



# **Board of Supervisors Work Session American Rescue Plan Act Funding and Uses**

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# American Rescue Plan Funding Streams

**State of Arizona Program Funds: \$8.6 Billion**

**Education: \$3.151 Billion**

- K-12 ESSERF & IDEA
- HEERF
- Emergency Connectivity Fund

**Health: \$1.68 Billion**

- Vaccine, Testing, Contact Tracing, Etc
- Behavioral Health
- Rural Health Care Providers

**Human Services: \$1.14 Billion**

- SNAP, WIC, Child Care
- LIHEAP
- Older Americans Act

**Housing: \$787 Million**

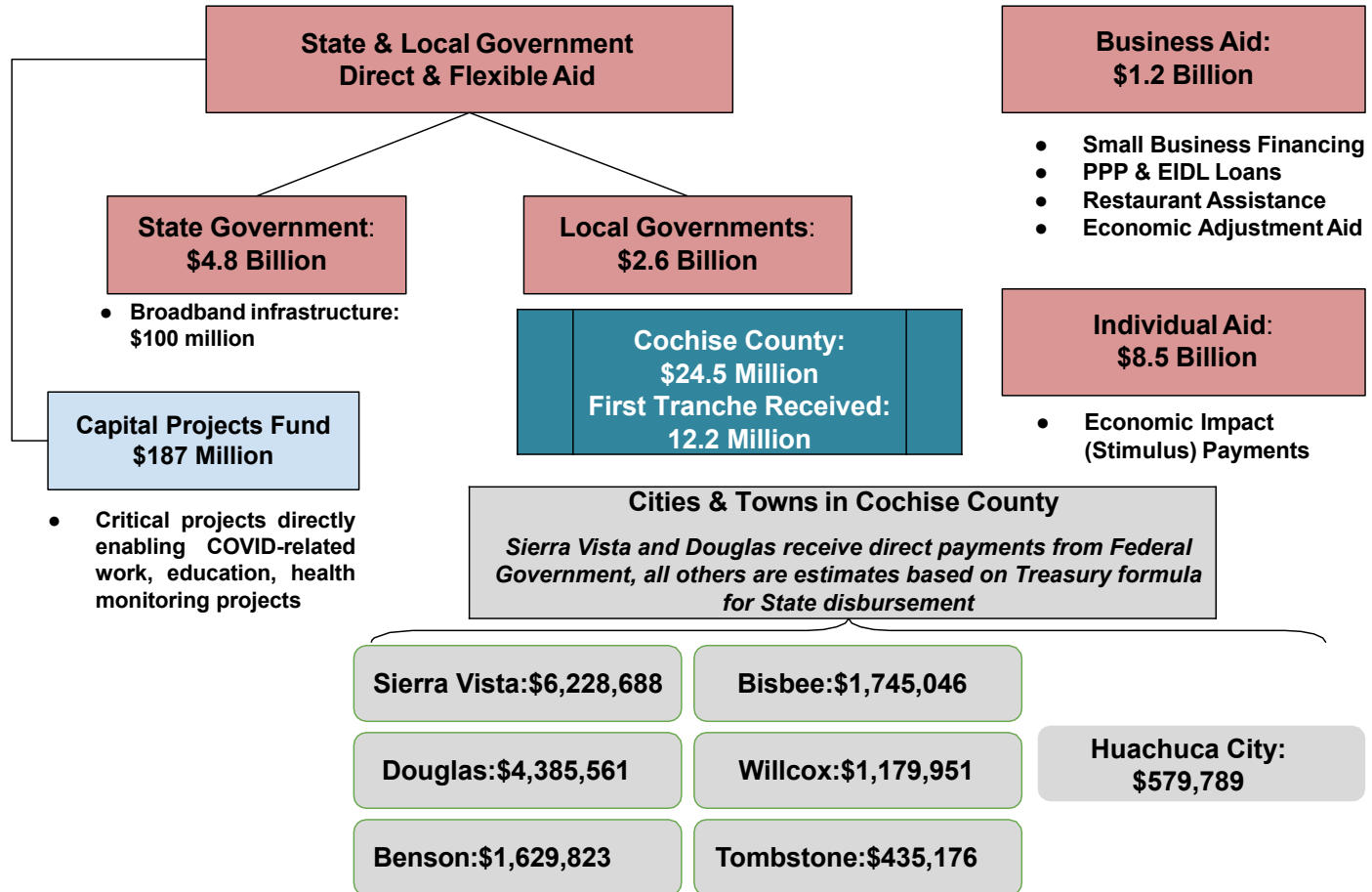
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Homeless Assistance
- Emergency Housing Vouchers

**Transportation: \$421 Million**

- Transit Funding
- Airports, Amtrak

**EM & Other: \$18.5 Million**

- Emer. Management, Food & Shelter Grants
- Libraries





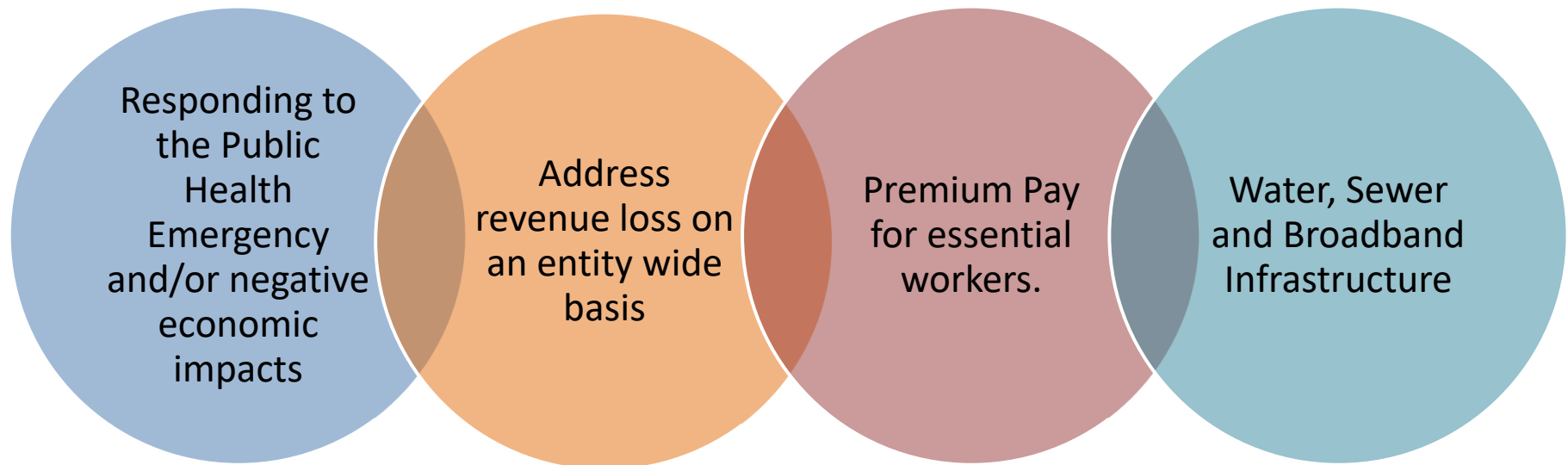
## **American Rescue Plan – Restrictions on Use**

1. May not deposit funds into a pension fund to meet unfunded liabilities
2. May not use as non-Federal match on grants
3. May not use to service debt, satisfy a judgement or settlement
4. May not use funds to contribute to a “rainy day” fund



## American Rescue Plan Eligible Uses

**Guiding Principle:** In alignment with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan, Cochise County will utilize ARP resources to achieve substantial near-term economic and public health benefits, as well as support longer-term investment in allowable infrastructure.





# American Rescue Plan Uses – July/August

## Public Health

Respond to the COVID -19 public health emergency.

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### **1. Payroll costs for Public Health, Safety and Other Public Sector Staff responding to COVID – 19,**

- March 7 – July 24, 2021, pay periods. \$1.4 million.
- Reporting on Public Health and Detention employees with at least 50% of time dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public health emergency.

### **2. Mental Health Services expansion for Cochise County - 1 million**

- Partnership with Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc
- Transfer funds to CCHCI (501 c3 non-profit) for program development and staffing
- Evidence based solution that meets Treasury reporting requirements
- Sustainable by late 2025 through insurance billing

### **3. Physical Plant Changes for Public Facilities that respond to the public health emergency– \$2.3 million**

- Includes previously approved expenditure of 1.5 million for Courthouse HVAC
- Replacement of HVAC at Health, Assessor, Recorder, Sheriff/JP 1, Colonia De Salud Bldgs. B & C
- Installation of Ionizers countywide to prevent pollutants from circulating through the air



## American Rescue Plan Uses, Sept-Dec

### Economic Impacts

Respond to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency.

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- 1. Household Assistance:** Rent, mortgage or utility assistance. Cochise County Housing Department to determine local needs as eviction moratorium ends later this month.
- 2. Contributions to Unemployment Insurance Trust Funds:** County contributions to AZ DES partially funded by CARES ACT. This amount would cover the remaining portion that County paid.
- 3. Transfers to Other Units of Government- Grants to Fire and Water Districts:** Transfer funds to a nonprofit foundation for grant application and management



## American Rescue Plan Uses, Sept-Dec

### Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

Investments designed to provide an adequate level of service and are unlikely to be made using private sources of funds.

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- 1.Sewer and Drinking Water Infrastructure:** POE Water/WW, 30% Design, \$500k
  - May leverage funds with City of Douglas
- 2.Broadband “Last Mile” or Other projects**—specific costs unknown, developing partnerships
- 3.Clean Water: Water Conservation** - Bisbee Effluent Project – 5 million
  - Crucial recharge project focused on maintaining the baseflows and supporting the riparian habitat of the San Pedro River in the Palominas area.
  - IGA with City of Bisbee for option to purchase effluent expires June 2024.
- 4.Clean Water: Water Conservation** - Support for wells in Sulphur Springs Valley



## **Proposed Uses – Future Discussion**

**Prevention in Congregate Settings:** HVAC Replacement for Jail

**Other Public Health Services:** Environmental Health Services Fees/Staff

**Social Determinants of Health:** Recreational paths connecting populations to promote healthier living.

**Clean Water - Water Conservation:** Willcox basin water projects – Green infrastructure during an extended drought

**Drinking Water - Transmission and Distribution:** BDI Wells

**Administrative Expenses:** expenses related to staff time on ARP projects

**Leverage funds with municipalities:** ongoing discussions with cities and towns to develop projects



# American Rescue Plan Reporting

- Aug 31, 2021 - Interim Report
- October 31, 2021 - Project and Expenditure Report
- All funds obligated by Dec 31, 2024
- All funds expensed by Dec 31, 2026
- Unspent funds will be returned to Treasury after Dec 2026