

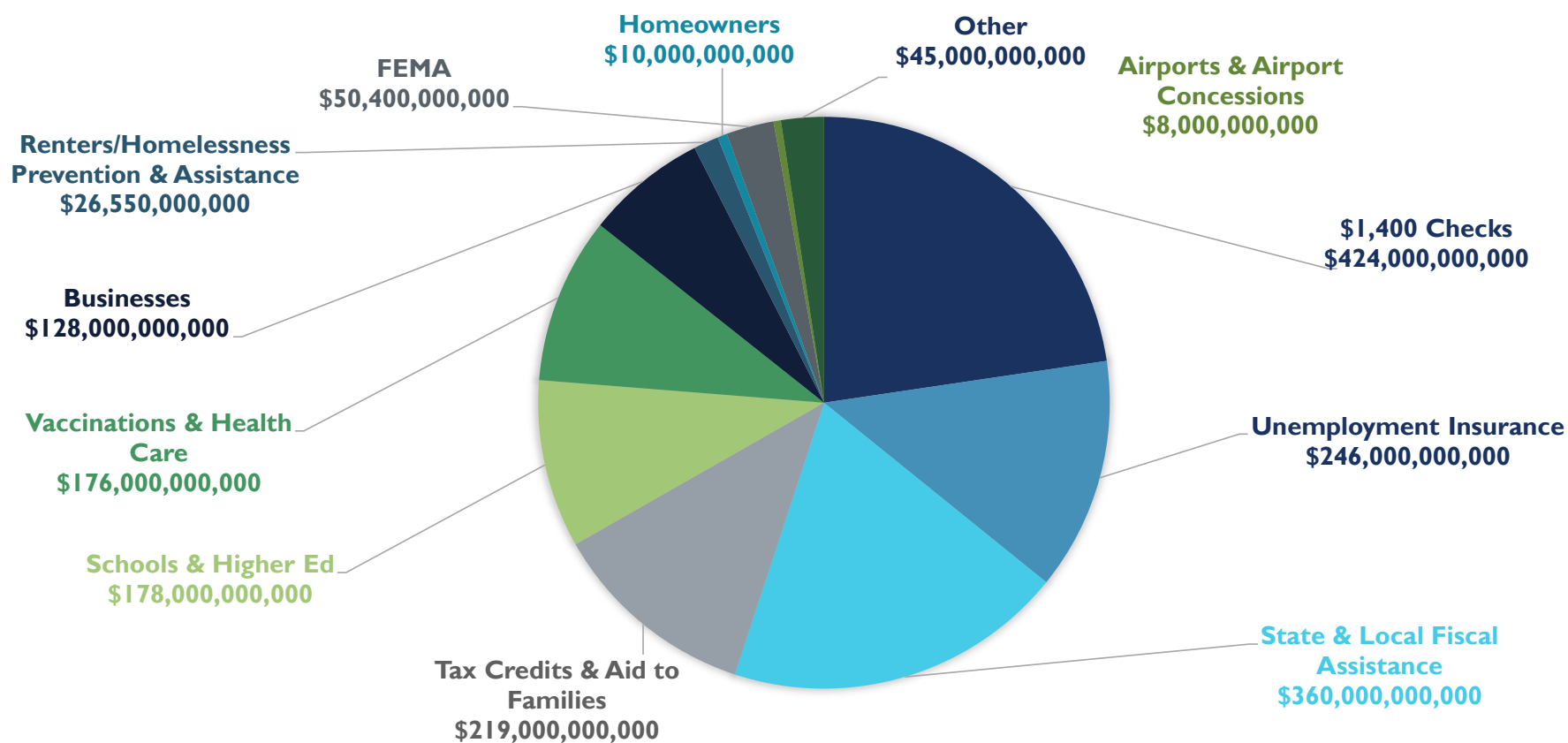


AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OVERVIEW

City of Austin and Travis County

April 27, 2021

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (PL 117-2)



ESTIMATED DIRECT AID TO AUSTIN & TRAVIS COUNTY

City of Austin

- Local Fiscal Assistance: \$195.8M
- Emergency Rental Assistance: \$22.0M
- Homelessness Prevention & Assistance via HOME: \$11.0M

Travis County

- Local Fiscal Assistance: \$247.1M
- Emergency Rental Assistance: \$10.6M

ESTIMATED AID TO TRAVIS COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Direct Allocation from Treasury – CDBG Entitlement City

- Austin - \$195.8M
- Pflugerville - \$6.7M
- Round Rock - \$16.8M
- Travis County - \$247.1M

Sub-Allocation from the State

- Bee Cave - \$1.5M
- Cedar Park - \$17.3M
- Creedmoor - \$50,000

Sub-Allocation from the State cont'd

- Elgin - \$2.2M
- Jonestown - \$460,000
- Lago Vista - \$1.6M
- Lakeway - \$3.4M
- Leander - \$13.6M
- Manor - \$3.0M
- Mustang Ridge - \$210,000
- Rollingwood - \$350,000
- Sunset Valley - \$150,000
- West Lake Hills - \$720,000

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE *ADMINISTERED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES*

- Restaurant Revitalization Fund Grants - \$25.0B
- Shuttered Venue Grants - \$16.125B
- Paycheck Protection Program - \$7.25B
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan - \$15.0B
- Airport Concessions - \$800M

AID TO HOUSEHOLDS *ADMINISTERED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES*

- Child Tax Credit Expansion
- EITC Expansion
- Child Care & Dependent Tax Credit Expansion
- Increased ACA Subsidies
- Nutrition Assistance

CITY OF AUSTIN: EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

\$22.0M

- Allocated directly from Treasury, may not require Action Plan amendment
- Total Allocation: \$19.0 Billion
- Estimated Austin Allocation: \$22.0 Million
- Deploys in phases
 - Traunch One = 40% within 60 days: \$8.7 Million
 - Remainder of payments once 75% obligation of Traunch One
 - Unallocated funds will be reallocated beginning 3/31/2022
- Eligible Uses

CITY OF AUSTIN: HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE

\$11.0M

- HUD funds, allocated from Treasury, will likely an require Action Plan amendment
 - Uses the HOME Formula for allocation
- Total Allocation: \$5.0 Billion
- Estimated Austin Allocation: \$11 Million
- Eligible Uses

CITY OF AUSTIN: HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

\$TBD

- Allocated from Treasury, will not require Action Plan amendment
- Total Allocation: \$9.9 Billion
- Estimated State and Austin Allocation: \$TBD
- Eligible Uses

CITY OF AUSTIN: EMERGENCY INCREMENTAL SECTION 8 VOUCHERS

\$5.0B

- Emergency incremental Section 8 vouchers to transition homeless people or people at risk of homelessness to stable housing
- Total allocation: \$5.0 Billion
 - Funds are available through FY30
- Housing authorities must accept or decline the supplemental vouchers via a process established by HUD; HUD will reallocate declined vouchers.
- Eligible households

TRAVIS COUNTY: PROGRAM CATEGORIES DISCUSSED WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT

- Existing Programs Started with CRF Funds
- Travis County Direct Emergency Response/City of Austin and Travis County Joint Emergency Response started with CRF Funds
- Revenue Replacement
- Resiliency Planning, Community Engagement, Program Evaluation
- New Programs

TRAVIS COUNTY: PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION TRACKS FOR PHASE I FUNDING

- Track 1 – developing draft first year budgets for food distribution, workforce investments, and non-profit and small business support for consideration by Commissioners Court.
- Track 2 – developing priority new program areas (issue areas above need to be prioritized by the Commissioners Court and developed further by program staff with subject matter expertise and in coordination with PBO). These new program areas are expected to require additional countywide staffing infrastructure to administer.
- Track 3 – Offices and departments are in the final stages of developing FY 2022 budget requests due on April 26. Some of the requests could identify department and office projects, programs and needs that have not been identified thus far and could be eligible for funding with ARPA funds.

TRAVIS COUNTY: KEY DATES

Date	Event
April 6	CRF Closeout and ARPA Update
April 14	Commissioners Court members submit proposed funding areas to PBO by 5 P.M.
April 27	Draft first year budgets for Food Distribution, Workforce Investments, and Non-profit and small business support for potential consideration. PBO presents compiled Commissioners Court funding areas.
May 5*	Commissioners Court members submit their prioritized proposed funding areas to PBO by 5 P.M.
~May 10	First half of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies received. Funds to be spent by December 2024.
May 18*	PBO presents compiled prioritized proposed funding areas.
June*	Initial allocations for the first half of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund by the end of June.

CITY OF AUSTIN: NEXT STEPS

- May 6th – Council Action to Accept Traunch I Funding \$97.9M
 - Appropriate \$44.3M for Public Health Response
- City of Austin staff are in the process of responding to Resolution No. 20210325-III
 - The resolution identified four priority areas: homelessness, early childhood care and education, workforce development and jobs, and food and housing insecurity.

Considerations

- FEMA has not provided final determination on the eligibility of the costs for the non-congregate shelters or the cost recovery percentage
 - Estimate assumes 75% cost recovery for all expenses
- Treasury Department has not provided final determination on the allowable uses of American Rescue Plan Act funding.
- Travis County staff is working with Commissioners Court on the prioritization of programs for funding with Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Considerations

- **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can be used as follows:**
 - To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, or its negative economic impacts, including funding assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
 - To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
 - For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the government unit prior to the COVID-19 emergency.
 - To provide premium payments to essential employees and/or providing grants to employers of essential employees (premium pay is limited, however, to \$13 per hour/\$25,000 per worker).
 - Funds can be transferred to a private nonprofit organization, a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of the state or local government.
- **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds cannot be used to:**
 - Make deposits into a pension fund.
 - Directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue that results from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period of the legislation that reduces any tax.



DISCUSSION