

SEMINOLE COUNTY **RECOVERY PLAN**

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2024 Report



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Seminole County has requested the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) to provide a substantial infusion of resources to turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. The County has been preparing since early 2021 to execute expenditure of these funds to benefit the best interests of the jurisdiction. The County has been communicating with City leaders to coordinate and expedite aide to Sheriff Office, individuals, and nonprofit organizations for a Countywide ARPA coordination program. The intent has been to devise a unified program for residents, businesses, and nonprofits to seek assistance, sharing the costs, and providing a single point of entry for applicants.

In April 2022, the ARPA Compliance Report required a second 2021 calculation of Revenue Replacement for the County. The combined 2020 and 2021 Revenue Replacement is \$96,753,115 which is greater than our \$92.6 million allocation. The intent of the County is to continue to fund the projects listed in this report to support economic recovery resulting from the pandemic. The County has designated eighteen General Government Services projects to use for the allocated Federal ARPA funding. All the projects are categorized under 6.1 Provisions of Government Services.

The initial ARPA funding was directed to Assistance Programs which included individual assistance, tourism hotel assistance, and nonprofit assistance. Almost \$1.3 million was designated to this program and was completed in December 2023.

The next area of allocation was for our Homeless Diversion program which funded \$3.65 million to outside agencies to address homelessness in Seminole County. Six nonprofit agencies were contracted to address this issue. The homelessness diversion program ended in 2024. The County also designated \$2 million for a unique Affordable Housing program that will allow low to moderate income families the opportunity to get assistance to purchase a new home. The County is working with two home building contractors to build a home using ARPA funding. The first five homes were completed by June 2024 and another six homes are under construction with completion by the end of 2024.

The County has allocated \$14.7M in funding for Infrastructure projects for broadband and stormwater. A major stormwater project in the Midway community is underway with design and land acquisition. The Midway Stormwater Drainage project has been allocated \$10M of ARPA funding with 67% expended and 75% obligated, the remaining will be obligated in Fall 2024. The balance of \$4.7M has been allocated to Broadband and in 2024 a contract was given to Motorola to upgrade the County's public safety communication towers. Broadband category is 77% obligated with the remainder expected to be obligated in Fall 2024.

Other Community programs include Community Facilities, Community Health, Community Paramedicine, and Community Recreation. There was \$8.75 million designated to negative economic impacts in the Community. Community Facilities will address a redevelopment for a community center in a low-income area. The Rosenwald Community Center will be obligated in Fall 2024 with construction completed in 2025. Community Health program includes behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and healthy lifestyles which addresses the needs of the elderly population. Community Health has two case manager positions that are obligated in the 2024 Q4 Performance Report. Community Health is 100% obligated and is on target with the program. Community Paramedicine is a program through the County's

Fire Department that addresses health concerns to residents to reduce the number of calls for emergency issues and is completed with the ARPA funding. The program continues to operate through our Fire Department. Community Recreation is for renovation at nine County Parks with contract obligations in Fall 2024. Another community program is being serviced by Seminole State College (SSC) with the Center for Business Development and SSC Workforce development for work training programs. The business development program is 85% completed and will wrap up in 2024. The Workforce Development classes will continue into 2025 and is 100% obligated with their \$1M contract.

The Seminole County Sheriff Office was initially allocated \$9 million and was reduced to \$3 million to address behavioral health initiatives and combat the substance use and opiate use within the County. The reduction was made due to the delayed time to complete a contract for a Mental Health Crisis Center. The ARPA funding was used to expand the Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts (SCORE) team and expansion of Juvenile Intervention Services and was completed expended in May 2024. The \$6 million reduction to the Sheriff was reverted to the General Government Services ARPA funding under our 6.1 ARPA category.

The remaining \$56M is designated for Revenue Replacement and Administrative Expenses to provide for continuity of government services. Almost \$2M is designated for a web portal system for Countywide intake and eligibility evaluation of applications for our County's individual assistance program through ARPA and Emergency Rental Assistance Programs. The County will use \$41.5M for budget stabilization through 2024; and another \$2M for technology and website improvements. The balance will be directed to Public Health General Fund expenses including Lynx Bus service, True Health, facility maintenance, Fleet purchase, Nonprofit Community Services Agencies, Health Department, Medicare & Indigent Care, and Medical Examiner.

Seminole County has strong engagement with communities that have significant barriers to services through elected representatives who seek an open dialogue with constituents and community-based organizations. The Board of County Commissioners has routinely engaged in public discussions focused on the SLFRF guidance as it has unfolded and potential uses of the Recovery Funds. The design of the Recovery Plan reflects feedback obtained from stakeholders throughout the County. The plan relies upon ongoing feedback received at district community meetings and stated priorities established through the County's formal committees and advisory boards, including quarterly Mental Health and Substance Abuse taskforce meetings, the Affordable Housing Committee, and the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board.

To summarize, key outcome goals of the County's Recovery Plan includes assisting County businesses and residents with combating the adverse impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic through various individual assistance, small business, and not-for-profit grant programs. The County's plan also endeavors to assist with the recovery of the tourism industry. Another key outcome goal is to increase equity in the provision of infrastructure resources with investments in stormwater and broadband systems to provide access and relief in underserved areas. A final key outcome goal is to stabilize the County's budget through revenue replacement to offset decreases in revenue growth because of the pandemic while ensuring the continuation of essential government services.

TABLE OF EXPENSES BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

ARPA PROJECT NAMES		RECOVERY PLAN ALLOCATION	CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES THRU 6/30/24	UNSPENT BALANCE BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement			
6.1	Administrative Web Portal	\$2,204,048.00	\$2,204,048.00	\$0.00
6.1	Individual Assistance	\$661,079.00	\$661,079.00	\$0.00
6.1	Tourism-Hotels	\$136,837.62	\$136,837.62	\$0.00
6.1	Rescue Outreach Mission	\$526,887.61	\$526,887.61	\$0.00
6.1	Nonprofits	\$500,358.00	\$500,358.00	\$0.00
6.1	Other Homeless Diversion Nonprofits	\$820,980.73	\$820,980.73	\$0.00
6.1	Community Paramedicine	\$384,307.89	\$384,307.89	\$0.00
6.1	SCC Center for Business Development	\$350,000.00	\$298,812.94	\$51,187.06
6.1	SCC Workforce Development	\$1,000,000.00	\$181,487.65	\$818,512.35
6.1	Community Health	\$1,550,000.00	\$1,106,723.00	\$443,277.00
6.1	Technology Improvement/Website	\$2,000,000.00	\$612,623.87	\$1,387,376.13
6.1	Affordable Housing	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,002,697.37	\$997,302.63
6.1	Community Recreation	\$2,836,257.00	\$2,024,600.61	\$811,656.39
6.1	Community Facilities	\$3,000,000.00	\$264,200.87	\$2,735,799.13
6.1	Sheriff Behavioral Health Initiatives	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00
6.1	Broadband	\$4,700,000.00	\$877,533.21	\$3,822,466.79
6.1	Midway Stormwater	\$10,000,000.00	\$6,682,181.07	\$3,317,818.93
6.1	Budget Stabilization	\$55,975,913.15	\$42,135,950.31	\$13,839,962.84
	TOTALS	\$91,646,669.00	\$63,421,309.75	\$28,225,359.25

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