



# UPDATE ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

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PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 17, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

On May 10, the U.S. Treasury Department announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

**ALLOCATION TO  
THE CITY OF PORT  
ST. LUCIE  
\$24,739,425**



**FUNDS DISTRIBUTED IN  
TWO TRANCHES:  
50% PROVIDED BEGINNING  
IN MAY 2021 THE BALANCE  
DELIVERED 12 MONTHS  
LATER**

# CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS: ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDING



## **SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES**

by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;



## **ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;



## **REPLACE LOST PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE AND PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

Replace revenue to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic and provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



## **INVEST IN WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE,**

making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet



# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

## WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE



- ✓ Includes improvements to infrastructure, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems
- ✓ Eligible uses aligned to Environmental Protection Agency project categories across the:
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund
  - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Recipients may use these funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

- ✓ Focus on households and businesses without a wireline connection capable of reliably delivering 25 Mbps download / 3 Mbps upload
- ✓ Fund projects that deliver reliable service
  - Minimum 100 Mbps download / 100 Mbps upload speeds unless impracticable
- Complement broadband investments made through the separate Capital Projects Fund



## BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE



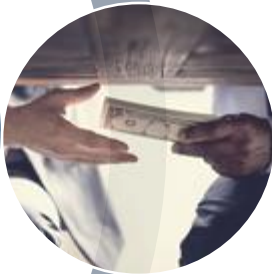
# INELIGIBLE USES

While recipients have considerable flexibility to use this funding to address the diverse needs of their communities, restrictions on use apply.



## Net Reduction in Tax Revenue

- The American Rescue Plan may not be used to fund reductions in net tax revenue
- If a state or territory has a reduction in net tax revenue, they must demonstrate how they paid for the tax cuts from sources other than Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds – by enacting policies to raise other sources of revenue, by cutting spending, or through higher revenue due to economic growth



## Deposits into Pensions Funds

- This funding may not be used for deposit into pension funds.
- A “deposit” is defined as an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability
- Recipients may use funds for routine payroll contributions to pensions of employees whose wages and salaries are an eligible use



## Other Restrictions on Use

- Funding debt service, legal settlements or judgments
- Deposits to rainy day funds or financial reserves
- Additional restrictions may apply



# CITY OF PSL RECOMMENDATIONS: SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES

| Support Public Health Expenditures                                   | Funding          | Additional Details   |
|--|------------------|--|
| COVID PODS   | \$250,000        | Points of Distribution providing public with COVID vaccine   |
| Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government Plan               | \$75,000         | Plans to continue operations if facilities and or key personnel are impacted by pandemic or other disaster |
| Pandemic Annex to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) | \$25,000         | Annex to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan specific to response operations during a pandemic     |
| All Hazards Recovery Plan - Annex to the CEMP                        | \$45,000         | Guidance on Recovery up one year post disaster - All Hazards   |
| All Hazards Post Disaster Recovery Plan                              | \$65,000         | Guidance on Recovery years 1 - 5 post disaster - All Hazards   |
| Virtual Emergency Operations - Planning Guide                        | \$25,000         | Guidance on running a virtual EOC during a pandemic – WebEOC annual renewal                                |
| <b>Total Recommended Public Health Allocation</b>                    | <b>\$485,000</b> |  |





# CITY OF PSL RECOMMENDATIONS: ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

| Address Negative Economic Impacts                                    | Funding            | Additional Details   |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Florida Small Business Development Center                            | \$70,000           | Council approved a full-time consultant for one year. This would keep the consultant for a 2nd and 3rd year to help with Port St Lucie's businesses. (\$35,000 per year)   |
| PSL Business Accelerator Program                                     | \$30,000           | It's a 10-week course that the Small Business Development Center facilitates. (4,500 per course for a business – 3-year period, fall and spring semester)  |
| PSL Small Business Grant Program                                     | \$200,000          | Part of the Business Accelerator, the City provides grants for up to \$5,000 for businesses in Port St. Lucie. This project would allow the program to cover \$50,000 per year for 4 years.  |
| Grow Florida   | \$60,000           | Grow Florida is a group that assist second-stage companies with an intention to expand/grow. Their programs are tailored to more established businesses. To go through their program is \$6,000. The request is to pay a portion of that (\$3,000) to fund 20 businesses to go through the program – a partial grant.  |
| Women's Business Center  | \$81,750           | They have a program called Ignite 360, more for startup to second-stage women-owned businesses. They provide training and 1-on-1 counseling with a mentorship program. This would be a partial grant by the City to go through their programming.  |
| BluDot- Business retention and expansion (BR&E) CRM Software         | \$24,000           | Provides mapping, business categories, search and filter and analytics dashboard for business retention and expansion activities. The software provides and captures direct communications between businesses and staff. Provides outreach e-mails to groups/categories businesses. Keeps track of calls/meetings, makes announcements and has customized surveys/forms. The cost of the subscription is \$495 per month. The amount requested is \$24,000 for a four-year period. |
| IMPLAN   | \$6,000            | IMPLAN is an economic impact modeling software that can produce reports that are project specific or on the general economy. The IMPLAN software will provide data on the local business market that will assist the Office of Business develop policies and programs to support small businesses. The data sets can also show the return on investment for incentives and programs.   |
| Commercial Development Program                                       | \$100,000          | Provides a matching grant up to \$20,000 to offset permit fees, site plan review fees, impact fees and right of way infrastructure improvements for new and expanding businesses in Port St Lucie. The request is \$100,000 for commercial development grants for 5 businesses or commercial property owners in Port St Lucie.   |
| US-1 Commercial Corridor Improvement                                 | \$1,200,000        | Provides a matching grant up to \$120,000 for the reuse of vacant or underutilized commercial properties located along US1. The request is \$1,200,000 to fund 10 commercial properties on the US-1 corridor.  |
| Retail & Restaurant Recruitment Program/Buxton                       | \$35,000           | Annual costs for three users   |
| Additional Mortgage Assistance                                       | \$457,075          | Request for sufficient funds to help homeowners recover from COVID-19 related hardships since the City has such a high rate of homeownership.  |
| Housing Hub  | \$250,000          | Collaboration with Treasure Coast Homeless Services to offer housing consulting services and help put people in touch with housing resources when they are experiencing a COVID-19 related hardship.   |
| <b>Total Recommended Address Negative Economic Impact Allocation</b> | <b>\$2,513,825</b> |  |



# CITY OF PSL RECOMMENDATIONS: REPLACEMENT OF LOST PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE

| Replacement of Lost Public Sector Revenue    | Funding     | Additional Details |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Gas Tax Revenue Loss                         | \$1,000,000 |                    |
| MIDFLORIDA Event Center Revenue Loss         | \$383,000   |                    |
| Total Recommended Lost Public Sector Revenue | \$1,383,000 |                    |





# CITY OF PSL RECOMMENDATIONS: INVESTMENTS IN WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

| Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure   | Funding             | Additional Details   |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Hegener Drive Extension - Water, Sewer and Stormwater Infrastructure                              | \$5,850,000         | 10,300 LDF of Hegener Drive - water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure to support job creation and economic recovery. Inclusive of design, CEI and construction. |
| Southern Grove/ I-95 - Paar water main (water service to job corridor)                            | \$1,000,000         | 24" water main required to be installed along Paar Dr from Sansone Blvd under I-95 to Paar Dr east of I-95 to be approximately \$750K                              |
| Torino Regional Park Water, Stormwater, Sewer & Fiber Lines                                       | \$2,000,000         | To support utility infrastructure in public recreation areas for public health benefits.   |
| Tradition Regional Park Water, Stormwater, Sewer & Fiber Lines                                    | \$2,000,000         | To support utility infrastructure in public recreation areas for public health benefits.   |
| Adventure Park Water, Sewer & Stormwater  | \$1,041,600         | Water \$185,500, Sewer \$459,350 and Stormwater/Drainage \$ 276,750. Fiber costs were not considered in estimate.  |
| City cost for the Paseo Fiber   | \$100,000           | Fiber installation to park   |
| Village Green Septic to Sewer   | \$800,000           | Commercial Septic to Sewer Conversion at Hog Pen Slough/Microbial Hot Spot   |
| The Port - Pioneer Park Botanical Gardens Fiber & Wi-Fi   | \$130,000           | Fiber installation and Wi-Fi connection  |
| Restaurants at The Port - water and sewer lines   | \$35,000            | Water, sewer & stormwater/drainage costs associated with restaurant site at The Port   |
| Fiber Mapping   | \$500,000           | physical mapping and splice diagram throughout the City  |
| FY 21/22: Parks Fiber Connection & Wi-Fi Coverage   | \$1,500,000         | \$120,000 for fiber per park, \$25,000 for Wi-Fi per park - 6 to 8 parks   |
| FY 22/23: Parks Fiber Connection & Wi-Fi Coverage   | \$1,500,000         | \$120,000 for fiber per park, \$25,000 for Wi-Fi per park - 6 to 8 parks   |
| FY 23/24: Parks Fiber Connection & Wi-Fi Coverage   | \$1,500,000         | \$120,000 for fiber per park, \$25,000 for Wi-Fi per park - 6 to 8 parks   |
| McCarty Ranch Water and Sewer Lines to camping areas  | \$550,000           | Water and sewer lines connection to camping areas  |
| McCarty Ranch Fiber Lines   | \$100,000           | Fiber installation down to camping area and RV areas with access points  |
| Event Center Wi-Fi (2 access points)  | \$20,000            | Two access points installations at \$10k each  |
| Fiber optic line extension  | \$400,000           | Fiber Optic line extension to C-24 Canal Park.   |
| Saints Water Quality Improvement/Drainage project   | \$560,000           | funds to use as match for the awarded, state-funded SWAG grant   |
| Firewall replacements   | \$771,000           | Cybersecurity measures to secure Police, Utilities and the City in general   |
| <b>Total Recommended Allocation for Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure</b> | <b>\$20,357,600</b> |  |

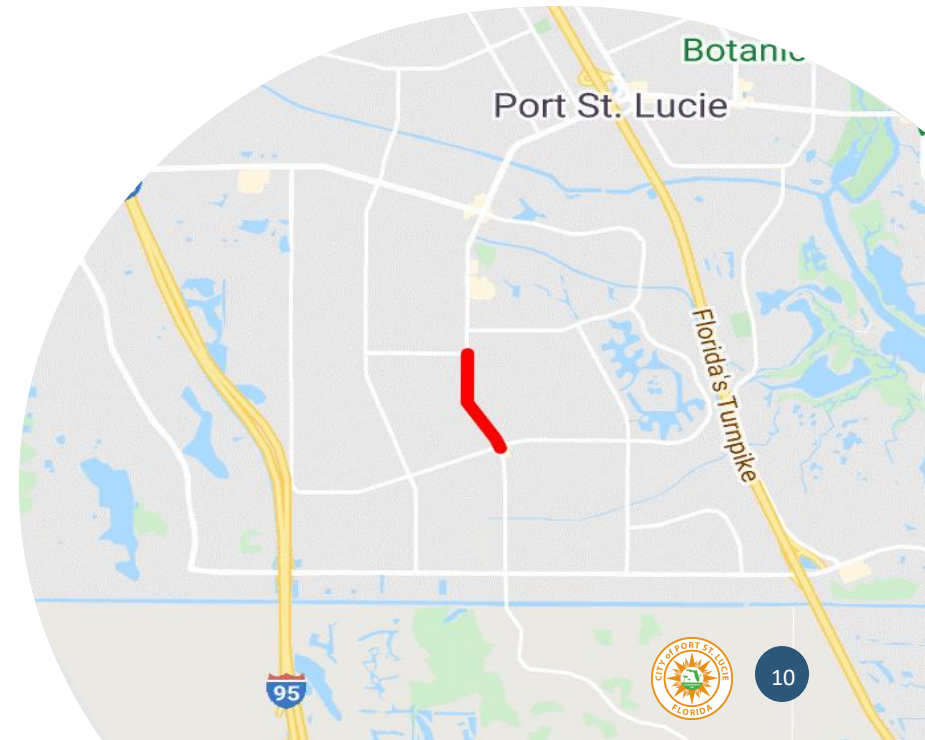
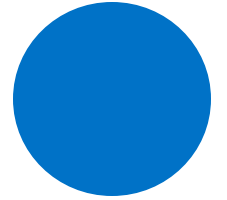
# SURFACE TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

## Port St. Lucie Boulevard South – Segment 2.2 (Alcantarra Boulevard to Paar Drive)

Total Project Cost (including CEI and construction) is \$16,413,056.

Federal Funding Request Submitted for the City of Port St. Lucie:

**\$4,645,975**





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