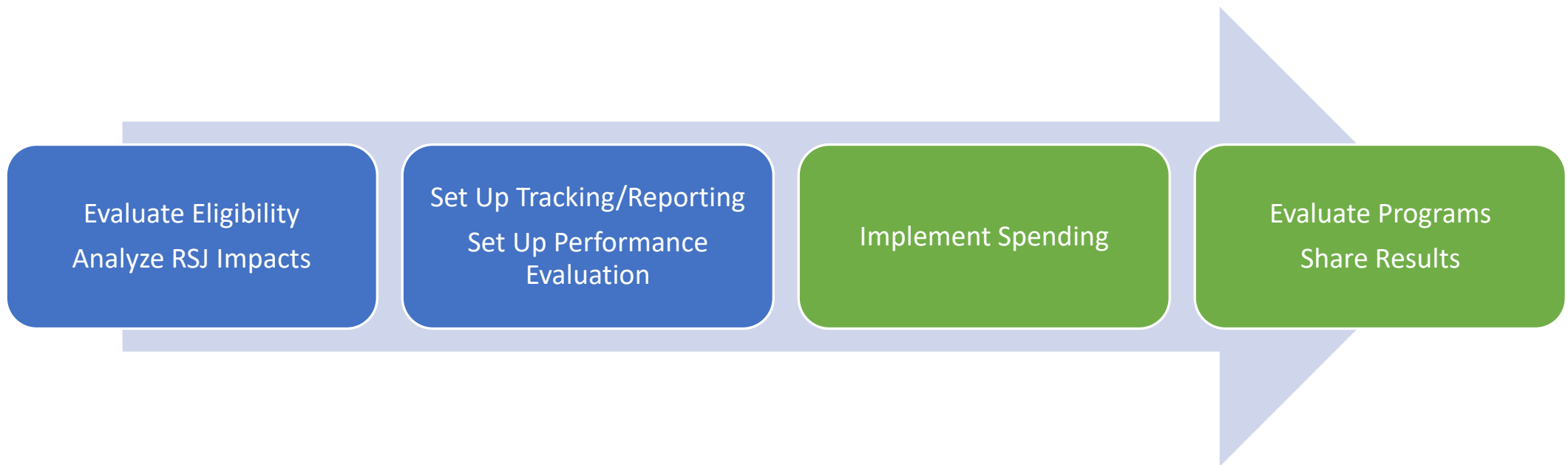


The Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) will provide an update on BIL and IRA activity at their presentation in April.

Seattle Rescue Plan Implementation Continues

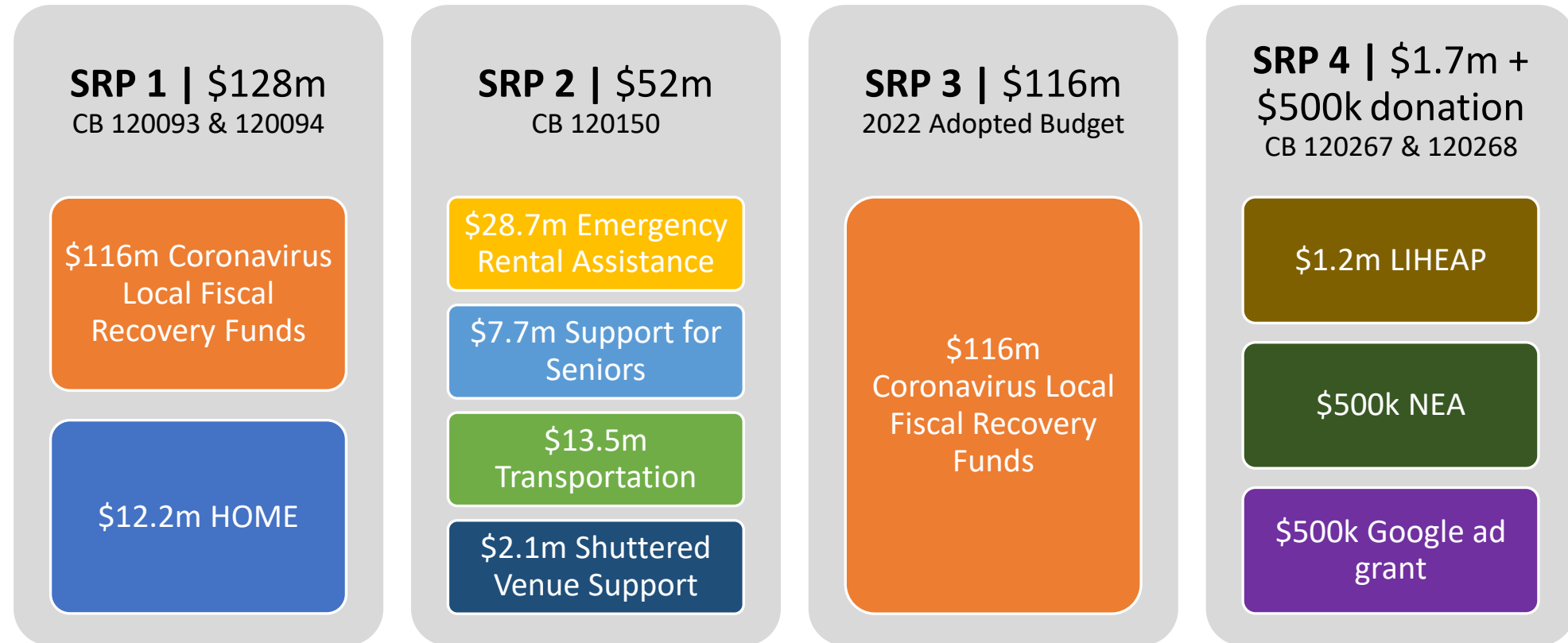
With programs concluding spending, we will have much more to share later this year after conducting research and analysis.

Spending updates and program highlights from our research will be added to the [SRP Transparency Portal](#).



Seattle Rescue Plan (SRP) Summary

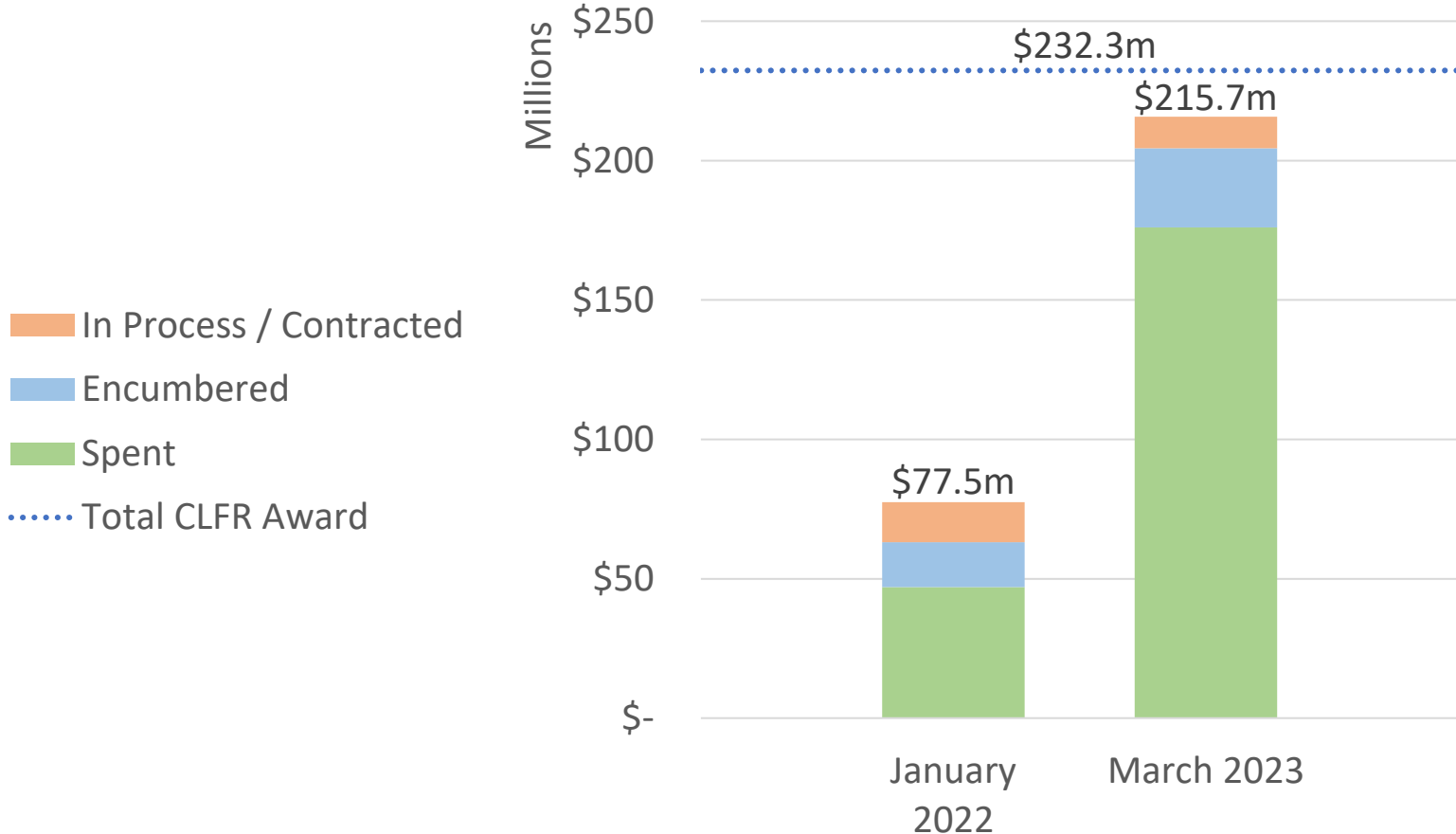
Seattle has received \$300M of the \$1.9T total from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), including \$232M in local direct aid (flexible funding from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery [CLFR] funds) and other targeted aid under the umbrella of the “**Seattle Rescue Plan.**”



All-SRP Appropriation Summary

	Direct-CLFR	CLFR Revenue Replacement	Other ARPA Grants	Total
Grand Total	\$137,389,328	\$94,952,299	\$69,472,648	\$301,814,275
Housing & Homelessness	\$55,912,968	-	\$44,574,092	\$100,487,060
Community Well-being & Reopening Services	\$31,763,388	\$27,458,110	\$7,752,975	\$66,974,473
Community & Small Business Recovery	\$32,316,156	\$1,400,000	\$17,145,581	\$50,861,737
Community Safety & Mental Health	\$1,200,000	\$4,200,000	-	\$5,400,000
Supporting City Workers & Services	\$16,196,816	\$61,894,189	-	\$78,091,005

CLFR Progress Since January 2022 Update



- **\$120m+ in new expenditures since January 2022**

CLFR Spending Update

	Allocated	In Process / Contracted	Encumbered	Spent	Total Spent/ Encumbered/ In Process	% Progress
Grand Total	\$232,341,627	\$11,259,856	\$28,396,531	\$176,026,864	\$215,683,251	93%
Housing & Homelessness	\$55,912,968	-	\$21,479,075	\$34,167,794	\$55,646,869	99%
Community Well-being & Reopening Services	\$31,763,388	\$2,143,383	\$1,613,954	\$18,937,733	\$22,695,070	71%
Community & Small Business Recovery	\$32,316,156	\$1,793,833	\$5,250,042	\$19,545,593	\$26,589,468	82%
Community Safety & Mental Health	\$1,200,000	-	\$53,460	\$1,146,540	\$1,200,000	100%
Supporting City Workers & Services	\$16,196,816	\$7,322,640	-	\$7,276,905	\$14,599,545	90%
Revenue Replacement	\$94,952,299	-	-	\$94,952,299	\$94,952,299	100%

Other SRP Spending Update

	Allocated	Encumbered	Spent	Total Spent/ Encumbered	% Progress
Grand Total	\$69,472,648	\$2,943,889	\$43,001,420	\$45,945,309	66%
Housing & Homelessness	\$44,574,092	\$317,919	\$24,023,472	\$24,341,391	55%
Community Well-being & Reopening Services	\$7,752,975	\$2,310,963	\$2,965,145	\$5,276,108	68%
Community & Small Business Recovery	\$17,145,581	\$315,007	\$16,012,803	\$16,327,810	95%

Completed Programs

Housing & Homelessness

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
HSD	Enhanced Shelter and Outreach*	7,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter utilization Length of stay Permanent housing exits Demographic data for metrics above 	40% of people served exiting to permanent housing with a goal of maintaining housing (serving unsheltered BIPOC individuals with behavioral health needs and/or criminal legal system involvement)
OH	Multifamily Housing Acquisition Capital	16,300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 443 new apartment units in 4 acquired affordable housing buildings. All four new developments are in Central Seattle. 	Developing housing for an estimated 400 people (with a focus on creating new housing units for those facing or at risk of homelessness)

**Updated metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

Completed Programs

Housing & Homelessness (cont.)

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
OH	Emergency Rental Assistance 1*† (non-CLFR)	21,222,606	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through June 2022, 7,842 households received aid 47% under 30% AMI; 23.5% between 30%-50% AMI 66% BIPOC 43% households with children 	Provide rental and utility bill assistance for low-income residents to prevent loss of housing (provided through community-based organizations, United Way of King County, and Seattle's Office of Housing)
SCL	Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (non-CLFR)	1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,198 accounts received an average utility assistance amount of \$448 	
SPU	Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (non-CLFR)	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 355 accounts received an average utility assistance amount of \$1,408 	

*Updated metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.

† Includes ERA2 metrics through June 2022.

“I would like to thank your organization for helping me during the pandemic. I am eternally grateful for the rent assistance. It gives me time to find a job and have a roof over my head. Thank you again so much!”

“Thank you so much. This means a lot to me and my daughter. Thank you for helping us and saving us from [losing] our housing. Thank you for helping wipe away / dry our tears.”

-Recipients of ERA assistance

Completed Programs

Community Safety & Mental Health

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
HSD	Gender Based Violence Response Services*	600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy: # of new clients • Legal: # and type of legal services and domestic legal representation provided • Response: # of trainings and/or technical assistance consultations to community staff and stakeholders 	Investing in community-driven, community-based programming to prevent, intervene, and end gender-based violence.

**Metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

“Many of our clients due to the pandemic have lost their jobs. The unemployed, left dependent on the men in their lives, face an increased risk for abuse at a time when women are more likely to have lost jobs and been unable to regain them. This funding has allow[ed] us to continue offering these lifesaving services...”

-Consejo Counseling and Referral Service

Completed Programs

Supporting City Workers & Services

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
SDHR	Employee Vaccine Verification System	295,000	Tracking vaccination status of City employees, and to collect test results and screen for symptoms was implemented.	Create systems around vaccine verification, contact tracing, booster status, and case management to reduce and prevent contraction of COVID-19 among City staff

Community Well-Being & Reopening Services

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
OIRA	Seattle Relief Fund	25,000,000	Cash assistance of \$1,000-\$3,000 disbursed to 11,712 households totaling over 26,000 people, including nearly 10,000 children.	Providing cash assistance to vulnerable immigrant, refugee, and low-income communities to improve their ability to survive the pandemic and to make it through the long recovery process in a stronger position than they would without it.

Completed Programs

Community Well-Being & Reopening Services

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
CEN	Summer Campus Activation	200,000	Almost 30,000 people attended the eight summer activation events.	Return business opportunity and revenue to small businesses in the tourism and hospitality industries through activation events
DEEL	Child Care Wage Allocation	2,951,593	Awards of \$835 each went to about 3,500 staff at 537 sites that serve about 20,000 children.	Support staff hiring and retention with a focus on women and women of color childcare providers

“To retain good staff, you have to value them, not only in words, but in deeds. Over the last year, it has been so great to have my staff be acknowledged, not just by me, but by the City, the County, and the State. Child care has been looked down on for so many years, and it has really been great to have us finally receive this recognition, so that our staff know that they are valued within the community.”

-Grace Alams, Director of Creative Kids Learning Center

Completed Programs

Community Well-Being & Reopening Services

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
HSD	Enhanced Diaper Distribution*	225,000	670,000 diapers were distributed from September to December 2021.	Reduce and prevent financial hardships for low-income families with children by providing essential items like diapers, clothing, and equipment
	Good Food Kitchens*	690,000	43,000+ meals were served between 2021 through 2022. Meals were primarily distributed in Central and SE Seattle.	Reduce food insecurity by providing culturally appropriate food to for low-income and primarily BIPOC community members (through local neighborhood restaurants that are BIPOC owned)

**Updated metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

Completed Programs

Community Well-Being & Reopening Services (cont.)

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
SPL	Library Hours Restoration	465,317	34 employees were rehired, and all 27 libraries reopened in 2021. Library hours were mostly restored to pre-pandemic levels by December 2021.	Address lost capacity and allow the Library to rehire cut positions and return hours to pre-pandemic levels
SPR	Community Programming (Childcare Scholarships)*	1,000,000	Scholarship utilization - amount and number of scholarships.	Alleviate cost burdens associated with childcare for families through scholarships for low-income residents
	Community Programming (Outdoor Recreation)	200,000	26,000 individuals participated in Rec’N the Streets (Outdoor Mobile Recreation program) events at 39 locations from January to December 2021.	Hosting outdoor recreation events in partnership with community, with a focus on providing outdoor programming for neighborhoods with higher health disparities

**Metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

Completed Programs

Community Well-Being & Reopening Services (cont.)

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
SPR	Community Programming (Wading Pools)	400,000	Funded more open days per week at 11 wading pools around the city in 2021. Nearly 26,800 children used the wading pools in 2021.	Improve health by reopening wading pool services at 11 locations that were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic
	Enhanced Maintenance - Grounds	1,050,000	From January to September 2021, CLFR funded 22 full-time employees who provided 34,000 hours of enhanced park maintenance	Supporting community safety in public parks and open spaces by filling maintenance positions left vacant as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Completed Programs

Community and Small Business Recovery

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
OED	Downtown Workforce Development*	292,574	As of April 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Hiring Hall: 810 jobs posted by 79 employers, including 22 unions. 79 people received wraparound employment services and 35 of them were placed into jobs. 	Increase job placement for un- and under-employed BIPOC and vulnerable individuals in the hospitality sector in downtown Seattle
SDOT	Safe Starts	300,000	Funded an estimated 64 permits to use the public right-of-way for outdoor dining, display, and vending in 2021.	Support businesses in meeting COVID-19 safety guidelines while reopening for business

**Metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

“When they told me about all the benefits, I truly could not believe it! The benefits, to feel protected by the union and know that someone has my back. I have never worked in an environment where I felt secure like that – and where there were possibilities. We’ve begun talking with my husband about what’s possible now. Because we both have health care and there’s maternity leave in my union contract, maybe we can start a family. That’s a possibility now, and it wouldn’t be if it wasn’t for my new union job.”

-Mayra Sanchez, Union Jobs Fair participant,
Line Server at the Google campus in South Lake Union, New union member of UNITE HERE Local 8

Completed Programs

Community and Small Business Recovery (cont.)

Dept	Program	Allocation	Metrics	Intended Outcomes
SPR	Clean City Initiative Expansion*	4,208,860	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pounds of trash and debris collected from illegal dumping, encampment sites, and RV cleans 	Improve public health and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by providing sanitation services to prevent the spread of infectious disease for people living outside and for anyone using and moving through public spaces
SPU	Clean City Initiative Expansion*	955,824	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of authorized trash bags distributed • Number of needles collected per collection boxes • Location of needle collection boxes 	

**Metrics for this program will be received in the upcoming months.*

"We have been extremely pleased with the response and support that Lake City has benefitted from through the Clean City Initiative. Residents and businesses have noted that our business district corridor, traditionally problematic areas in the Little Brook area and other pockets of the neighborhood have vastly improved. The program has been well coordinated, adaptive, and very responsive. Thank you to the Office of Economic Development, Seattle Public Utilities and all departments and staff involved in this effort."

-Chris Levenson, Project Manager, Build Lake City Together

Evaluation Update

Last fall we shared highlights from the 2022 Recovery Plan Performance Report, including output metrics and analysis showing success in aligning program's geographic distribution with areas of the city with greatest need.

The evaluation team is about to kick into high gear analyzing program data from the past year to produce this year's Recovery Plan Performance Report.

In addition, the team is planning and conducting more:

- In-depth analyses on select programs that have the data to enable deeper exploration
- Qualitative research to follow up with beneficiaries of programs and gather their stories of how SRP programs have affected them

Much more to come.

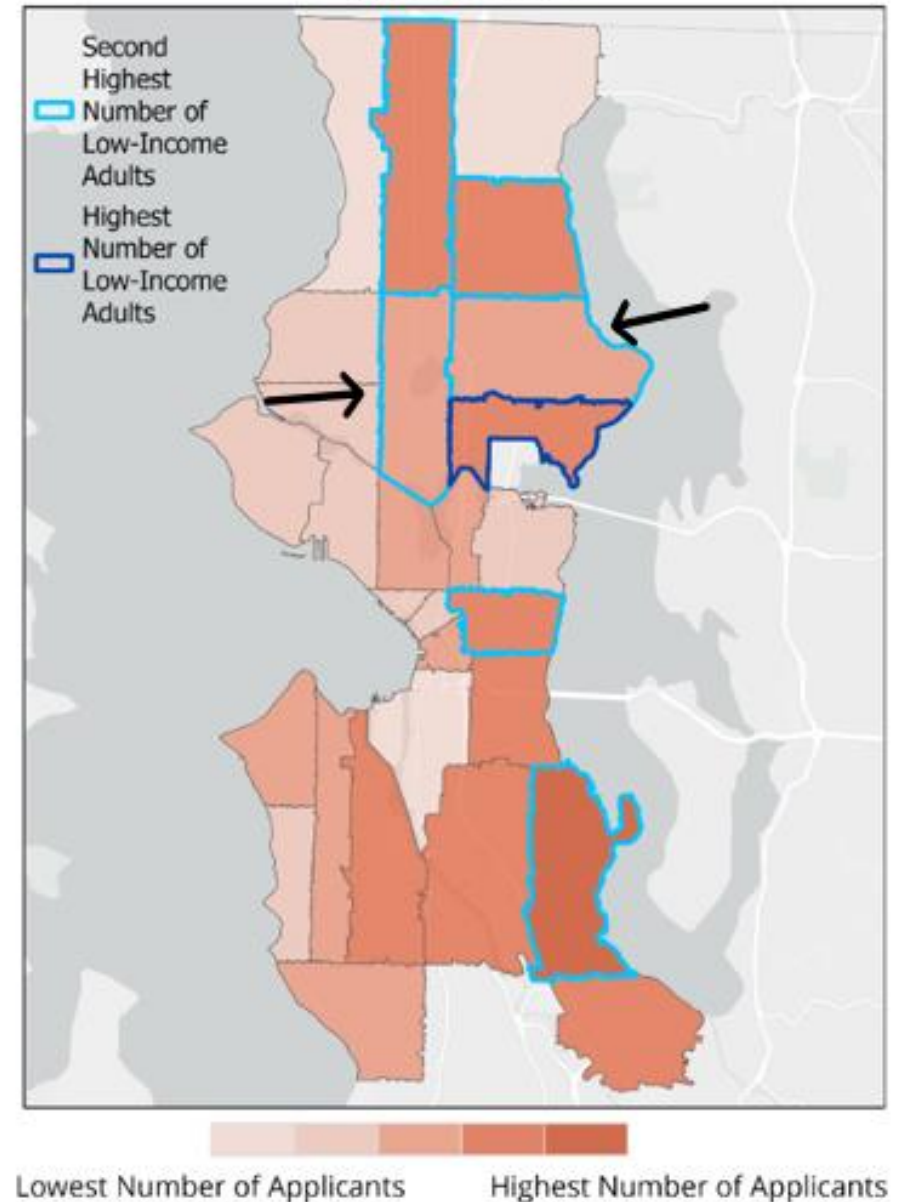
In-Depth Evaluation: CiviForm Continuous Improvement

A closer look at where different disadvantaged populations live around Seattle

- BIPOC, low-income adults and families, disadvantaged neighborhoods, non-English speaking, no internet at home, struggling with affordability

Comparing to where applications are concentrated, to identify where to target more outreach

CiviForm Applicants Compared to Population of Low-Income Adults



Questions?
