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Equity in Local Budgets:

How are California's Local Governments Implementing
the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds?

Webinar & Discussion

Wednesday June 29, 2022 10:30am-12pm PT

Hello and welcome!

Before we start...

- **Get comfy:** grab some water or snacks
- **Be mindful in the shared virtual space:** e.g. mute your audio when not speaking
- **Let tech work for you:** use the chat box to introduce yourself, & post questions, comments and resources; feel free to stay on or off camera
- **No notepads no worries:** Slides and a recording of the session will be made available after

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Today's Goals

- ❑ Gain a baseline understanding of the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program and its impact on California's disadvantaged communities
- ❑ Learn about the successes, gaps and challenges with local governments' performances in using the funds
- ❑ Learn how you can get involved with your county or city's ARPA process
- ❑ Get excited about taking some action steps!!

Today's Agenda (10:30am-12:00pm)

- ❑ 5min **Welcome and introduction**
- ❑ 20min **Background:** what is ARPA, why do we care, and what's at stake?
- ❑ 20min **Research:** how did CPEHN audit and grade 11 California counties? what did we find?
- ❑ 20min **Story** of a successful local ARPA campaign in Calexico City
- ❑ 10min **Tools and resources:** how can I get involved?
- ❑ 15min **Q&A**

What is ARPA? Why do we care? And what's at stake?

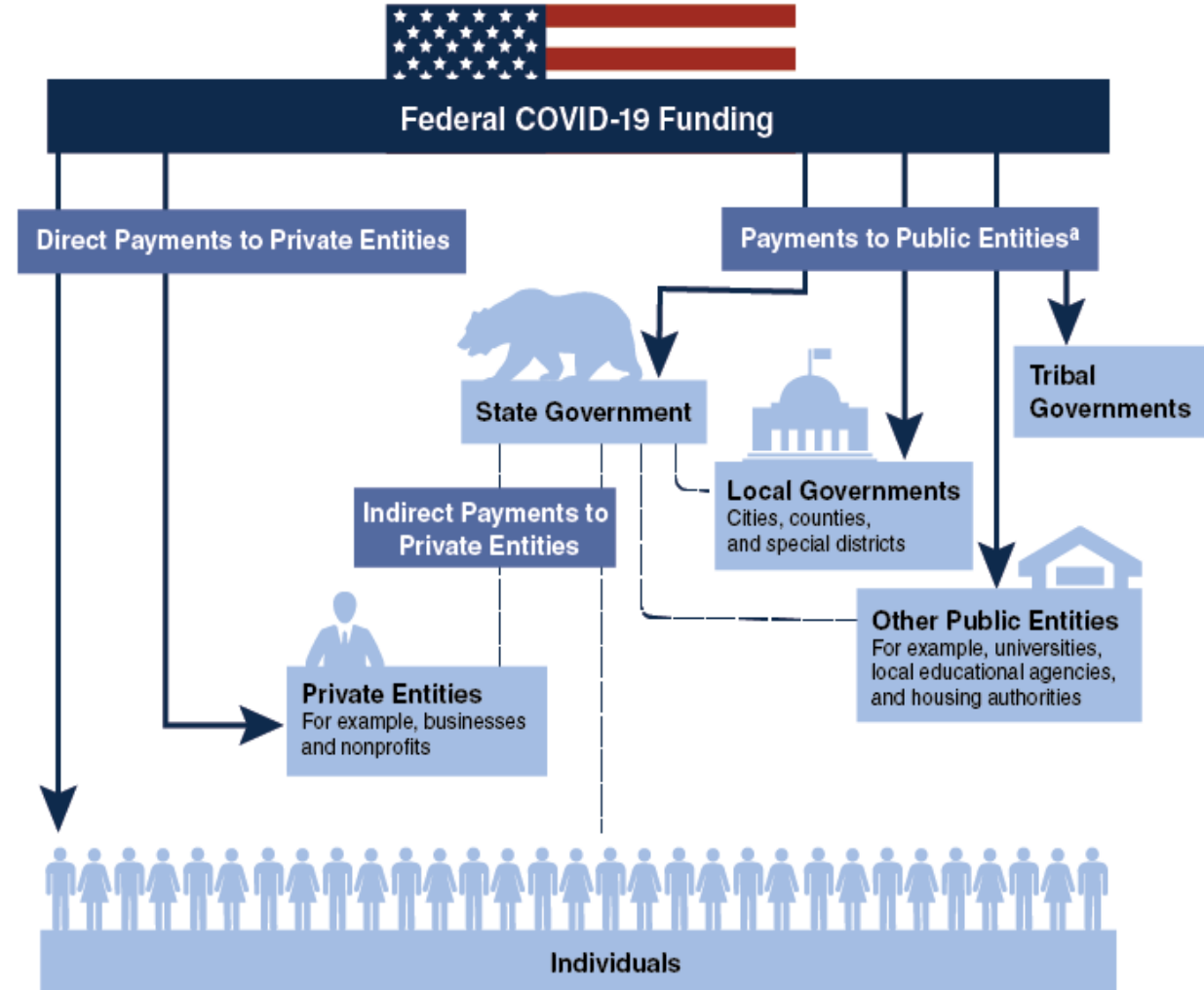
Background

Quick Facts on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

- The 6th COVID-19 recovery measure U.S. Congress has passed since March 2020
- Signed into law on March 11, 2021 by President Joe Biden
- **\$1.9 trillion** COVID relief package ([HR 1319; PL 117-2](#))
- **The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF):** sends **350 billion** unprecedented, flexible, direct aid to state, local and Tribal governments

Figure 1

How Federal COVID-Related Funding Will Flow to Californians



^a In many cases, funds to public entities (for example, local governments or others, like universities) flow to individuals.

COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.

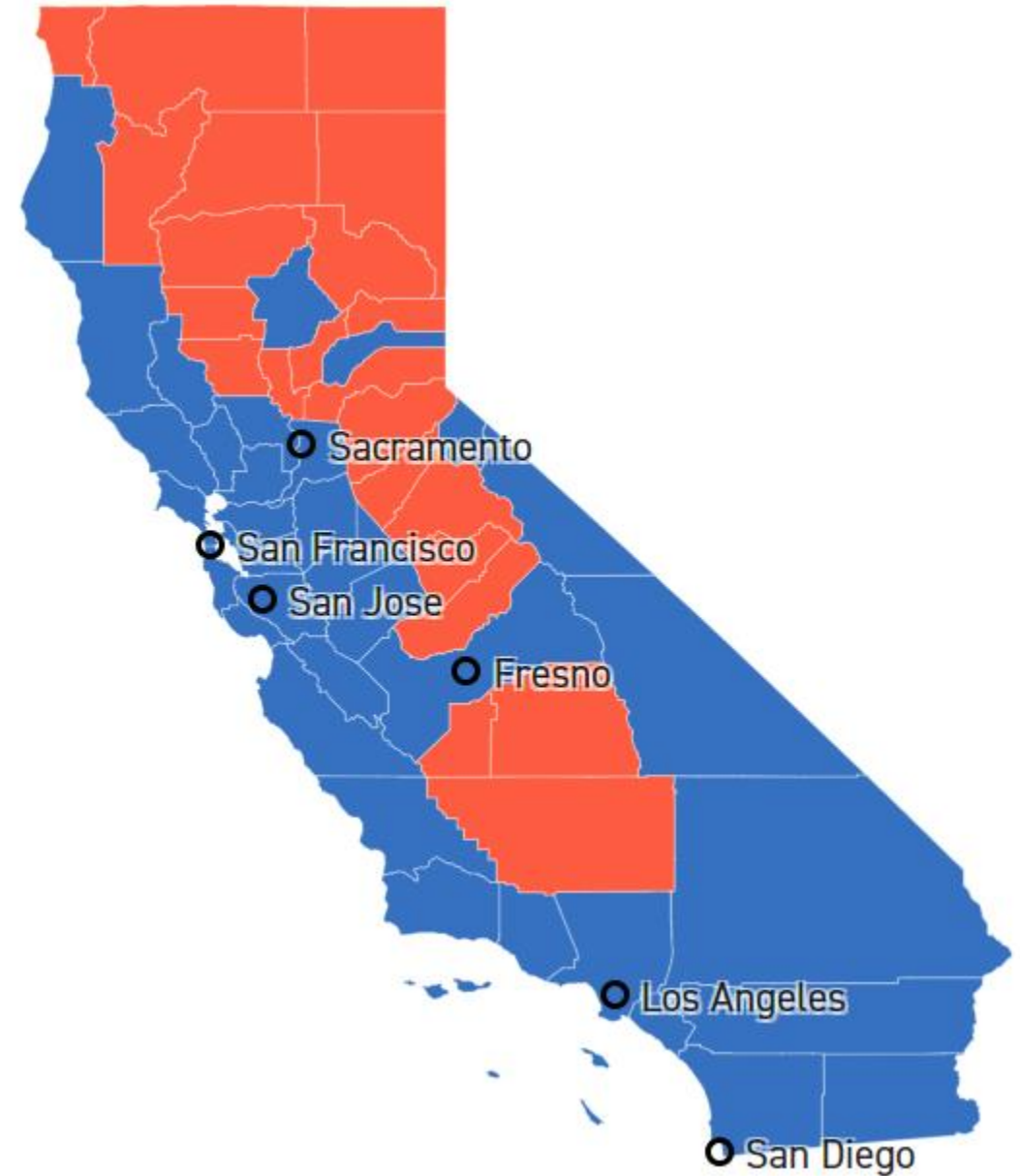
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How much money (and time)?

	ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Signed March 11, 2021)	CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (Signed March 27, 2020)
Funds to California state government	\$27 billion	\$9.5 billion
Total funds to California counties and cities	\$16 billion	\$5.8 billion
Covered period	March 3, 2021- December 31, 2026	March 1, 2020- December 31, 2021

16 California counties* have each received over \$100 million from the SLFRF program

Los Angeles County	\$1,949,978,847
San Diego County	\$648,431,468
San Francisco City and County*	\$624,817,342
Orange County	\$616,840,943
Riverside County	\$479,874,599
San Bernardino County	\$423,455,955
Santa Clara County	\$374,462,651
Alameda County	\$324,636,065
Sacramento County	\$301,469,072
Contra Costa County	\$224,058,903
Fresno County	\$194,063,657
Kern County	\$174,853,685
Ventura County	\$164,326,748
San Mateo County	\$148,897,819
San Joaquin County	\$148,038,314
Stanislaus County	\$106,959,250



“American Rescue Plan is a down payment on an equitable America”

*Richard Besser,
President/CEO, Robert
Wood Johnson Foundation*

“...Comprehensive legislation that provides a more robust federal response to the continuing challenges of an under resourced public health system, long-standing health disparities and systemic racism that have only exacerbated within the past year”

Georges C. Benjamin, MD, E.D, American Public Health Association

Why do we care about ARPA?

Our vision: ARPA is a public health and racial equity bill

What is the money for?

- Guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) (SLFRF)
 - [Final Rule](#), effective Apr 1, 2022
 - [Interim Final Rule](#), effective until Apr 1, 2022
 - [Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#)
- Both Final and Interim Final Rules: *Providing “assistance to individuals and communities in greatest need, particularly communities that have been **historically disadvantaged or underserved** and have experienced disproportionate impacts of the COVID–19 crisis.”*
- Interim Final Rule: Urging governments to “**engage** their constituents and communities in developing plans”...and “reflect the importance of **public input, transparency, and accountability**”...

What is the money for?

Eligible (or, encouraged) uses according to the Final Rule

- (1) Responding to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic;
- (2) Providing premium pay to essential workers;
- (3) Providing government services to the extent of revenue loss due to the pandemic; and
- (4) Making necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

ONLY non-eligible/illegal use: Deposit into any pension fund

What are the opportunities?

- Bolstering ongoing pandemic response and meeting the urgent health, social, economic needs of underserved communities
- Strengthening governmental and non-governmental public health and social services systems (e.g. workforce, data collection, funding CBOs)
- Investing in long-term, structural reforms towards equity including piloting innovations (e.g. addressing systemic racism, funding public safety alternative solutions)
- Rethinking local budget making, improving public accountability & co-creating budget and strategic priorities with directly impacted communities

What's at stake?

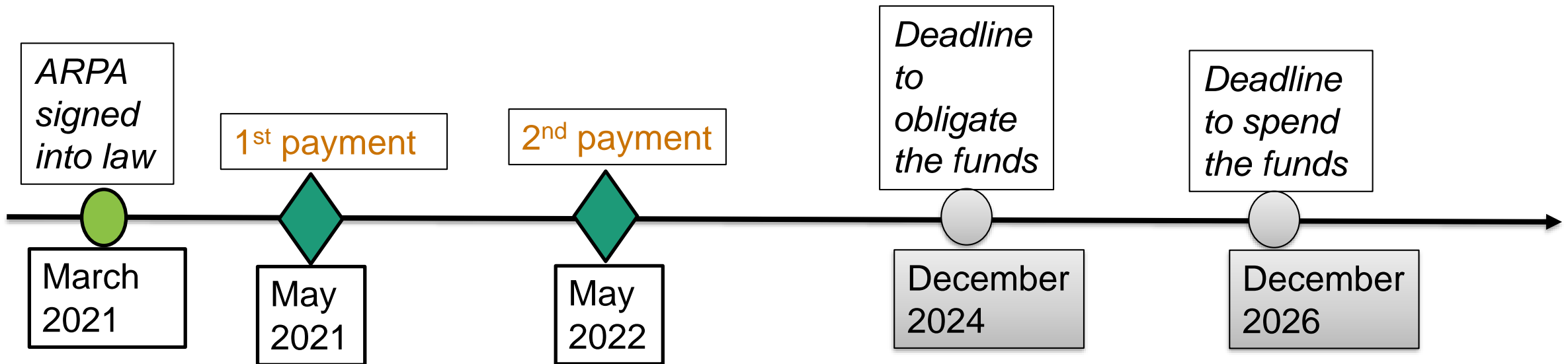
“Local health disparities stem from legacies of white supremacy and racial capitalism entrenched in governmental policies and resource allocation.” – *CPEHN’s People Power for Public Health project*

Evidence shows that significant federal COVID-19 relief dollars have been funneled to the criminal-legal system on local levels (through “hero pay”, overtime, new equipment/vehicles, specialized COVID police units, etc)

The prison industrial complex (PIC) is a term to describe the overlapping interests of government and industry that use surveillance, policing, and imprisonment as solutions to economic, social and political problems.



A timeline: balancing urgency with deliberation



How did CPEHN audit and grade 11
California counties? What did we
find?

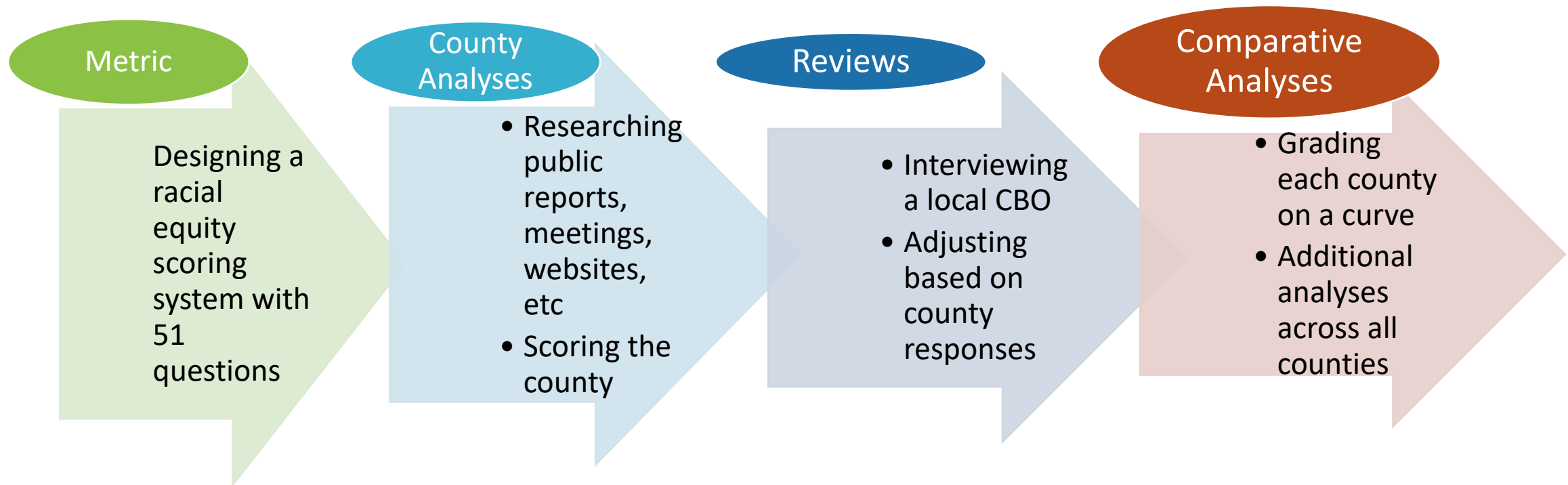
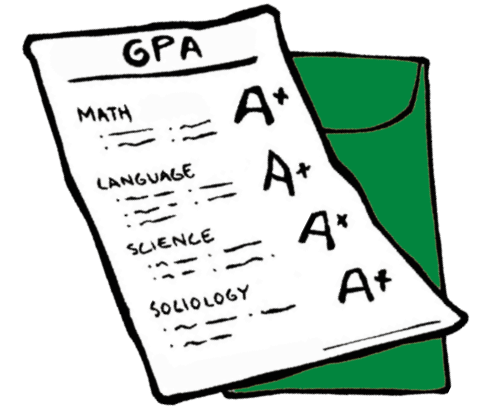
CPEHN's Research Project

CPEHN's ARPA Scorecards for Counties



- Our research goals are to investigate and reveal counties' performance in equitably implementing these recovery funds and to lift up best practices/efforts as well as gaps and limitations across 11 counties
- **For community organizations:** to encourage and support your local advocacy with your county
- **For county officials:** to strengthen accountability and to sparkle curiosity and growth

CPEHN's ARPA Scorecards for Counties: METHODS



CPEHN's ARPA Scorecards for Counties: METHODS

- Examining ARPA SLFRF implementation “in a vacuum” - a *reflection* of the county’s ongoing COVID-19 recovery efforts
- Turning qualitative data into quantifiable points and *comparable* grades; weighting reflects CPEHN’s values
- Investigation period: March 2021 – February 2022
- Our assessment is as good as how well the county has documented and shared information publicly

Equity Metric Areas	51 Questions & 100 Points
Uses of Funds	22 questions, 40 points
Promoting Racial Equity	12 questions, 36 points
Community Engagement	7 questions, 14 points
Transparency, Accessibility, Accountability	10 questions, 10 points

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	The county's sub-recipient selection policy for community-based organizations proposing ARPA-funded projects mentioned prioritizing projects designed with "equity" in mind.	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.	

CATEGORY	BEST EFFORTS	GAPS AND LIMITATIONS	GRADE
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.	<p>Fresno county's internal SLFRF decisions through an "ad-hoc committee" failed to include directly impacted communities.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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/t0000001emD8/6HKILMq001xC_QqRrK5ax0gpbQtrqQ9oJXGncw5QYUY
- 2022 January Project and Expenditure Report: N/A

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

For more information, visit www.CPEHN.org/ARPAscorecards



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CPEHN's ARPA Scorecards: FINDINGS

County	Overall	Uses of funds	Promoting racial equity	Community Engagement	Transparency Accessibility Accountability
Los Angeles County	A	A	A+	A	B
San Diego County	B	A	B+	B	D
Orange County	B	B	B	B	A
San Bernardino County	C	C	B	C	C
Sacramento County	C	B	C	B	B
Fresno County	C	C	F	B	B
Kern County	C	C	D	D	C
Ventura County	C	D	B	A	B
San Joaquin County	C	B	C	D	D
Stanislaus County	C	C	C	C	D
San Francisco City and County	N/A	N/A	B+	D	D

Findings – *uses of funds*

- **Overall**, how quickly and efficiently counties are setting up projects and spending money vary. Much is still on the table to be negotiated, especially in the Central Valley.
 - **Popular investments:** housing and homelessness services (82%), water & sewage infrastructure improvement (82%), COVID vaccinations (73%), mental & behavioral health services (64%), funding/contracts to CBOs (64%)
- **Gaps & limitations:** Many counties funneled significant funds to sheriff, probation, jails, etc, through personnel premium pay, payroll & overtime support, and data system improvements: San Diego, Orange, Sacramento, Fresno, Kern, Ventura, San Joaquin, San Francisco City and County
- **Best efforts:** Los Angeles County has a comprehensive spending plan, including \$47 million towards its "Care First, Jails Last" Initiative

Findings— *promoting racial equity*

- **Best efforts:**

- Most counties acknowledged racialized COVID health disparities (73%)
- A few counties leveraging existing racial equity infrastructure to implement funds
 - **Los Angeles County:** [Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative](#)
 - **San Bernardino County:** [Equity Vision Element Workgroup](#)
 - **Ventura County:** [Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)
- A few counties using data to identify health disparities and guide equity strategies
 - **Los Angeles County:** [ARPA Equity Dashboard](#)
 - **Orange County:** [Orange County Equity Map](#)

- **Gaps & limitations:**

- Most counties fell short in securing or expanding capacity to operationalize racial equity (27%) and building in evaluation (27%)
- **Fresno & Kern Counties:** no mentioning of racial equity at all
- Counties need technical assistance!

Findings– *community engagement*

- **Overall**

- Almost all counties announced this program with the public (91%) and about half hosted educational workshop or conducted surveys to gather input (55%)

- **Best efforts:**

- **Ventura:** engaging COVID-19 and Census CBO workgroup in ARPA conversations
- **Orange:** public comment portal on website
- **Los Angeles:** all departments have to submit an equity and community engagement plan

- **Gaps & limitations:**

- Sacramento: \$1.16 million to contract Deloitte to do a community survey without collecting demographic data
- Kern, Stanislaus, San Francisco: little evidence of community engagement

Findings– *transparency, accountability and accessibility*

- **Best efforts:**

- All 11 counties posted their 2021 annual recovery plans (required by the Treasury); many referenced the Treasury's guidance language in their compliance reports or websites (73%)
- Easy-to-navigate public websites that hosts ARPA information: **Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Orange, Fresno, Sacramento**
- Multi-lingual ARPA outreach: **Ventura county**

- **Gaps & limitations:**

- Few posted 2022 January spending report (27%); only half of the counties have a dedicated contact email/phone for ARPA inquiries (45%); only Orange county had a grievance or public comment process
- San Francisco City & County: no public accounting of spending information

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The American Rescue Plan Act

Access the COVID-19 Resources and Services You Need

[Visit Recovery.lacounty.gov](#)

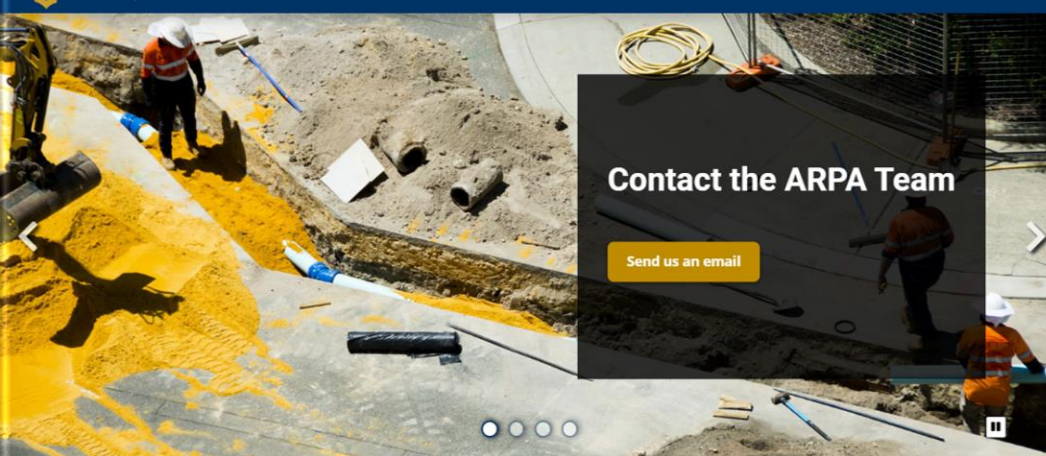
Overview

The American Rescue Plan, signed into law on March 2021, provides \$350 billion in funding for state and local governments to build an equitable economic recovery from the devastating economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The [U.S. Department of the Treasury](#) specifically states that the goal of these State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund is to "promote and streamline the provision of assistance to individuals and communities in greatest need, particularly communities that have been historically disadvantaged and have experienced disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 crisis." The Treasury also identified the four main priorities for ARP funding:

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Contact the ARPA Team

[Send us an email](#)

American Rescue Plan Act Overview

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into federal law. Included in this \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill was the \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) to assist state, local, and tribal governments with pandemic recovery efforts.

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American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law in March 2021, is a federally approved stimulus plan that provides \$350 billion of stimulus funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill. It supports an equitable economic recovery from the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The share expected to be received by the County of Ventura is approximately \$164.3 million. For more information about the American Rescue Plan Act, please see Treasury guidance [here](#).

Take the community survey by May 1, 2022

The County of Ventura wants to hear from community organizations and community members about how the County should prioritize using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The County's Board of Supervisors will consider community feedback as community projects are funded.

[Click here to complete the community survey - English](#) [Haga clic aquí para completar la encuesta comunitaria - Español](#)

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On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law. The \$1.9 trillion package is intended to support communities in their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, address economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong recovery. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), under ARPA, allocates \$350 billion in funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; replace lost revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and address public health and other economic challenges. The SLFRF provides substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs. All funds must be obligated within the period between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024, and expended to cover such obligations by December 31, 2026.

The County of Orange was allocated \$616.8 million in SLFRF. The legislation requires the funds be distributed in two equal tranches. The first tranche of \$308.4 million was received on May 21, 2021. The second tranche of \$308.4 million is anticipated to be received no sooner than 12 months from the first payment, or no earlier than May 21, 2022. For additional information, please refer to the reports included in the section below.

Press Releases

- [Feb 1, 2022: County of Orange Opens Public Comment Period for ARPA](#)
- [Sep 24, 2021: Public Workshop on County's Strategic Financial Plan, Budget Development Processes and ARPA](#)



Story of a successful local ARPA
campaign in Calexico City

Imperial County and City of Calexico



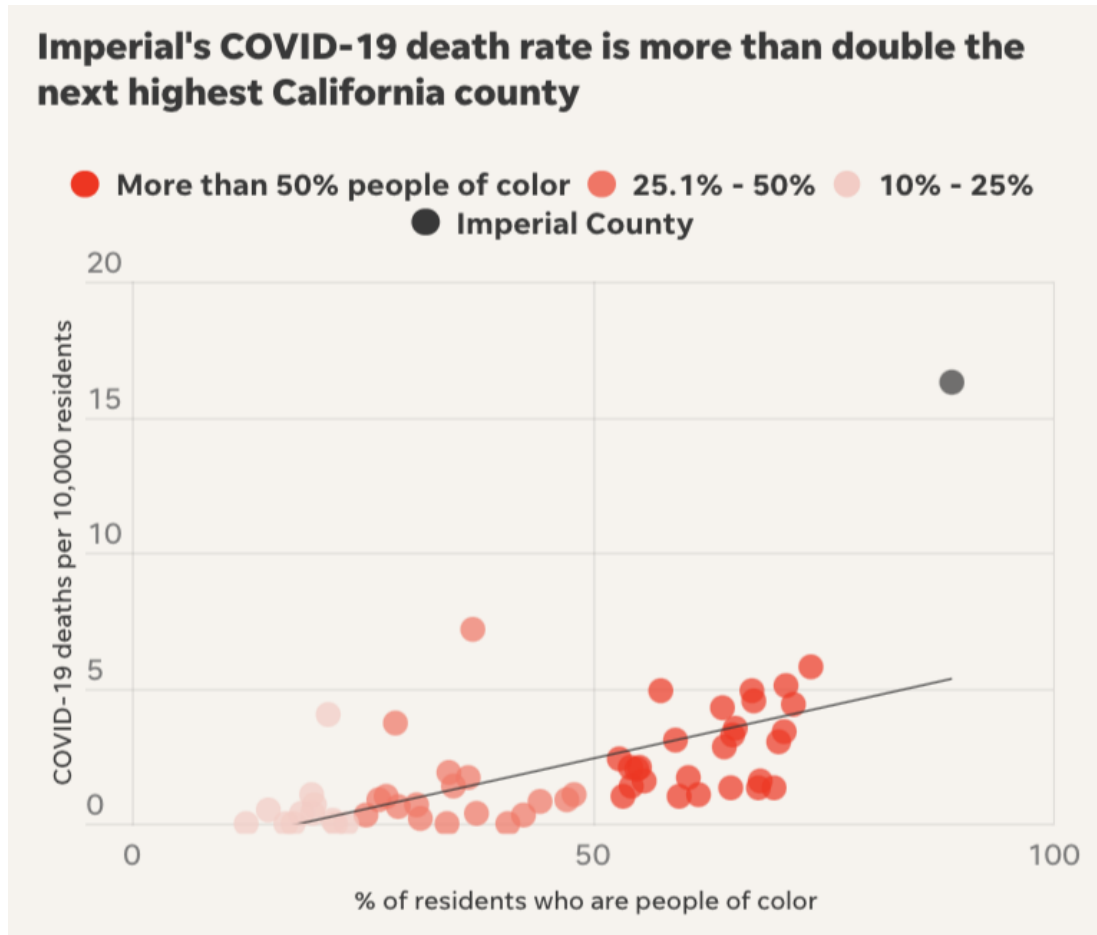
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Alexis Castro, MPA
Community Organizer

The logo for the Imperial Valley Equity & Justice Coalition. It features a red rectangular background. On the right side, there is a stylized orange sun partially obscured by a teal mountain range. To the left of the mountains, the text "Imperial Valley" is written in a white sans-serif font. Below it, the words "Equity & Justice" and "Coalition" are written in a larger, bold, white sans-serif font, stacked on two lines.

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Social Determinants of Health

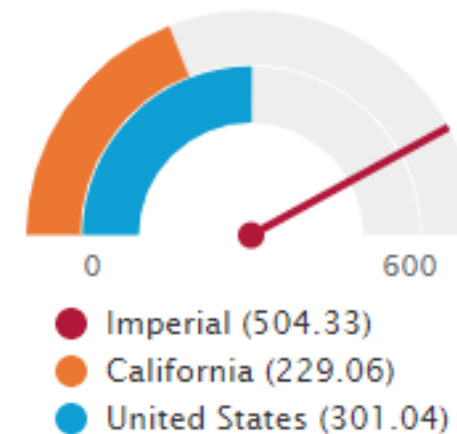


Source: [Worked to death: Latino farmworkers have long been denied basic rights. COVID-19 showed how deadly racism could be.](#)

COVID-19 Deaths

Imperial County has 917 total confirmed COVID-19 deaths as of 05/10/2022. The local mortality rate is 504.33 per 100,000 population, which is MORE than the state average of 229.06.

COVID-19 Deaths, Crude Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: [Salud America! Health Equity Report Card](#)

**Our Calexico coalition
successfully advocated for 7.2
million in equitable projects for
Calexico residents and workers.**



Our coalition



**How did we make this
happen?**

APPROVED EXPENSES/GASTOS REALIZADOS

OCTOBER 6, 2021 - \$1,278,000

- City Council adopted resolution approving the city's use of ARPA funds for the replacement of public safety vehicles and authorizing the issuance of a request proposal.
- Fire Department: Two (2) Fire Rescue Ambulances, Three (3) Utility Vehicles
- Police Department: Six (6) Ford Explorer Equipped Patrol Vehicles, Two (2) Pickup Trucks Equipped Patrol Vehicles

NOVEMBER 3, 2021 - \$1,020,396

- City Council adopted a resolution approving the city's use of ARPA funds to provide up to \$7,000 per full time and par time eligible employee.
- At the approved date, eligible employees must be employed (active) full time and part time employees who worked between March 17, 2020, and June 30, 2021.

PROPOSED EXPENSE SUMMARY/RESUMEN DE GASTOS PROPUESTOS

Proposed Use	Cost	Balance
		\$7,228,591.00
Public Facilities I/T Upgrades	\$850,000	\$6,378,591
City Broadband Infrastructure	\$450,000	\$5,928,591
Indoor Ventilation/Filtration for City Facilities	\$650,000	\$5,278,591
Downtown Infrastructure	\$750,000	\$4,528,591
City Park Infrastructure	\$1,000,000	\$3,528,591
Library/Recreation Infrastructure Projects	\$350,000	\$3,178,591
Emergency Response Equipment	\$1,000,000	\$2,178,591
Water and Sewer Replacement Projects	\$1,000,000	\$1,178,591
Airport Terminal Repair	\$100,000	\$1,078,591
	Remaining Funds	\$1,078,591

Proposed **PLAN B:**

PROPOSED USE	DETAIL	BUDGET ESTIMATE
Complete Downtown Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shade structures and plants- Seating/eating structures- Additional Restrooms- Water stations. Drinking fountain/bottle refill- Min. 1 Public Cooling Station- Beautification elements- Trash Bins- Establishment of sanctioned homeless encampment and safe parking lot	\$3,000,000
Essential Worker Relief Program	Direct Payment to essential workers: grocery, pharmacy, farmworkers, etc. (As defined by council)	\$1,000,000
Outreach Specialist	(1) Full-time for 3 years, helps individuals and businesses navigate relief programs at all levels. Works with SBDC to promote new post-pandemic business opportunities.	\$180,000

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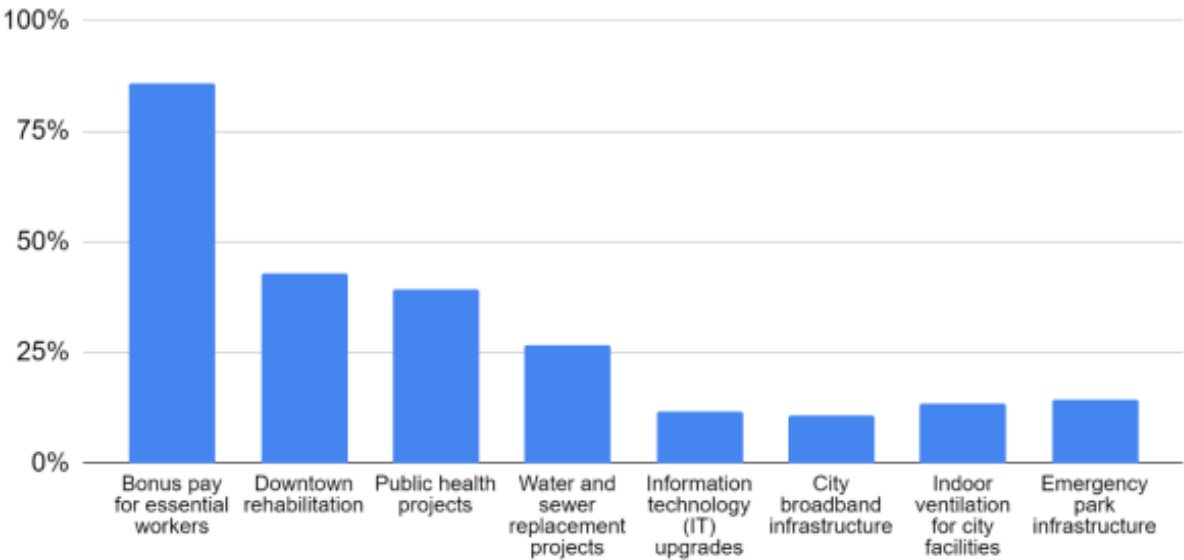
Proposed **PLAN B:**

PROPOSED USE	DETAIL	BUDGET ESTIMATE
Emergency Response Equipment	Fire/Ambulance	\$1,000,000
Public Facilities I/T Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Includes a Downtown free WI-FI zone as priority for commercial/social growth- Free WI-FI areas from public facilities as allowed by allotted funds	\$1,048,591
City Broadband Infrastructure	Capacity to support I/T and public WI-FI projects	\$450,000
Emergency Park Infrastructure	Park Restroom and Water Access	\$500,000

ESTIMATED COST OF PLAN B:
\$7,178,591

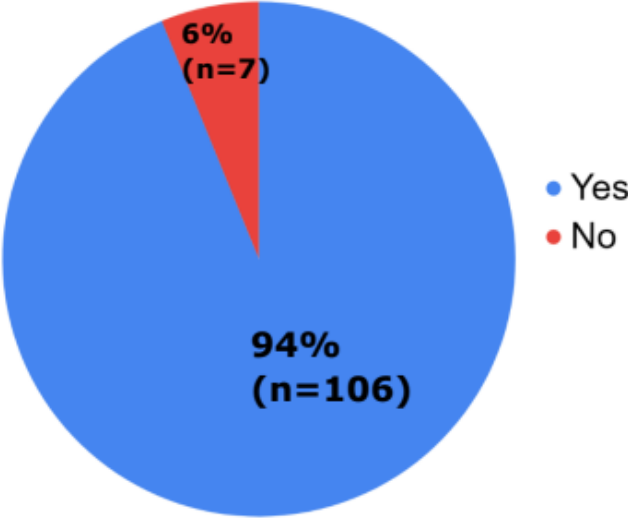
Exhibit 3. How do you think Calexico COVID-19 recovery funds should be used?

COVID-19 Relief Fund Community Priorities



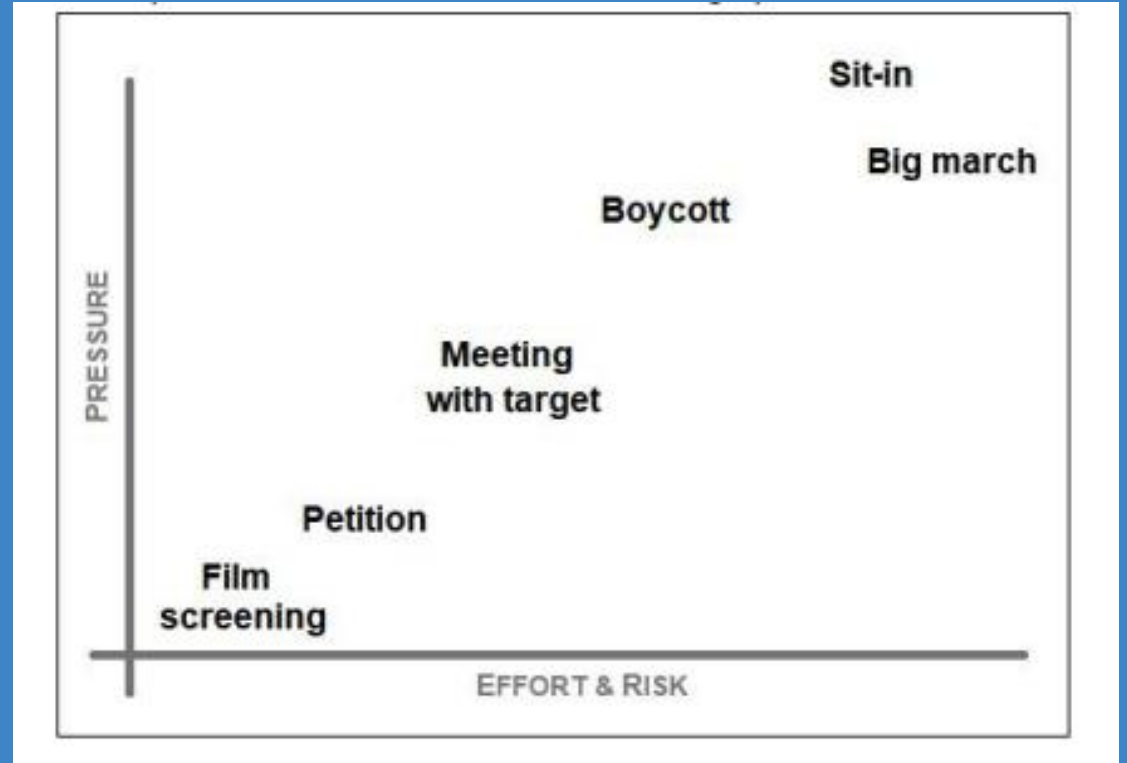
Community survey

Exhibit 2. Do you agree that essential workers in Calexico like health care, hospital, clinic, pharmacy, grocery, and farmworkers should benefit from the COVID-19 relief funds?



Organize

- Create an escalation plan
- Build your base
- Use all tools at your disposal
 - News/Media
 - Research
 - Policy Advocacy
 - Narrative and Storytelling
 - Strategy and Tactics
 - Powermap



Actions to consider

- Send a joint advocates letter to the County Board of Supervisors asking for ARPA allocation for equitable uses
- Attend city council or board of supervisor meetings and make public comment about ARPA
- Submit joint proposals for equitable projects
- Publish op-eds (see ours [here](#))
- Get involved in ARPA advocacy in your city
- Ask County/City boards to increase transparency, accountability, and public input when making decisions about ARPA
- Join coalitions and other groups in the advocacy for equitable uses
- Highlight alternate funding opportunities/grants

Resources

bit.ly/IVCLXARPA



**Feel free to reach out to
us at
info@ivequityjustice.org
@IVEquityJustice
with questions or
comments**

How can I get involved with my county or city's ARPA process?

Tools and Resources

How to get involved:

1

- Understand what your county or city is currently doing with their ARPA funds

2

- Assess how your city or county is engaging communities in their ARPA decisions

3

- Create a list of demands that reflect your community needs and wants
- Connect with your local budget coalitions and/or build your coalition
- Advocate for a people's ARPA spending plan

1. Understand what your county or city is currently doing with their ARPA funds

Frequently asked:

- How much money is left undecided?
- What programs or projects has my local government decided to spend money on?

Where to find:

- **The Treasury:** [all spending information](#) up until January 2022 has been posted on the Treasury's ARPA [landing page](#)
 - **Upcoming: 2022 Annual Recovery Plans are due on July 31, 2022**
- **Your local government:**
 - Check to see if the city/county has an ARPA website or posted any ARPA information
 - Review Board of Supervisors/City Council meeting minutes
 - Reach out directly: controller/auditor, CEO office
- **CPEHN's** county scorecard analyses: <https://www.cpehn.org/ARPAscorecards/>

2. Assess how your city or county is engaging communities in using their ARPA funds

Has your local government done these?

(refer to questions #35-41 on CPEHN [equity metric](#))

- Setting up an ARPA website
- Setting up a dedicated ARPA contact email or phone number
- Posting spending and compliance reports
- Hosting educational workshops (outside of regular BOS or Council meetings)
- Conducting multi-lingual community surveys
- Opening a public comment period on existing decisions
- Directly reaching out to CBO stakeholders
- Leveraging existing COVID-19 and other community workgroups with CBOs

3. Advocate for a people's ARPA spending plan

- Create a list of demands that reflect your community needs and wants
- Connect with your local budget coalitions and/or build your coalition
- ***CPEHN is here to support you with technical analyses, best practices, advocacy letters/templates, brainstorming solutions, etc***
 - An example of the letter we sent to Calexico City Council:
 - <https://app.box.com/s/znojlxz0ksi8vj3zkydhc2lvoy67kiqp>
 - Get in touch! wzhang@cpehn.org



Resources to Advocate for a people's ARPA spending plan

Topics:

- [ARPA](#) (Collected Resources)
- Building a Framework: Defunding/Divesting from Policing and Investing Community Safety & Resources
- Putting it into Practice: Budget Advocacy/Participatory Budgeting Toolkit
- City/County Budget Advocacy
 - People's Budget Coalitions in California: [LA](#), [Sacramento](#), [Long Beach](#), [Orange County](#)
 - [Redwood City](#), [Bakersfield](#), [Oakland](#), [Vallejo](#), [Hayward](#), [San Jose](#), [Merced](#), [Central Valley Empowerment Alliance](#)

Questions?

Q&A

Thank You!

