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# City Council Approves Appropriations of \$154 Million American Rescue Plan Act Funding

## City’s Focus Shifts from Relief to Recovery

**El Paso, Texas**—The City Council voted to allocate \$154.3 million from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act requirements to shift from a relief approach to a recovery focus.

“The allocation of the ARPA funding will allow our community to continue fighting the pandemic, while also providing key resources to support our families; maintaining vital public services such as the crisis intervention support and broadband expansion; and investing in the City’s economic growth through small and local businesses,” said City Manager Tommy Gonzalez.

With today’s approval the Council voted to fund the following projects and services:

- Public Health and Safety Response: Testing and Vaccination  
\$65.9 million
- New/Enhanced Health Programs  
\$1.5 million
- Public Health Relocation  
\$16.1 million
- New/Enhanced Fire Programs  
\$2.8 million
- P-25 Radio Communications Infrastructure  
\$7.2 million
- Body-Worn Cameras  
\$6.6 million
- City Watch Expansion (Surveillance Cameras)  
\$7 million
- Mobile Command  
\$1.3 million
- Crisis Intervention Team expansion  
\$3.9 million
- Support of Homelessness  
\$6 million
- Support of Families  
\$3 million
- Community Vulnerability  
\$3 million
- Sports Court Reconstruction & Resurfacing and Playground Replacement  
\$6 million
- Broadband “Last Mile” (expand city backbone to areas 54% below the poverty line)  
\$10 million
- Economic Recovery: Business Grants and Local Business Support  
\$14 million

Since April 2020, the City has received almost \$400 million in federal funds, from 11 different agencies, with principal funding:

- In April 2020, the City received \$119 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES) to respond directly to the public health emergency
- May 2021/2022, the City will receive \$154.3 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) to fight the pandemic, support families, maintain vital public services and make investments that support long-term growth.

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