

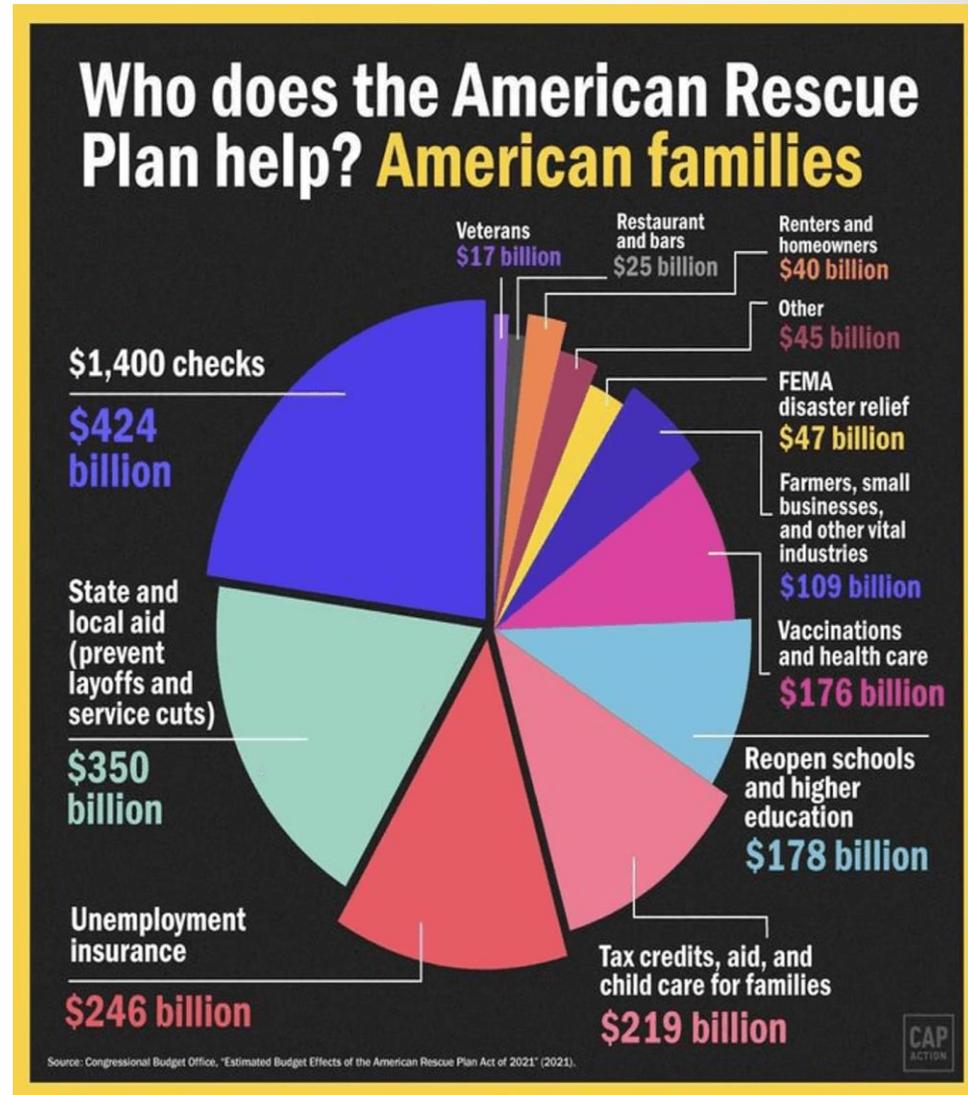
RICHMOND'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ALLOCATION

City Council Meeting
May 18, 2021

American Rescue Plan Act

\$1.9 Trillion Relief Package

- State and Local Government
- Education
- Transportation
- Capital Projects
- Homeowner Assistance Emergency
- Rental Assistance Small Business Support
- COVID-19 Response
- Individuals



Richmond's Allocation

- Updated to **\$27.7 million**
- Funds received in two equal installments one year apart
- Funds must be obligated by 12/2024
- Periodic reports to the Treasury Department with a detailed accounting of the use of funds
- Treasury released interim rules on May 10, 2021

Uses of Fund

- Support public health expenditures
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband
- Ineligible uses - deposits into pension funds, debt service, legal settlement or judgments, deposits to rainy day funds or financial reserves

Stakeholder Recommendations

Revenue & City Services

- Mitigate negative impacts on General Fund
- Trust funds
- Vehicle replacement
- Rehire/hire staff
- Abatement
- Fund pilot programs
- Support CBOs and City services

Employee Premium Pay

- Deliver assistance to workers and families
- Bonus/premium pay to city employees
- Lower salaries of all public employees

Public Health

- Addressing health disparities and social determinants of health
- Purchase personal protection equipment
- Mental health services
- Health fairs

Infrastructure

- Public facilities
- EV charging infrastructure and vehicles
- Street pavement
- Parks/Open space
- Traffic calming

Stakeholder Recommendations

Housing

- Address housing needs
- Vacant properties
- Clean up toxic sites
- Housing navigation services

Economic Security

- Wraparound services
- Loan program
- Workforce development
- Richmond Rapid Response Fund
- Cooperatives and work zones
- Small business support and outreach
- Community bank
- Addressing food insecurity

Broadband

- Computers
- Broadband expansion
- IT equipment replacement

Outreach & Other

- Community needs assessment
- ARPA outreach and access
- Public communication
- Survey regarding reimaging public safety
- Childcare
- Early and adult education

GFOA Guiding Principles

- Non-recurring funds applied to non-recurring expenditures
- Avoid creating new programs that require ongoing financial commitment
- Rebuild financial flexibility/stability
- Covering operating deficits is temporary
- Consider regional and other partnerships
- Use other dedicated funds first

Next Steps

1. Align stakeholder input with U.S. Treasury interim rules
2. Staff recommendations/options to Council in June 2021 for inclusion in FY 2021-22 budget
3. Proposed expenditure plan for remaining ARPA funds

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS