



FRESNO COUNTY

HIGHLIGHTS: Besides conducting some community surveys in 2021, Fresno County has still not allocated any SLFRF monies towards specific projects as of early 2022. The county has failed to acknowledge or address racial inequities in its SLFRF plans. The county did set up a comprehensive, easy-to-navigate ARPA website to host relevant information for the public to view.



Total ARPA SLFRF allocated: **\$194,063,657**
First tranche received in 2021: **\$97,031,828.5**

CATEGORY	BEST EFFORTS	GAPS AND LIMITATIONS	GRADE
Use of Funds	<p>As of February 2022, Fresno County has just begun to propose a general funding framework for the total SLFRF allocation, including 58% of funds proposed for “Public Health and Economic Impacts.” The county earmarked some funds to support key local health infrastructure, including community clinics and its public health department.</p> <p>Fresno county set aside \$37 million SLFRF for “sub-recipients” and opened an online portal in early 2022 to receive applications from community and private entities.</p>	<p>Despite urgent health and social needs in the community, Fresno County has still not allocated any ARPA SLFRF monies towards specific projects as of early 2022.</p> <p>The county’s proposed premium pay program was only available for county employees, which included sheriff, probation and jails. There was no additional support for low-income essential workers including the county’s agricultural worker population.</p>	
Promoting Racial Equity	<p>The county’s sub-recipient selection policy for community-based organizations proposing ARPA-funded projects mentioned prioritizing projects designed with “equity” in mind.</p>	<p>Fresno County’s compliance reports as well as stated “Board Priorities” and “Guiding Principles” for the use of SLFRF all failed to mention or address racial equity. There have been no explicit considerations of racial equity in its funding allocation criteria or outcomes evaluation.</p>	

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Community Engagement	Fresno County conducted a community survey in English, Spanish and Hmong as well as some webinars to announce sub-recipient funding for private entities and community organizations.	Fresno county's internal SLFRF decisions through an "ad-hoc committee" failed to include directly impacted communities. County outreach efforts focused on informing the community, rather than proactive education or co-creating funding priorities. The community outreach survey only asked basic questions about funding priorities.	
Transparency, Accessibility and Accountability	Fresno County has set up a dedicated public-facing ARPA page to house relevant spending information. The website has listed comprehensive information, including reference documents from the Treasury, a timeline of the county's actions around SLFRF, and a public listserv to disseminate information.	Despite having a public ARPA website and a listserv, the county provided limited public information on the ARPA spending decision-making processes and it was unclear whether or not community organizations who served impacted communities were adequately informed.	

RELEVANT LINKS

- County ARPA website: www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/county-administrative-office/american-rescue-plan
- 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report: www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/county-administrative-office/american-rescue-plan/recovery-plan-performance-report
- 2021 Interim Report: apps-treas.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/t0000000TZbC/a/t0000001emD8/6HKILMq00IxC_QqRrK5ax0gpbQtrqO9oJXGncw5QYUY
- 2022 January Project and Expenditure Report: N/A

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Scorecard for Fresno County

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