



# An Overview of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)

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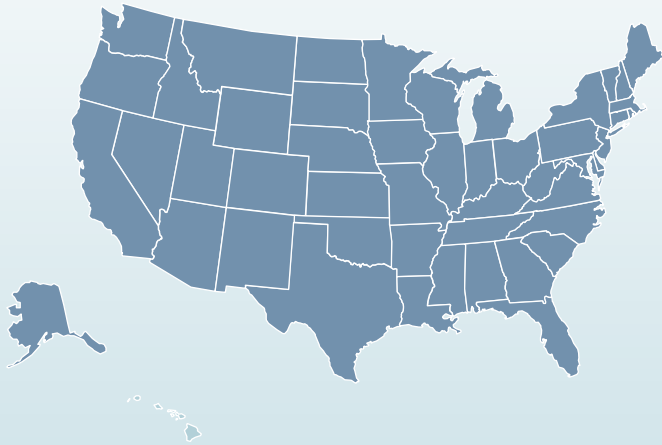


# The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund is a response to the pandemic

Cambridge's direct allocation includes \$65 million

Cambridge's State ARPA/Middlesex allocation is \$23 million

The combined total available to the City is \$88.1 million



**\$350 billion**

Allocated to cities,  
counties and tribal  
governments  
nationwide



**\$3.4 billion**

Allocated to cities  
and communities in  
Massachusetts using a  
predetermined formula



**\$88.1 million**

The City of Cambridge's  
ultimate share is  
\$88.1 million, a combination  
of *its direct allocation and  
State ARPA Funding for  
Middlesex*

# Cambridge's use of the funds must fit into one of four statutory categories

*The City has substantial discretion to support the needs of constituents*

**\$88.1 million**

**To respond to the Public Health Emergency or its negative economic impacts**



e.g. Vaccine Clinics, shelters, food and supplies, eviction protection, nonprofit support

**To support Essential Work by providing pay or grants to essential workers**



e.g. Assistance to employees classified as Essential, municipal and non-municipal

**To support the provision of public services impacted by revenue declines**



e.g. Maintain provision of public sector programs that can show revenue impact

**To support necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband**



e.g. Wastewater treatment projects, energy conservation, municipal broadband

# ARPA Funding Community Engagement

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS		
ARPA FUNDING		
DATE	SPONSOR	AUDIENCE
7/27/2021	City Finance Sub Committee	General Public
12/1/2021	City Finance Sub Committee	General Public
1/13/2022	CDD Economic Development	Small Businesss Advisory Committee/Associations
1/24/2022	CDD Housing	Housing Providers/City Staff/CHA staff
2/15/2022	City Manager's Office	Nonprofit Coalition
3/2/2022*	City Finance Sub Committee	General Public

\*Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30pm on 3/2/22.

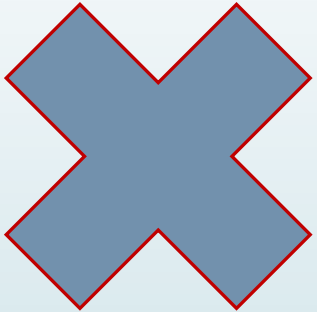
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# Cambridge has a three-year window to commit the remaining funds



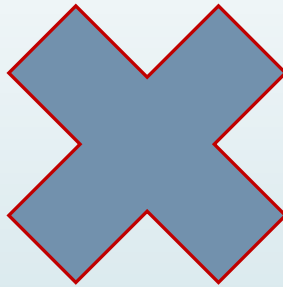
# The fund rules explicitly outline three categories of ineligible uses

## Satisfying Federal Matching Fund Needs



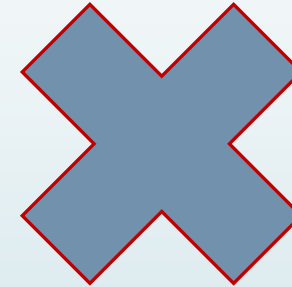
Using the money for projects requiring the jurisdiction to provide **federal matching funds**

## Providing premium pay to teleworking employees



Premium **pay for employees who were able to telework** during the public health emergency

## Pensions, debt or reserve funds



Funding pension accounts, **paying off outstanding debt**, or making deposits to reserve accounts, rainy day funds or free cash

# Accurate reporting will be essential to avoid future grant complications

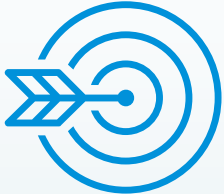







*Staff is working to ensure there is clarity on rules and procedures*

- Grants **must abide by all federal grant requirements and detailed reporting** procedures
- While the **discretion given for compliance is broad**, documentation must still be submitted
- The **rules are likely to change or be refined** over time



# Reporting Requirements required throughout the period are significant

City will need to ensure **grantees** can help provide information as needed

 <p><b>Project Reports</b></p>	 <p><b>Expenditure data</b></p>	 <p><b>Project Status Reports</b></p>	 <p><b>Project Demographic Distribution</b></p>	 <p><b>Subawards</b></p>	 <p><b>Civil Rights Compliance</b></p>	 <p><b>Programmatic data</b></p>	 <p><b>Project-level data (Infrastructure Projects)</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category</li> <li>• Narrative descriptions</li> <li>• Metrics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current period obligation</li> <li>• Cumulative obligation</li> <li>• Current period expenditure</li> <li>• Cumulative expenditure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Started</li> <li>• Completed less than 50 percent</li> <li>• Completed 50 percent or more</li> <li>• Completed</li> </ul>	<p>Evidence that certain types of projects are targeted to economically disadvantaged communities</p>	<p>Detailed obligation and expenditure information for any contracts and grants awarded, loans issued, transfers made to other government entities</p>	<p>Narrative describing the recipient's compliance with Title VI, along with other questions and assurances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payroll</li> <li>• Household Assistance</li> <li>• Small Business Economic Assistance</li> <li>• Aid to Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality or Other Impacted Industries</li> <li>• Rehiring Public Sector Staff</li> <li>• Education Assistance</li> <li>• Premium Pay</li> <li>• Revenue Replacement</li> </ul>	



# Idea form will be used to identify potential projects

Submit to [ARPA@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ARPA@cambridgema.gov)

**Identify a project** that fits within one of the four categories

**Develop a project description** explaining the concept

Ensure that the project sponsor has the **capacity to satisfy the reporting requirements**

**Submit** for review  
[ARPA@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ARPA@cambridgema.gov)

City of Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funding – Community Project Idea Submittal Form

Please submit your proposed initiative idea by responding to the below questions and sending to [ARPA@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ARPA@cambridgema.gov). Please use the subject line: "Cambridge American Rescue Plan Community Project Idea".

## **A. Project Idea Information**

### **Name & Contact Information of Submitter**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**May the City contact you for more information?**

### **Project Idea Description**

(250 words or less and please also specify how the proposed project or program idea would address negative community impacts from the pandemic):

## **B. Project Idea Eligibility Assessment: What can funds be used for?**

The City of Cambridge can use its allocation of funds towards projects and programs that are consistent with any of the below use categories as established by Congress.

Please select the statutory category under which the proposed project best fits:

- To respond to the Public Health Emergency or its negative economic impacts*
- To Support Essential Work by providing pay or grants to essential workers*
- To Support the Provision of Public Services impacted by revenue declines*
- To support necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband*

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# Information and Resources

American Rescue Plan

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319>

November 2021 Guidance

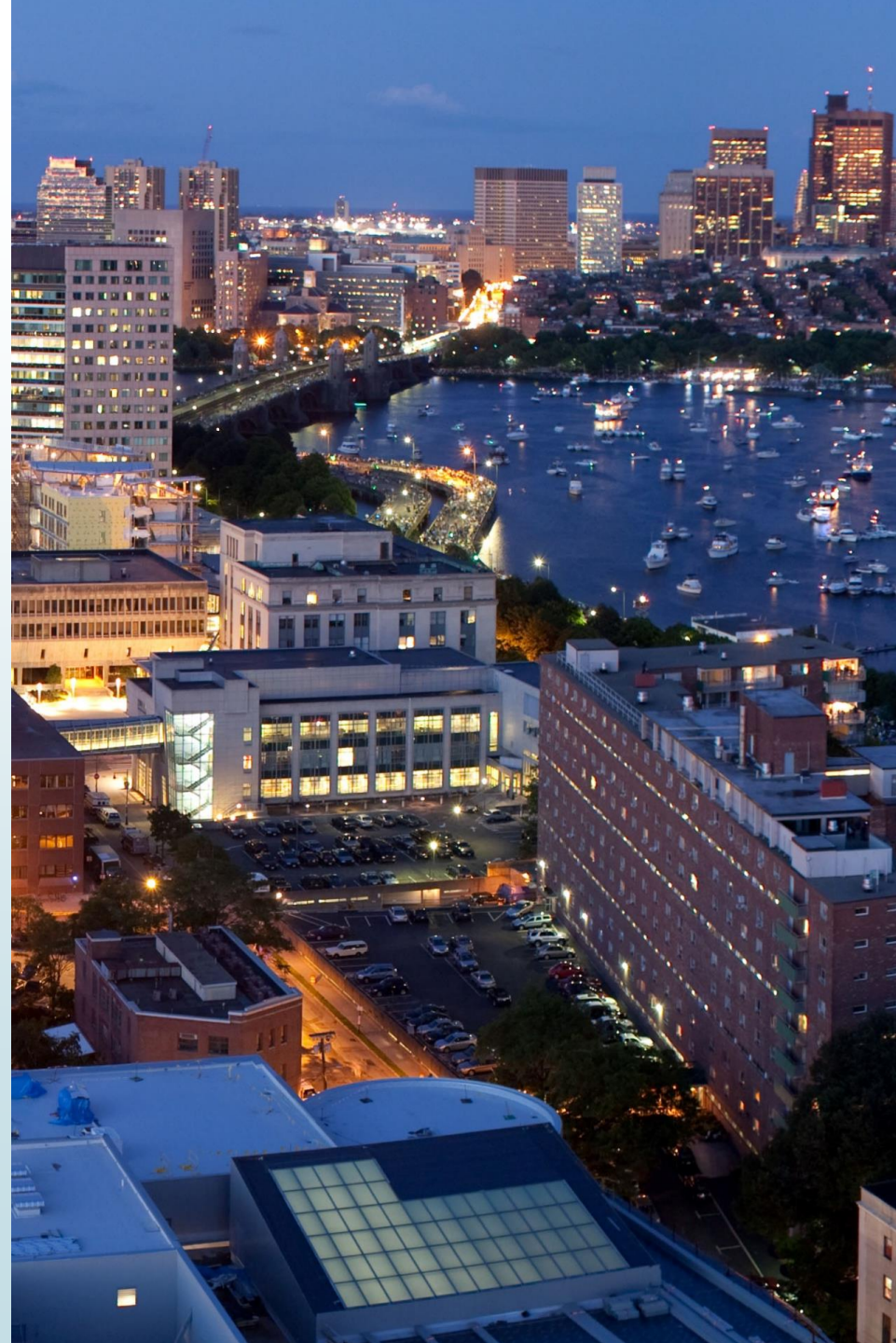
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>

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# Appendix



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## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories

### 1. Public Health

- COVID-19 **vaccination**
- COVID-19 **testing**
- COVID-19 **contact tracing**
- **Prevention** in congregate settings (nursing homes, prisons/jails, work sites, schools, etc.)
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Medical expenses** (including Alternative Care Facilities)
- **Capital investments** or physical plant changes to public facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Other COVID-19 **public health expenses** (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
- **Payroll costs** for public health, safety, and other public sector staff responding to COVID-19
- **Mental health, substance use, and Other public health services**

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## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories (continued)

### 2. Negative Economic Impacts

- Household Assistance: **food programs**
- Household Assistance: **rent, mortgage, and utility aid**
- Household Assistance: **cash** transfers
- Household Assistance: **internet access** Programs
- Household Assistance: **eviction prevention**
- **Unemployment benefits** or cash assistance to unemployed workers
- **Job training** assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, subsidized employment, employment Supports or incentives)
- Contributions to **UI Trust Funds**
- **Small business** economic assistance (General)
- Aid to **nonprofit** organizations
- Aid to **tourism, travel, or hospitality**
- Aid to other **Impacted Industries**
- Other **economic support**
- Rehiring **public sector Staff**

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## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories (continued)

### 3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- Education Assistance: **Early learning**
- Education Assistance: Aid to **high-poverty districts**
- Education Assistance: **Academic services**
- Education Assistance: **Social, emotional, and mental health** services
- Education Assistance: Other
- Healthy Childhood Environments: **Child care**
- Healthy Childhood Environments: **Home visiting**
- Healthy Childhood Environments: **Services to foster youth** or families involved in child welfare system
- Healthy Childhood Environments: Other
- Housing Support: **Affordable housing**
- Housing Support: **Services for unhoused** persons
- Housing Support: Other **housing assistance**
- Social Determinants of Health: Other
- Social Determinants of Health: **Community health workers** or benefits navigators
- Social Determinants of Health: **Lead remediation**
- Social Determinants of Health: **Community violence interventions**

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## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories (continued)

### 4. **Premium Pay**

- **Public sector** employees
- Private Sector: **Grants** to other employers

### 5. **Infrastructure**

- Clean Water: Centralized **wastewater treatment, collection and conveyance**
- Clean Water: **Decentralized wastewater**
- Clean Water: **Combined sewer overflows** and other sewer infrastructure
- Clean Water: **Stormwater**
- Clean Water: Energy **conservation** /water conservation
- Clean Water: **Nonpoint source**
- Drinking water: **Treatment, transmission & distribution**
- Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: **lead remediation**
- Drinking water: **Source / Storage**
- Drinking water: Other **water infrastructure**
- Broadband: **“Last Mile” and other projects**

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## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories (continued)

### **6. Revenue Replacement**

- Provision of Government Services

### **7. Administrative**

- Administrative Expenses
- Evaluation and Data Analysis
- Transfers to Other Units of Government
- Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)



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## Appendix 2: Evidenced-Based Intervention Additional Information

### **What is evidence-based?**

For the purposes of the SLFRF, evidence-based refers to interventions with strong or moderate evidence.

**Preliminary evidence** means that the evidence base can support conclusions about the program's contribution to observed outcomes. The evidence base consists of at least one non-experimental study. A study that demonstrates improvement in program beneficiaries over time on one or more intended outcomes OR an implementation (process evaluation) study used to learn and improve program operations would constitute preliminary evidence. Examples of research that meet the standards include: (1) outcome studies that track program beneficiaries through a service pipeline and measure beneficiaries' responses at the end of the program; and (2) pre- and post-test research that determines whether beneficiaries have improved on an intended outcome.



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