

SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY

**NO
OVERALL
GRADE**

HIGHLIGHTS: San Francisco City and County deposited the entire first half of SLFRF into its General Fund without offering any breakdown indicating what programs or departments these funds might have supported. Despite robust governmental efforts addressing racial and social inequities in recent years, the jurisdiction did not seem to have engaged or consulted with its underserved and directly impacted communities including communities of color on the decision to use its entire SLFRF for revenue replacement or develop an overarching equity framework for these critical public dollars.



* Total ARPA SLFRF allocated: **\$624,817,342**

First tranche received in 2021: **\$312,408,671**

**The City and County of San Francisco is a consolidated local government, which administers the SLFRF program and reports to the U.S. Treasury as one jurisdiction. The unified jurisdiction did receive SLFRF allocations from the U.S. Treasury both as a city and a county and this amount is the sum of these allocations.*

CATEGORY	BEST EFFORTS	GAPS AND LIMITATIONS	GRADE
Use of Funds	As early as March 2021, the City and County of San Francisco decided to use all \$624.8 million of its SLFRF for government tax revenue replacement. According to the City Controller, both tranches of SLFRF would be deposited into the jurisdiction's General Fund and treated the same way as general tax revenues which go to support expenditures across the government during fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2022-2023. In <u>its January project and expenditure report submitted to the U.S. Treasury</u> , the jurisdiction reported all \$312 million of its first tranche SLFRF under "Public Safety Revenue Replacement."	Because the jurisdiction did not provide a breakdown of what programs or departments SLFRF monies specifically went to, it was impossible to track the uses of these funds or hold the jurisdiction accountable for implementing these critical COVID-19 relief dollars. Due to this reason, CPEHN did not provide a graded analyses for San Francisco's "Uses of Funds."	No grade

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Use of Funds		In budget year 2021-22 , San Francisco City and County spent about 16% of its General Fund, where the first tranche of SLFRF was deposited, towards police, sheriff, probation and courts.	
Promoting Racial Equity	<p>In its 2021 recovery plan, the unified city-county government listed its racial and social equity efforts broadly during COVID-19, including multi-lingual outreach, education and services, partnerships with community leaders and organizations representing Asian American, Pacific Islander, Black/ African American, Latino/a/x, and LGBTQ+ communities, and <u>collecting and disaggregating COVID-19 case and death data by race and ethnicity, gender, age, housing status, and underlying conditions during the pandemic.</u> In 2021, the jurisdiction created a <u>Dream Keeper Initiative</u> to start to invest \$60 million per year ongoing to provide Black/ African American individuals and families with various social support.</p> <p>Additionally, the jurisdiction has been working with an Office of Racial Equity, its Human Rights Commission and Department of Status of Women to advance racial and gender equity. In 2020, the ORE enacted a citywide equity framework consisting of <u>department-specific racial equity action plans.</u></p>	The jurisdiction did not develop any overarching racial and social equity vision or framework for the SLFRF implementation, as the implementation became part of its general budget process. There were no equity outcomes specific to the uses of SLFRF dollars, or any evaluation or performance measures to track progress.	

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Community Engagement	<p>The jurisdiction's 2021 Recovery Plan mentioned general opportunities for public participation through its existing annual budget processes including District 7's <u>participatory budgeting</u>. General budget input is gathered from departmental Boards, Commissions and other oversight bodies and through public meetings hosted by the City Mayor's office.</p> <p>According to the City Controller, a robust and engaged nonprofit sector is present in the city and deeply involved in general budget discussions with decisionmakers, including the <u>Budget Justice Coalition</u> and the <u>Coalition on Homelessness</u>.</p>	<p>Although there seems to be ample opportunities for public participation in its general budget processes, the jurisdiction did not conduct any intentional or proactive outreach and education, such as through townhalls, surveys or educational workshops on these ARPA dollars and the specific SLFRF program. There was no evidence indicating that local disproportionately impacted communities and community based organizations were asked to provide input before <u>the jurisdictions' officials decided to backfill tax revenue reduction with the entire SLFRF allocation</u>.</p>	
Transparency, Accessibility and Accountability	<p>The jurisdiction posted its 2021 Recovery Plan on the City Controller's website.</p>	<p>While there are several areas by which members of the public may provide feedback, it does not feature a single clear point of contact for grievances. Outside of Board of Supervisors meetings, it is unclear how the public can easily ask questions or further engage with its SLFRF spending decisions. The county did not post all of its federal compliance reports online.</p>	

RELEVANT LINKS



County website: openbook.sfgov.org/



2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report: openbook.sfgov.org/webreports/details3.aspx?id=3006



2021 Interim Report: apps-treas.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/t0000000TZbC/a/t0000001ellc/gKEMx7WVnYw6_ki1Wb3HJ9GdO4K20ye4OB37_Mf1xsw



2022 January Project and Expenditure Report: home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-January-2022-Quarterly-Data-through-December-31-2021.xlsx

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

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