

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021

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# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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- \$1.9 Trillion Allocated
- \$350 Billion to states and local governments
- \$11.4 Million allocated to the City of Casa Grande over the next two fiscal years.

# Eligible Expenditures

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- Costs incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024
- All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026
- Cannot spend funds on pension deposits
- Cannot spend the funds to reduce taxes or delay a tax increase
- May not be used as non-Federal Match for other Federal Programs

# Eligible Expenditures: Four Main Categories

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- COVID-19 or a negative economic impact
- Premium pay for eligible workers
- For government services to the extent of the loss of revenue
- Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

# COVID-19

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- Containing/Mitigating Covid-19
- Behavioral Healthcare Needs
- Payroll/Benefits for Public Health/Safety Human Service Employees
- Impacted Industries (Tourism/Travel/Hospitality)
- Rebuilding Public Sector Capacity to Pre-Pandemic Levels

# PREMIUM PAY

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- Employees of the jurisdiction designated by executive as essential
- Can be provided directly or through grants to private employers to public health/safety staff and essential workers outside the public sector

# Government Services – Loss of Revenue

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- Loss of taxes, fees, and other revenues to support public services
- Component units and enterprise funds
- Requires the revenue to have been collected for a period of three years
- Must be expended for government services directly providing services or aid to citizens

# Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

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- Uses aligned with Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Revolving fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Building broadband infrastructure with modern technologies in mind, specifically projects that deliver services offering 100 mbps download and 100 mbps upload speeds



# Audit/Reporting Requirements

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- Single Audit Act applicability
- Yellowbook Guidance and instructions
- Audit periods and reporting
- Audit relationships between direct recipients and non-profits

# CG CARES PROGRAM

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- Business and Non-Profit Assistance - \$535,350 approved  
\$557,883 expended
- Residential Assistance - \$464,000 approved, \$216,903 allocated
  - Rent/Mortgage & Utility Assistance - \$85,000
  - Direct Food Bank Support - \$15,000
  - Child Care - \$37,900
  - Internet Access - \$109,197
  - Third Grade Reading - \$0

Amounts above are funds remaining in the categories

# CG CARES Program

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- Enhanced Response and Stabilization Plan
  - Restore Partnership Funding - \$15,104 expended

About \$1 million was set aside in the General Fund

CDBG is community development block grant money

# CDBG CARES Program

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- Food Insecurities - \$94,837 allocated
- Senior Meals Program - \$51,300 allocated
- Rental & Utility Assistance - \$51,300
- Case Manager for Rental & Utility Assistance - \$49,192
- Short-Term Rental/Transitional Housing - \$43,200

# ARPA Requests

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- Support cultural events by non-profits and small businesses
- Support a Cultural Center – Request by CG Alliance
- Similar activities as funded in CG Cares Program
- Developing a program to assist residents with past due sewer and trash billings
- Developing a program to assist non-profits with lease payments for City facilities
- Use for qualifiable sewer related capital improvement projects

# APRA Recommendations

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- Florence Blvd Relief Sewer Main - \$2,125,000
- Construction of the Recharge Facility - \$1,750,000
- Water Reclamation Facility Expansion - \$1,800,000
- Programs Council would like to incorporate
- Next FY – Water related projects