# American Rescue Plan Act
*Local Impacts of Pandemic Relief Funding*

## Office of the City Manager
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# ARPA BACKGROUND

1. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), created in 2021**
   - **$350 billion in nationwide assistance** for pandemic related health and economic recovery

2. Riverside Received **two allocations** of funding **totaling $75,435,188**

3. City Council approved **four ARPA expenditure plans** funding **50+ local projects**

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# ARPA BACKGROUND

1.  Many American cities took APRA allocations as complete, "revenue loss" using the entire funding to repay costs for municipal services during the pandemic.

    a. **Riverside took a hybrid approach,** using some ARPA assistance to fund critical City functions during the pandemic, while also making a variety of grant eligible projects available to assist community partners and residents that suffered economic hardships during Covid-19 shutdowns.

   ⭐ *Supported Vital City Services*          ⭐ *Supported Residents with Rent and Utility Assistance*

   ⭐ *Supported Local Businesses*             ⭐ *Supported the Arts*

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# ARPA PROJECTS

**Northside Agricultural Center**

- Funding to assist with the infrastructure of an innovative agricultural training center.
- Workforce component to include tuition free Small-Farm Apprenticeship Program for 40 participants.
- **Benefits:** Workforce Development and Sustainable Farming Project.

**Captain Tim Strack Park**

- Park renovations honoring a fallen firefighter who championed better health for fire personnel.
- Renovations include: 2 shaded playgrounds, turf conversion, and seating & picnic table additions.
- **Benefits:** Improving community well-being with pivotal park renovations and improvements.

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# ARPA PROJECTS

**Public Utility Assistance**



- Purchase of 10 New Solid Waste Operations Vehicles.
- Financial assistance for refuse accounts to fund the SHARE program.
- **Benefits:** Service enhancement to Riverside Residents.

**Services to Vulnerable Communities**

- 180,000 Meals provided to Seniors and Youth.
- Over 10,000 scholarships to Riverside Youth to participate in fee-based classes.
- **Benefits:** Health and wellness services for those Residents hit hardest by the pandemic.



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# ARPA PROGRAMS



**Library Infrastructure & Outreach**

- Construction and infrastructure of remote library lockers, complete with daily delivery services.
- Purchase of over 36,000 books and additional library materials.
- **Benefits:** Providing information services to the community.

**Behavioral Health Support Assistance**

- Over 6,000 services and classes provided in Behavioral Health field for Riverside Residents.
- Services provided across 17 locations throughout the City.
- **Benefits:** Critical Human Service Support.



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# ARPA PROGRAMS

**Small Business Assistance**

- Emergency Rental Assistance for 468 Riverside Small Businesses.
- 82 Riverside Businesses received funding for security improvements and enhancements.
- **Benefits:** Direct Financial Support for small business owners.

**Childcare Support Program**

- Childcare Assistance for 161 Families, with services spanning infant to afterschool options.
- To date, provided affordable childcare options for 247 children.
- **Benefits:** Critical Financial Support for Riverside Families.

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# ARPA IMPACTS

## Riverside Used ARPA Dollars For:

- Funding Critical City Services
- Funding 51 Community Programs
- Assisting Riverside Residents across all Wards
- Impacting Businesses, Non-Profits, and the Arts.

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