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PROVIDENCE AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN



The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, is a **\$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill** passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, **to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.**



American Rescue Plan

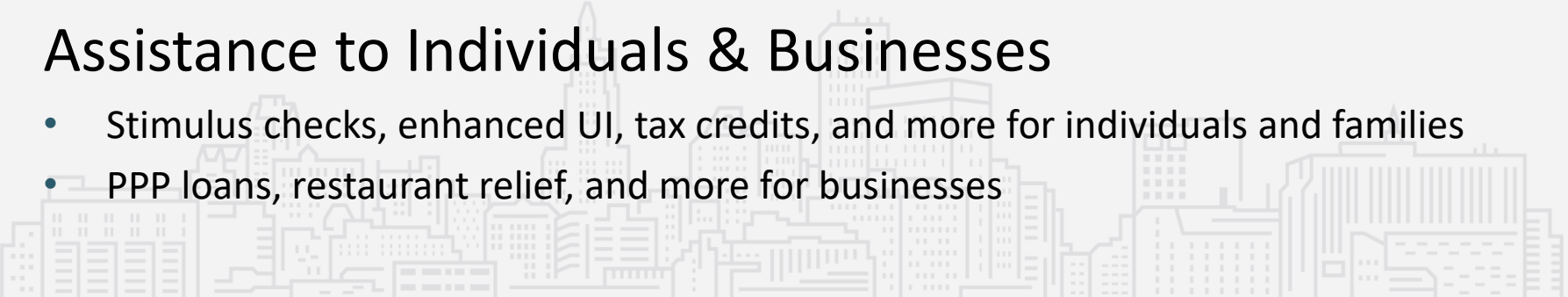
Coronavirus Relief Fund-Style State and Local Funds

- Estimated at more than \$1 billion for state, plus another \$100 million for COVID-capital projects
- Estimated at \$400-\$540 million for cities and towns
- Administered by U.S. Treasury

Direct Awards

- Multiple specific awards to state agencies for dedicated purposes (education, rental assistance)
- Estimated at \$100s of millions
- Administered by multiple federal agencies

Assistance to Individuals & Businesses

- Stimulus checks, enhanced UI, tax credits, and more for individuals and families
 - PPP loans, restaurant relief, and more for businesses
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What does this include for RI?



Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Total amount: \$130.2 billion

RI Est. \$540 million

Flexible funds for COVID-19 relief and revenue replacement, available for use for costs incurred through December 31, 2024





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PROVIDENCE ALLOCATION



City of Providence & Providence Public School District

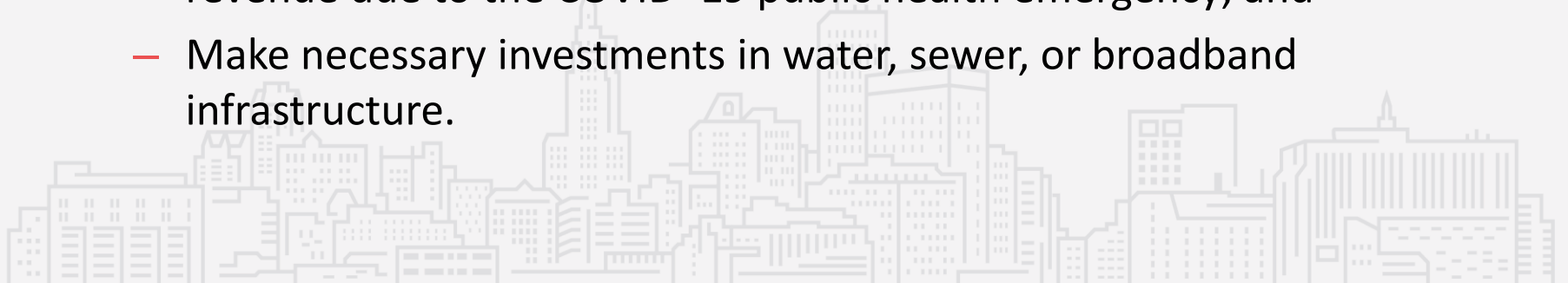


- Approximately \$165.8 million in federal funding to the City of Providence
 - Direct federal allocation: \$131 mil
 - County level allocation to via State: \$34.8 mil
- Approximately \$180 million in federal funding to Providence Public School District
 - 20% learning loss: \$31.3 million
 - Remaining LEA funds: \$125.4 million
 - Consolidated Appropriations Act: \$23.3



Eligible uses of funds

- Eligible uses:
 - Respond to the COVID–19 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;
 - Provide premium pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency;
 - Provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 public health emergency; and
 - Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.



Eligible uses of funds

- Funds cannot be used to fund tax cuts or pension fund contributions
- Municipalities can transfer funds to quasi-agencies, nonprofits, or the State

U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>





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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



American Rescue Plan Funding Allocation

- The City allocated the first round of funding totaling \$42 million on July 16, 2021, with a specific focus on violence prevention and other priority needs.
- A task force was created to lead a community engagement process which will inform the allocation of the remaining \$123 million.
- The task force's [ARPA spending recommendations](#) was released in November 2021.

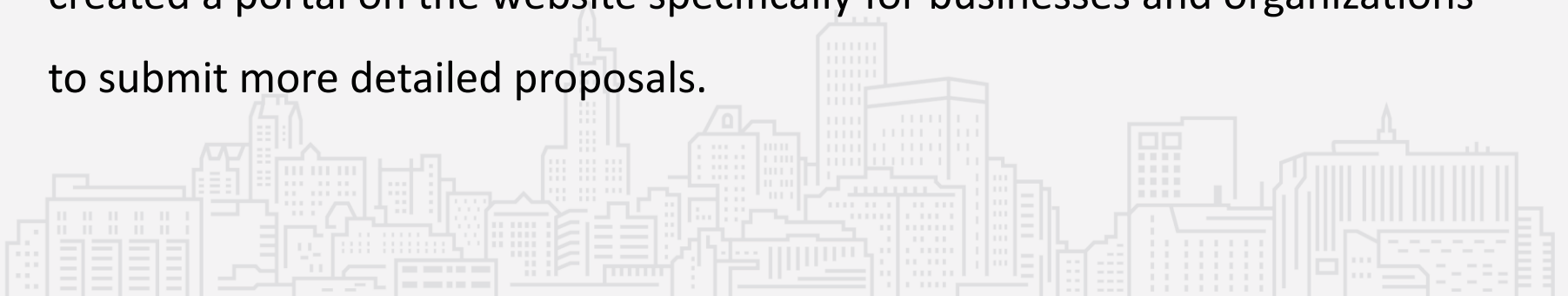


Community Engagement Events



How has the City engaged the public in the American Rescue Plan?

The City of Providence has hosted public Task Force meetings with a section for public comment, hosted 5 Community Conversations, 2 Business Roundtables (recordings of these events here), created widely-shared a public feedback survey in 8 languages, door-knocked in hard-hit zip codes, heard over 10 City Department presentations at public Task Force meetings and created a portal on the website specifically for businesses and organizations to submit more detailed proposals.



Community Engagement Events



Community Conversations with Community Partners

- NAACP Providence Branch
- Latino Policy Institute (LPI)
- Facilitate Change
- ARISE
- Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE)

Business Roundtables

- Small Businesses (Restaurants and Nightlife, Retail, and Essential Services)
- Anchor Businesses (Hospitality and Tourism, Health and Medicine, and Technology)



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THANK YOU

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