

County of Plymouth Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The County of Plymouth (“the County”) recognizes the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had within our community and the historic opportunity State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide to address that challenge. When the U.S. Treasury released the Interim Final Rule in May 2021, the County began the process of participating in a variety of webinars hosted by the White House, National Association of Counties, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Government Finance Officers Association to gain a thorough knowledge of the eligible uses of these funds and the corresponding reporting requirements. The County of Plymouth applied for, and was awarded, \$101,237,378 on July 1, 2021, and received its first tranche of \$50,618,689 on July 13, 2021.

The work to obtain community input and layout their priorities will extend into October 2021. As one of the County’s top priorities, equity will be a foundation of the process for distributing these funds. The County is currently working with an accounting firm to establish a secured web-based application process to facilitate the review, auditing, and accounting process for the firm and applicants. Preliminary discussions with the community leaders of the 27 municipalities within the County have outlined the need to explore uses that support public health, including and mental health, broadband infrastructure, education assistance, premium pay for essential workers, and revenue losses in Fiscal Year 2020 and beyond. We anticipate that future discussions over the next month will outline strategies to maximize programmatic impact and ensure effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes.

The County of Plymouth is committed to a collaborative, transparent process that will address the negative impact of COVID-19 in all 27 municipalities and relishes the opportunity to partner with the federal government to provide much needed assistance to our local residents.

Uses of Funds

The County of Plymouth will employ the \$101,237,378 it will be receiving in American Rescue Plan Act funds in alignment with the goals of the community and in compliance with the guidance received from the US Treasury. The guidance provides for the following general categories: Public Health; Negative Economic Impacts; Premium Pay; Revenue Loss; and Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadband

Infrastructure. The County is initiating a robust community engagement process, through its municipal leaders, for the allocation of its funds.

Promoting equitable outcomes

The County of Plymouth has established equity, diversity, and inclusion as a top priority for our County. As the County works through the establishment of a comprehensive application and multi-tiered review process, all steps will be taken to ensuring equitable outcomes. Additional feedback from the community, as well as required qualitative and quantitative data, will be utilized to monitor our equity goals.

Community Engagement

The County of Plymouth has received some community feedback through the public comment portion of our County Advisory Board meetings, as well as, through various Zoom meetings. Other community feedback sessions are planned over the next few weeks. The County recognizes that it is vital that community feedback remain a central theme throughout this process and is considering additional methods of obtaining feedback throughout the performance period.

Labor Practices

At this time, the County of Plymouth has not outlined the use of any specified amount of the funding for any infrastructure projects. It is our belief and understanding, however, that many of our community partners are in the process of determining their priorities for their applications for these funds.

Use of Evidence

The County of Plymouth has begun to outline some preliminary considerations that will ensure that evidence-based interventions and rigorous program evaluations are incorporated into the overall approach for funding distribution.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	\$0.00	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	\$0.00	
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	\$0.00	
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	\$0.00	
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	\$0.00	
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	\$0.00	
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	\$0.00	
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID19 public health emergency	\$0.00	
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	\$0.00	
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	\$0.00	
1.10	Mental Health Services	\$0.00	
1.11	Substance Use Services	\$0.00	
1.12	Other Public Health Services	\$0.00	
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	\$0.00	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	\$0.00	
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$0.00	
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	\$0.00	
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	\$0.00	
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	\$0.00	
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	\$0.00	

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	\$0.00	
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	\$0.00	
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	\$0.00	
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	\$0.00	
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	\$0.00	
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	\$0.00	
2.13	Other Economic Support	\$0.00	
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	\$0.00	
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$0.00	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	\$0.00	
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	\$0.00	
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	\$0.00	
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	\$0.00	
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	\$0.00	
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	\$0.00	
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	\$0.00	
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	\$0.00	
3.9	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	\$0.00	
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	\$0.00	
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	\$0.00	
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$0.00	
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	\$0.00	
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	\$0.00	
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	\$0.00	
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	\$0.00	
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	\$0.00	
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$0.00	
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	\$0.00	

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5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$0.00	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	\$0.00	
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	\$0.00	
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	\$0.00	
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	\$0.00	
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	\$0.00	
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	\$0.00	
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	\$0.00	
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	\$0.00	
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	\$0.00	
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	\$0.00	
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	\$0.00	
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	\$0.00	
5.13	Drinking water: Source	\$0.00	
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	\$0.00	
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	\$0.00	
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	\$0.00	
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	\$0.00	
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	\$0.00	
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$0.00	
7	Administrative and Other	\$0.00	
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	\$0.00	
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	\$0.00	
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	\$0.00	

Project Inventory

At this time, no projects have been undertaken.