

Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Recovery Plan



State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and established the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) program. This program is intended to provide support to State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain and mitigate its impact on our communities, residents, and businesses.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SLFRF provided half of the allocated funds in June 2021, amounting to \$77,146,103.00. The County anticipates receiving the remaining funds in June 2022.

In accordance with Treasury guidance, this initial Recovery Plan Performance Report has been created to keep the public and Treasury informed of the projects being considered and possibly undertaken to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner. The Recovery Plan Performance Report will be updated on an interim basis to reflect the most current information.

In order to provide maximum transparency and continual real-time information, the county will be uploading all required reports to the American Rescue Plan Act to the following URL: <https://www.oklahomacounty.org/county-information/recovery-plan>. These reports will include project commitments, budgets, obligations, and expenditures but most importantly, the criteria under which the projects qualify, and the populations impacted by funding.

Uses of Funds

The County is committed to investing SLFRF funds in a manner that ensures growth and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for those residents affected. While much of the funding has not yet been obligated as of the end of the reporting period, July 31, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners is taking deliberate and intentional steps to engage with and assess the needs of Oklahoma County communities and County Departments to optimize the use of funds within the guidelines provided by US Treasury.

Additionally, the County commissioners have hired a consultant to assist in this process as well as processes for administering County SLFRF grants, reporting, and compliance. The Board of County Commissioners are currently engaging with their constituent communities and County departments to identify opportunities which will mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and future pandemics and result in positive outcomes related to public health, public safety, and economic recovery. The County intends to develop and deploy consistent methodology to adhere to eligible uses of funds including the evaluation of impacts of the pandemic on the County and its impacted residents. This strategic approach will be outlined in future performance reports and made available on the County's same public ARPA webpage referenced above.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County and its consultant will determine a consistent process to evaluate how spending proposals stand to benefit those historically underserved, vulnerable, and disproportionately impacted populations, communities, and industries.

There are several ways in which the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule encourages SLFRF recipients to fund strategies that address the disparate impacts of the pandemic on vulnerable populations. For example, Treasury will presume certain types of services and programs are eligible uses when provided to populations living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCT). There are approximately 69 QCTs in Oklahoma County. The Interim Final Rule acknowledges that some populations are assumed to be negatively impacted, either through negative impacts on health or economy or through the exacerbation of pre-existing disparities, low and poverty-level households, racial and ethnic minorities, adult residents with low educational attainment, and those experiencing mental health or substance abuse challenges, among others. The County will examine how spending proposals may impact these areas and populations.

Community Engagement

ARPA will allow the county to invest an unprecedented amount of funding into the community. As the County moves ahead in developing a strategy and process for evaluating and executing spending proposals, it will be of utmost importance to continue to leverage partnerships to collect input from populations, communities, and industries most disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and develop evaluation criteria that consider and underscore the needs of these groups. The County is reviewing its approach to CARES funding and its efforts in managing outreach and communications to seek input from various stakeholders and deliver information about CARES to the public. To date, the County has begun to solicit and hear constituent ideas via the County Commissioners. Projects from the public will be considered and prioritized by the County Commissioners.

Labor Practices

During this reporting period, Oklahoma County does not have any active infrastructure projects. The County intends to explore and utilize strong and appropriate labor standards. Any infrastructure projects will comply with the employment and workplace laws for the state of Oklahoma.

Use of Evidence

Oklahoma County will utilize evidence-based practices and metrics where appropriate to track performance of SLFRF investments against their proposed outcomes.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

There are no expenditures to report for this reporting period. Future reports will illustrate SLFRF allocations as they are determined.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Project Inventory

At this time, Oklahoma County has not approved any projects. Future reports will include project-specific details and performance metrics.

Performance Report

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