

SACRAMENTO COUNTY




HIGHLIGHTS: Sacramento County has set up a dedicated ARPA website to list up-to-date SLFRF decisions. In 2022, the county just started to identify key investments under housing and homelessness, health, and economic response, with limited racial equity efforts. The county hired Deloitte with ARPA funds to conduct a community survey that failed to reach the most underserved communities.



Total ARPA SLFRF allocated: **\$301,469,072**

First tranche received in 2021: **\$150,734,536**

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Use of Funds	As of February 2022, Sacramento County has just begun to outline programs and investments under three priority areas for the first tranche of SLFRF, including Housing and Homelessness, Health, and Economic Response. Some funding has been proposed for community non-profit organizations and navigators to focus outreach to Black and Brown communities of low income.	<p>Despite urgent needs on the ground, the county was slow in getting funds out for any health and social programs through 2021. Additionally, the county spent \$1.165 million of SLFRF to contract with Deloitte & Touche, LLP (Deloitte), instead of investing in local grassroots community organizations, to survey residents and develop SLFRF priorities.</p> <p>Despite having identified housing as a top priority, the county did not propose any direct funding for grassroots community non-profit organizations who directly serve unhoused individuals. While some funds are going to provide medical services for those in Project Roomkey, no funds have been set to renew the program which has offered critical support for the unhoused during COVID-19.</p> <p>The County's proposed premium pay program was only available for public employees. County law enforcement personnel either received a lump sum payment or administrative time off.</p>	

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Promoting Racial Equity	The county has approved programs that would support closing gaps in education, health, and other social conditions for Black communities, foster kids, and unhoused populations utilizing navigators and outreach workers.	Sacramento county did not identify specific racial equity goals or outcome evaluation in its SLFRF proposed plan. The current proposal also failed to invest in any long-term structural improvements or reforms, such as improving demographic data collection and language access, or supporting community-based crisis response as an alternative to policing.	
Community Engagement	In 2021, the county conducted two multi-lingual public surveys, including Deloitte's ARPA Community Needs Survey and FM3 Research's Budget Priorities Survey . The Budget Priorities Survey reached a diverse group of county residents and provided useful information for the county's ARPA and general budget decision making.	Without collecting any demographic information, the \$1.16 million Deloitte contract in June 2021 failed to produce reliable results as it was unclear which communities, business, or organizations were surveyed or prioritized. The county has yet to share how the Budget Priorities Survey will continue to inform its budgetary decisions.	
Transparency, Accessibility and Accountability	The county set up an easy-to-navigate public-facing website on ARPA spending information, and posted compliance reports and additional financial decisions on the website for the public to review.	The county does not have a grievance process, such as a public comment portal, for communities to continue to engage in its SLFRF process with ease.	

RELEVANT LINKS



County ARPA website: www.saccounty.gov/COVID-19/Pages/AmericanRescuePlan.aspx



2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report: www.saccounty.gov/COVID-19/Documents/2021%20SLFRF-Recovery-Plan-Performance-Report.pdf



2021 Interim Report: apps-treas.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/t0000000TZbC/a/t0000001empT/heWiBEg9xmPFVpmCmE.J4VZDKUnQlpQtM1dtWP4wcHE



2022 January Project and Expenditure Report: www.saccounty.gov/COVID-19/Documents/ARPA%20March-December%202021.pdf

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

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



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