

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING UPDATE

FOR COVID-19





AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The City of Fort Pierce is estimated to be allocated **\$13,502,665** in direct federal aid through the American Rescue Plan. Allowable uses outlined in the bill include:

- **Responding to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts**
- **Providing government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue**
- **Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure**
- **Responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work**



Infrastructure Projects

The collection and treatment of wastewater and stormwater plays a critical role in protecting public health. The City has identified following stormwater projects to be funded by ARP:

Storm Drain Replacements:

- 16th Street (Avenue K to Avenue I) – \$300,000
- Atlantic Avenue (5th to 7th Street) – \$500,000
- Avenue Q (14th to 17th Street) – \$600,000

Drainage Improvements:

- Phase III of Surfside Drainage Improvements including Sunset Isles, Mimosa, Jacaranda – \$1,400,000

Sanitary Sewer Improvements:

- Little Jim Bridge, North Hutchinson Island – \$143,000

\$2,943,000





Refuse Collection Vehicles

As a result of residents staying home to observe social distancing guidelines as well as the dramatic increase in single-use products like PPE during the pandemic, the quantity of curbside waste significantly increased throughout the City.

The purchase of additional refuse collection trucks will allow the City to continue to efficiently provide the invaluable service of waste collection.

Approved by City Commission 1/3/22

\$2,116,047





Broadband Initiatives

COVID-19 has underscored the importance of universally available, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband coverage as residents rely on the internet to participate in remote school, healthcare, work, etc.

Eligible projects in broadband are those that are designed to provide services meeting adequate speeds and are provided to unserved and underserved households and businesses.

The City proposes the following broadband connectivity initiatives:

- Downtown Smart City Initiative - \$240,000
- Lincoln Park Smart Neighborhood Initiative - \$200,000

\$440,000

SMART CITY



Partnering to bring Smart City technology to the beautiful City of Fort Pierce:





Enterprise Resource Planning

COVID-19 has emphasized and accelerated the City's strategic goal of adopting contactless, cloud-based technologies to provide the best service to our community.

New Enterprise Resource Planning Software will provide the following modern functionality to operate more efficiently:

- Electronic Plan Review
- Paperless Purchase Order System
- Asset Management
- Bid Management
- Online Payments
- Online Public Record Requests

Approved by City Commission 6/21/21

\$1,147,103





Axon Tech Improvements

The Axon ecosystem gives law enforcement new tools to protect life by transforming public safety with technology.

The enhanced program provides:

- Expanded Body Camera and Taser Initiative
- In-Car Video
- Automatic License Plate Readers
- VR Training
- Drone Program

Approved by City Commission 9/20/21

\$2,473,199.80





City Marina Safety

In an effort to promote a safe environment for all patrons and visitors, the Fort Pierce City Marina is proposing the implementation of security technologies under the American Rescue Plan, including:

- Indoor and outdoor security cameras
- Access control devices

Approved by City Commission 3/7/22

\$289,748.93





Premium Pay Essential Workers

Essential workers have been and continue to be relied upon to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors. ARP funding may be used to provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

City of Fort Pierce essential staff have been identified for competitive compensation enhancement under the ARP.

FY 2022 - \$1,080,186 (Approved by City Commission 9/20/21)

FY 2023 - \$500,000

\$1,580,186





Affordable Housing Program

All counties and 77 cities in Florida received Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) dollars through the American Rescue Plan that can be spent on a variety of activities to address the public health & economic effects of COVID-19.

Purpose of the program:

- To meet the housing needs of populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including very low, low, and moderate-income households
- To expand production of and preserve affordable housing
- To further the housing element of the local government's Comprehensive Plan specific to affordable housing

\$900,000

**NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
COMING SOON!**

Down Payment Assistance Available!



1,534 SQ. FT. - 3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms

1,800 SQ. FT. - 3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms





Estimated Lost Revenue

The ARP provides governments with a substantial infusion of resources to rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers.

The City may receive approximately \$1M of lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.

\$1,000,000





ARPA Projected Budget

Project	Amount
Infrastructure Projects	\$2,943,000
Refuse Collection Vehicles	\$2,116,047
Broadband Initiatives	\$440,000
Enterprise Resource Planning	\$1,147,103
PD Axon Tech Improvements	\$2,473,200
City Marina Security	\$289,749
Teamsters, Non-Bargaining & PBA Competitive Compensation through FY 2025	\$1,580,186
Affordable Housing Program	\$900,000
Lost Revenue	\$1,000,000
Future projects to be determined	\$613,380
TOTAL:	\$13,502,665