

American Rescue Plan Act  
State and Local Fiscal  
Recovery Funds



Webb County  
**Recovery Plan 2021 Report**



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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Executive Summary

The federal government allocated \$53,736,408.00 directly to Webb County, under the US Treasury American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Funding amount will be received in two tranches. As per the Interim Final Rule, SLFRF funds may be used for four main purposes:

1. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
3. 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 prior to the emergency; and
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Webb County at present has not determined nor approved a listing of projects that will be eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Currently, Webb County has created an ARPA Review Committee, who has begun discussions on how the County will use the funds and shall determine eligible projects that will aid in the negative impact the Pandemic had on Webb County.

The county is currently working with County Departments to provide input and submit project requests for use of ARPA funds. Once the ARPA Review Committee has reviewed all request and deemed which projects will be eligible, it will be presented at Commissioner's Court for final approval.

### Uses of Funds

Due to Webb County's Recovery Plan being under development, there is no approved nor authorized use of funds to report for any of the below listed categories for the SLFRF American Rescue Plan:

- a. Public Health (EC 1)
- b. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)
- c. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)
- d. Premium Pay (EC 4)
- e. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)



f. Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

Webb County has received funds under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) ARPA funds, Department of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP). The funds provided under the ARPA programs are being utilized to assist all eligible Webb County residents with the exception of the TEMAP Program that limits the funds to the rural areas of Webb County. With the CEAP ARPA funds the county will be able to assist low-income households at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level that have been economically impacted by the pandemic. The total of \$1,774,568.00 funds received under the program will allow the county to assist an approximate of 411 households with up to 12 months of assistance and up to \$3,600 of energy assistance within the program year. The U.S. Treasury ERA Program will allow the Webb County to help stabilize low-and-moderate income Webb County Renters impacted by the coronavirus pandemic through the provision of up to twelve months of rental assistance. The eligible residents must be at or below 80% of the county area median family income and must have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The total of \$850,000.00 to be received under the ERA program will allow the county to assist an approximate of 58 households with up to 12 months and/or up to \$1,351 monthly rental assistance within the program year. The TEMAP program will help stabilize low-and-moderate income at or below the 80% counties area median family income Webb County homeowners economically impacted by the pandemic through provisions of up to six months of mortgage assistance. The \$500,000.00 received under the program will assist an estimated of 60 households with up to 6 months and/or up to \$1,351 monthly mortgage assistance within the program year.

### Promoting equitable outcomes

Webb County will be including the component of equitable outcomes in its Recovery Plan. The county is currently in the research process for equitable outcomes, which will correlate with the projects and services to be offered under the ARPA funds. The development of equitable outcomes will follow the guidance under the American Rescue Plan Interim Rule and other guidance provided.

### Community Engagement

Webb County will also be including the component of community engagement in its Recovery Plan. The county will be looking into the process required for community engagement for all its



projects and services. The process required for community engagement will follow the guidance under the American Rescue Plan Final Rule and other guidance.

### Labor Practices

If Webb County decides to pursue infrastructure projects, labor standards practices will be conducted. With the best intentions of complying with ARPA, Webb County will be using strong labor standard practices to promote effective and efficient delivery of all projects, while supporting economic recovery through strong employment opportunities. In this case, the County shall assure compliance to Davis-Bacon requirements by following the below mentioned steps for all infrastructure projects:

1. Designate a Labor Standards Officer for the Project;
2. Obtain an Applicable Wage Decision for the Project;
  - a. are established by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL);
  - b. list construction work classifications (such as carpenter, electrician, plumber, laborer, etc.) and the minimum wage rates, and fringe benefits where prevailing, that people performing work in those classifications must be paid;
  - c. are categorized into four groups—heavy, highway, building, and residential construction;
  - d. apply to specific geographic areas, usually a county or group of counties; and
  - e. are modified from time to time to keep them current.
3. Ensure that the Wage Decision is Current Before Bid Opening;
4. Identify Additional Classifications and Wage Rates Needed;
5. Contractor Posts Wage Decision at the Job Site;
6. Hold a Preconstruction Conference to Explain Labor Standards to Contractor;
7. Review Project Payrolls During Construction
8. Conduct on site employee interviews
9. Review payrolls to assure no employee was underpaid.
10. If an employee was underpaid, the County shall notify the contractor and assure restitution is paid.

In addition, during the solicitation process, the County will also take affirmative steps to assure minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are utilized when possible. Further, the County contractually requires the awarded Contractor to adhere to the same procurement requirements, when soliciting for subcontractors and suppliers.

### Use of Evidence

Webb County will be including the component of Use of Evidence into its Recovery Plan. Currently, the Webb County ARPA Review Committee is reviewing the Interim Final Rule and



other guidance provided to evaluate how Use of Evidence will be incorporated. All projects funded by ARPA funds will be extensively researched to assure compliance is met.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

As of August of 2021, Webb County does not have expenditures to report, due to no approved project list at the moment. Webb County is evaluating potential projects for eligibility under ARPA SLFRF.

Expenditures will be updated as soon as projects have been approved.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan	Approved Budget
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			



Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan	Approved Budget
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs			
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention			
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			



Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan	Approved Budget
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			
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			





Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan	Approved Budget
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

Webb County will add Project Inventory details once a project list has been finalized and approved by Webb County's Commissioner's Court.