



American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund Overview and Plan

September 16, 2021

Agenda



- **Overview of ARPA**
- **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)**
- **Initial Proposed Projects**
- **Next Steps**

American Rescue Plan Overview



What is the American Rescue Plan?

- Legislation signed by President on March 11, 2021 - provides \$1.9 trillion in spending to assist in pandemic recovery and create resilient communities

What is the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund?

- Aid to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments address economic fallout of pandemic, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery
- Pinellas County allocated \$189M

What is timeline for use of funds?

- Eligible expenses starting March 3, 2021
- Must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026

When are key deadlines?

- Interim Recovery Plan Performance Report due by October 10, 2021, quarterly financial report October 31, 2021 and annual performance plan every December 31

Treasury Expenditure Categories



- **Public Health**
- **Negative Economic Impacts**
- **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**
- **Premium Pay for Frontline Workers**
- **Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure**
- **Lost Revenue Replacement**

OMB Proposed Guiding Principles



- **Strategic:** Significant investments with long-term community impact – align with County strategic plan
- **Prioritize Equity:** Focus on disproportionately impacted communities
- **Efficient:** Minimize administrative overhead
- **Accountable:** Transparent with plans and achievements
- **Sustainable:** Be responsible stewards of public resources

Lost Revenue Replacement



- Estimated at **\$25M** for period ending December 31, 2020
- **Maximum flexibility** - may be used for almost any general governmental purpose, including capital improvements
 - Accelerated road projects - \$15-20M
 - Cybersecurity - \$1-4M

Public Health Projects



- Mental and behavioral health: coordinated access model and Sheriff mental health squad - \$10-15M
- Hardware and software investments for public health facilities - \$8-10M

Infrastructure Projects



- Parks and playground improvements - \$25-30M
 - Raymond Neri Park Construction
 - ADA Compliant Playground Updates
- Safe Routes to Schools (Sidewalks and Drainage) - \$5-10M
- Stormwater Inflow and Infiltration Projects - \$25-35M
- Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System - \$25-30M
- Septic to Sewer Program - \$10-15M
- Regional Stormwater Projects - \$15-20M
 - Greater Lealman
 - Joe's Creek Trail Greenway

Next Steps

- **Publish Benefits Navigator** – a landing page for residents, business owners and nonprofits seeking COVID-19 related support
- **Evaluate Proposed Projects Against Program Criteria** – Benefit to community and availability of other funding sources
- **Submit Interim Performance Plan to Treasury** – set out the County's interim spending plan and explain how it will achieve Treasury goals
- **Explore Additional Projects**
 - Job training and workforce development
 - Brownfield remediation