



2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency: delivering assistance to workers and families, supporting small businesses, expediting tourism recovery efforts to include travel and hospitality sector, and rebuilding public sector capacity.
3. Replace public sector revenue loss.
4. Serving the hardest-hit communities and families: addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health, investments in housing and neighborhoods, addressing educational disparities, and promoting healthy childhood environments.
5. Provide premium pay for essential workers.
6. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments that are facing budget shortfalls may use Fiscal Recovery Funds to avoid reduction of government services. Treasury's Interim Final Rule establishes a methodology that can be used to calculate lost revenue. This calculation considers revenue expected in the absence of the crisis compared to actual revenue.

The City of Riverside received Fiscal Recovery Funds in two installments for a total amount of \$73,535,189. The first allocation in the amount of \$36,767,594 was received in June 2021, and the City received the second allocation in June 2022 in the amount of \$36,767,594.

On November 9, 2021, the City Council approved the proposed American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan for the first allocation of grant funds in the amount of \$36,767,594 and granted the City Manager, or designee, the flexibility to reallocate funds from the proposed Expenditure Plan to other similar and eligible uses should feasibility or timeliness concerns arise.

On December 13, 2021 the Board of Library Trustees received an update on four library projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act including Safe @ Your Library, Sparking Knowledge Retention, Your Library in Your Neighborhood, and Career Connections.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On November 15, 2022, the City Council provided feedback on the proposed American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan for the second allocation of grant funds in the amount of \$36,767,594.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan, the Library has proposed \$600,000 in funding to purchase new Library materials including books, audiobooks, ebooks/audiobooks, and other digital resources.

The Riverside Public Library spent \$304,304 and ranked 45<sup>th</sup> among other city libraries in overall Library Materials spending in 20/21 as noted by the California State Library Annual Report. Of the funds spent only \$104,000 were general fund dollars, the remainder were from donations. Library Materials include books, audiobooks, ebooks/audiobooks, and other digital resources. Increasing the money spent on library materials will have a direct a measurable impact on all members of the community and ensure a diverse library collection for all to use. Currently, funding is very limited for all materials beyond the most popular bestsellers; including non-English language materials.

If approved, these funds will be used to enhance the non-English language collection both in print and digital. It will also allow the Library to update adult education and career testing materials, small business collections, and legal collections at all locations.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal 1.5 Support programs and amenities to further develop literacy, health, and education of children, youth and seniors throughout the community.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Riverside is committed to providing a transparent process and gather community input to support how the American Rescue Plan Act funds will be used. To assist with these efforts, the City developed an American Rescue Plan Act webpage that includes program information, a public survey and dedicated email address.
2. **Equity** – Riverside is supportive of the ongoing evaluation of potential programs and projects that ensure a response to disproportionately impacted groups and the exacerbation of health inequities along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item ensures fiscal responsibility of American Rescue Plan Act funds by identifying a need or negative impact and identifying how the program/project addresses the identified need.
4. **Innovation** – Riverside is committed to responding to the community’s changing needs and preparing for the future through developing American Rescue Plan Act funded programs/projects that build on collaborative partnerships.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – This item ensures sustainability through ongoing evaluation of projects and programs to allow for adaptation to meet the current COVID-19 public health emergency and future needs ensuring the City’s capacity to persevere, adapt and grow.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time. If approved, the fiscal impact is the second allocation of grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan funds in the amount of \$600,000 for new library materials as described.

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