**BUILDING AN EQUITABLE, RESILIENT RECOVERY FOR PROVIDENCE** 

# PROVIDENCE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ORDINANCE

#### **SUMMARY**

Providence received \$166 million dollars from the U.S. Treasury to make a transformative investment in our City's future between now and 2024. American Rescue Plan funds can be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.

The COVID-19 pandemic created an economic and public health crisis, especially felt in Providence's hardest hit communities. People of color, immigrants and low-wage workers in Providence, and across the state, have been deeply impacted.

That is why the City of Providence is committed to a recovery that centers racial equity, sustainability, and an inclusive economy. The Providence Rescue Plan is part of a larger federal coordinated effort to bring direct and immediate relief to families and workers.

In May 2021, the City of Providence created the COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Task Force, made up of Providence community leaders, to provide recommendations on how to use the City's ARPA funds, with a commitment to community engagement and ensuring that funding goes where it is needed most.

In addition to the work of the Task Force, the City of Providence directly engaged community members through surveys and business roundtables to inform spending decisions.

TOTAL ARPA BUDGET ORDINANCE: \$166,314,129.10

#### CITY OF PROVIDENCE ARPA FUNDING OVERVIEW

**Direct federal** 

**allocation:** \$131,373,965.00

**County-level** 

**allocation via State:** \$34,940,164.10

**TOTAL FUNDS:** \$166,314,129.10





# PVD RESCUE PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FACTS

August to	1,111
November 2021 <b>Timeline</b>	Survey respondents
285 Community Listening Sessions attendees	64 Business Roundtable attendees
60 Task Force public meetings attendees	88 Community proposals

#### **INVESTMENTS OVERVIEW**

Arts, Tourism and Hospitality



\$10,500,000

Business and Economic Development



\$9,790,000

City Services and Infrastructure



\$15,300,000

**Sustainability** 



\$7,700,000

Housing and Homelessness



\$28,600,000

**Racial Equity** 



\$13,100,000

Youth and Community



\$20,950,339

Revenue Recovery



\$56,153,790

Administration of Funds



\$4,220,000



# ARTS, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY: \$10,500,000

Ensure the continued development of a vibrant and creative city by integrating arts and culture into community life while showcasing Providence as an international cultural destination.

Arts, Culture, and Special Events Support	\$1,225,000
PVDFest Producing Partner, FirstWorks	\$275,000
Cultural Facilities	\$2,500,000
Public Art to Encourage Tourism	\$800,000
Tourism Marketing	\$700,000
<b>Providence-Warwick Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau</b>	\$700,000
Roger Williams Park Gateway	\$4,000,000
Waterfire, Inc.	\$300,000

TOTAL ARTS, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INVESTMENT:

\$10,500,000



### BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: \$9,790,000

Create economic opportunity for all of the city's residents, and support Providence businesses to grow and hire locally with a focus on supporting minority, women, people with disabilities and veteran-owned businesses and industries devastated by the economic impacts of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Adaptive Reuse Program	\$1,400,000
Hardest Hit Community Organizations	\$300,000
Shared Use Infrastructure Grant Program	\$270,000
Workforce Development for COVID-19 Impacted Individuals	\$820,000
Relief for Small Business in Providence	\$7,000,000

TOTAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT:

\$9,790,000



# CITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: \$15,300,000

Support the city in successfully revitalizing our public infrastructure and implementing economic relief programs with investments in technology, systems and public spaces.

Technology Investments	\$1,500,000
Parks and Recreation Capital Investment	\$3,500,000
Downtown Open Spaces in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)*	\$10,300,000

TOTAL CITY SERVICES AND
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT: \$15,300,000

<sup>\*</sup>Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) are defined as any census tract (or equivalent geographic area defined by the Bureau of the Census) in which at least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income



SUSTAINABILITY: \$7,700,000

Provide a better quality of life for all residents while ensuring adequate community infrastructure to respond to and prepare for the impacts of climate change in the City's frontline communities and to support the growth of green economic sectors within the City.

Resiliency Infrastructure in Frontline Communities \$1,700,000
Stormwater and Sewer Repair \$3,000,000
Street Sweeping and Sewer Repair \$3,000,000

TOTAL SUSTAINABILITY INVESTMENT: \$7,700,000



### HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS: \$28,600,000

Respond to the current housing crisis in the short term, and implement a long-term strategy to end housing insecurity and homelessness in the City, addressed in collaboration with community, state, and federal partners.

Affordable Housing Development	\$17,000,000
Home Repair Program	\$3,000,000
Affordable and Alternate Housing Programming	\$500,000
Emergency Housing Solutions	\$1,000,000
Expand Rapid Rehousing	\$4,000,000
Right to Counsel	\$600,000
Permanent Supportive Housing	\$2,000,000
Homelessness Intervention	\$500,000

TOTAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENT:

\$28,600,000



#### **RACIAL EQUITY:** \$13,100,000

Address historic inequities with intersectional investments including braiding from other categories to ensure equity across all ARPA programs and funding.

COVID-19 Inequities Program	\$10,000,000
<b>Direct Relief to Providence Residents</b>	\$500,000
Facilities Development Program	\$2,600,000

TOTAL RACIAL EQUITY INVESTMENT: \$13,100,000



#### YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: \$20,950,339

Ensure Providence's youth have access to safe learning environments, robust options for out-of-school programs, and equal opportunity to succeed academically and professionally. Community investments support the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our communities and provide the infrastructure needed to bring people together and to address gaps of access and opportunity.

Justice Reform	\$2,950,000
Anti-Violence Investments	\$2,000,000
Mentoring Program	\$1,100,000
Non-Violence Training	\$500,000
Year-Round Youth Jobs	\$1,000,000
Providence Talks, Federal Hill House	\$283,000
Pre-K and Early Childhood Infrastructure Fund	\$500,000
Providence Community Library	\$1,500,000
Providence Public Library	\$100,000
Food Security Infrastructure Planning	\$250,000
Food Security Grant Program	\$250,000
Elderly Service Supports	\$1,000,000



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Grants to Community Centers	\$2,650,000
Capital Investments-Recreation Centers	\$3,000,000
Summer Camp for Providence Residents	\$600,000
<b>Summer Jobs for Providence Youth</b>	\$1,000,000
Night Basketball	\$80,000
Early Learning Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
Youth and Family Broadband Access	\$1,000,000
Providence Center	\$187,339

TOTAL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT: \$20,950,339

\$56,153,790

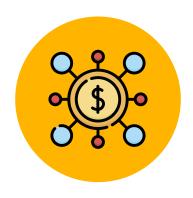


#### REVENUE RECOVERY: \$56,153,790

In accordance with eligible uses of American Rescue Plan funds, revenue recovery funds are used to replace public sector revenue loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARPA Funds Used to Address Revenue Loss in FY22 Budget:	\$19,457,352
ARPA Funds Used to Address Revenue Loss in FY23 Budget:	\$16,513,280
Infrastructure Projects Funded Through Revenue Recovery:	\$8,697,000
Hurricane Barrier	\$3,000,000
Roger Williams Park Zoo Capital Investments	\$1,500,000
City Park Investments	\$400,000
Sidewalk Improvements	\$3,797,000
ARPA Funding available to address revenue loss in future budgets:	\$11,486,158

**TOTAL REVENUE RECOVERY INVESTMENT:** 



### ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS: \$4,220,000

Support efficient and equitable deployment of ARPA funds to ensure maximum community impact through program design and deployment, outcome tracking and compliance oversight.

FY22 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,220,000
FY23&24 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,700,000
Independent Auditor	\$300,000

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS INVESTMENT:

\$4,220,000