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

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Meeting Agenda

Opening Remarks

Committee Co-Chairs

Overview of the Grant Program

City Staff

Public Comment

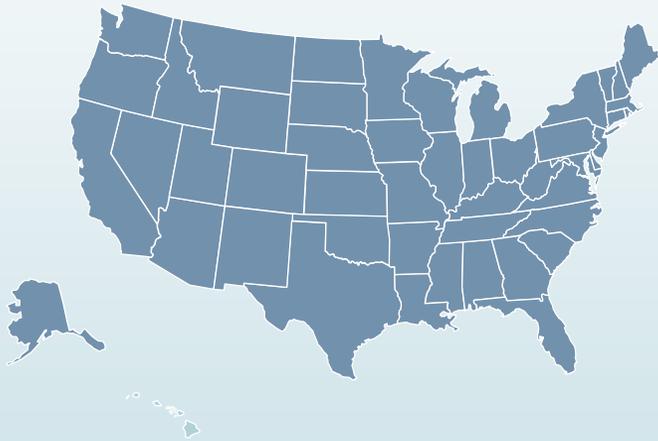## Discussion and Questions

Next Steps

List of Resources

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*

https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Allocation-Methodology-for-MetropolitanCities-508A.pdf

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

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Portions of the grant have been allocated to address immediate needs
Commitments totaling $27.8 million to date, $60.4 million remains

- Shelters

- Food and Supplies

- Vaccine Clinics

- Homeless Stabilization Services

- Administrative and Compliance

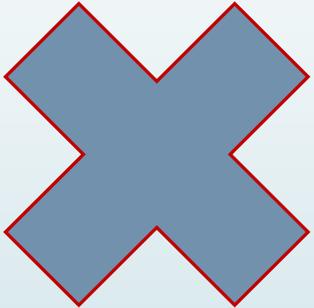| ARPA Funded Commitments to Date			
ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act - Federal Award			$65,019,211.00
SLFRF - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - State ARPA Award			$23,100,176.00
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING			$88,119,387.00
CATEGORY	SCOPE OF SERVICES	Committed Projects	Recommended Projects
1. PUBLIC HEALTH	Shelter and services for unhoused persons, Nutritional meals, COVID-19 Tests, Public Outreach, Sewer Testing, Mental Health Services	$2,198,109.00	$7,476,300.00
2. NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS	Job Training Assistance, Food Insecurity Assistance, Interpretation Services	$330,000.00	$1,971,000.00
3. SERVICES TO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES	Housing Support for Unhoused Persons, Stabilization support to rehouse individuals staying in shelters, Medical Street Outreach, Computer Assisted Translation Tools, Community Afterschool Programs, Education Assistance	$602,983.00	$3,815,000.00
5. INFRASTRUCTURE	Broadband Consultant, Public Outdoor Wi-Fi, Water Infrastructure- update SCADA software system, Replace GAC filters for PFAS removal	$465,000.00	$8,585,000.00
6. PROVISIONS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES	Security Operations Center for cybersecurity monitoring, Migrating City Website to the Cloud, Upgrade physical security network		$1,910,000.00
7. ADMINISTRATIVE	Consultants for ARPA funding and reporting requirements	$409,500.00	
Subtotal of Commitments to Date		$4,005,592.00	$23,757,300.00
Balance to Total Funds			$60,356,495.00

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

March 3, 2021 ←————————————————→ **December 31, 2024**

| Costs prior to March 3, 2021 are not eligible. | Costs incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 are eligible | Incurred funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. |

Pre-March 3, 2021 costs not eligible

Commit funds by December 31, 2024

Spend funds by December 31, 2026

As provided for in Treasury's Interim Final Rule by the recipient State, territorial, local, or Tribal government

As a grantee, **Cambridge must abide by all federal grant requirements** and detailed reporting procedures.
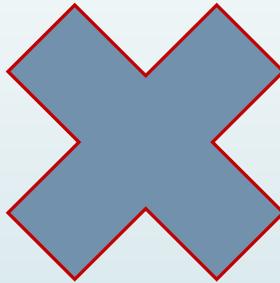
The fund rules explicitly outline three categories of ineligible uses

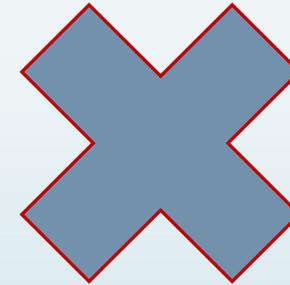**Satisfying Federal Matching Fund Needs**

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

Providing premium pay to teleworking employees

Premium **pay for employees who were able to telework** during the public health emergency
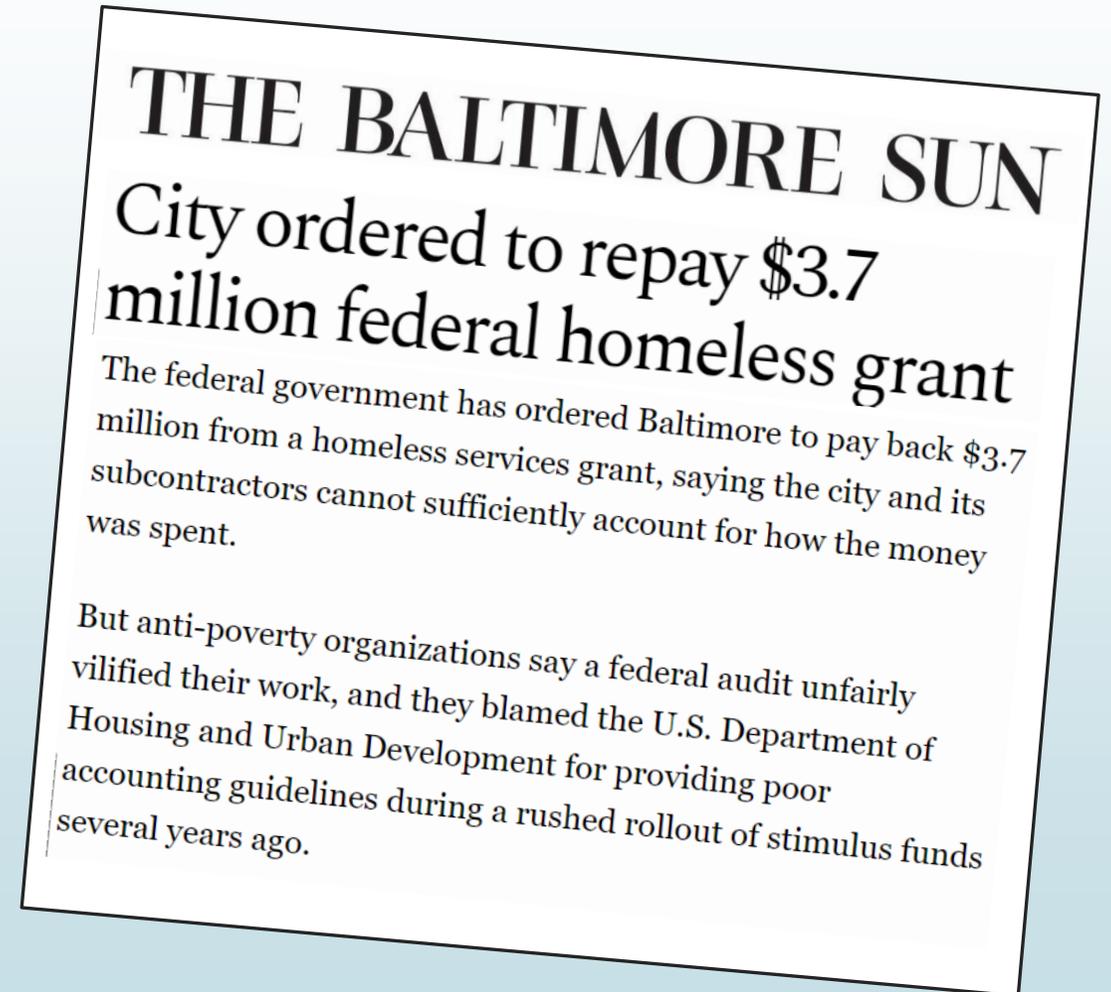
Pensions, debt or reserve funds

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

THE BALTIMORE SUN

City ordered to repay $3.7 million federal homeless grant

The federal government has ordered Baltimore to pay back $3.7 million from a homeless services grant, saying the city and its subcontractors cannot sufficiently account for how the money was spent.

But anti-poverty organizations say a federal audit unfairly vilified their work, and they blamed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for providing poor accounting guidelines during a rushed rollout of stimulus funds several years ago.

Reporting Requirements required throughout the period are significant
*City will need to ensure **grantees** can help provide information as needed*

Project Reports	Expenditure data	Project Status Reports	Project Demographic Distribution	Subawards	Civil Rights Compliance	Programmatic data	Project-level data (Infrastructure Projects)
• Category • Narrative descriptions • Metrics	• Current period obligation • Cumulative obligation • Current period expenditure • Cumulative expenditure	• Not Started • Completed less than 50 percent • Completed 50 percent or more • Completed	Evidence that certain types of projects are targeted to economically disadvantaged communities	Detailed obligation and expenditure information for any contracts and grants awarded, loans issued, transfers made to other government entities	Narrative describing the recipient's compliance with Title VI, along with other questions and assurances	• Payroll • Household Assistance • Small Business Economic Assistance • Aid to Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality or Other Impacted Industries • Rehiring Public Sector Staff • Education Assistance • Premium Pay • Revenue Replacement

Idea form will be used to identify potential projects
Submit to 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

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. 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
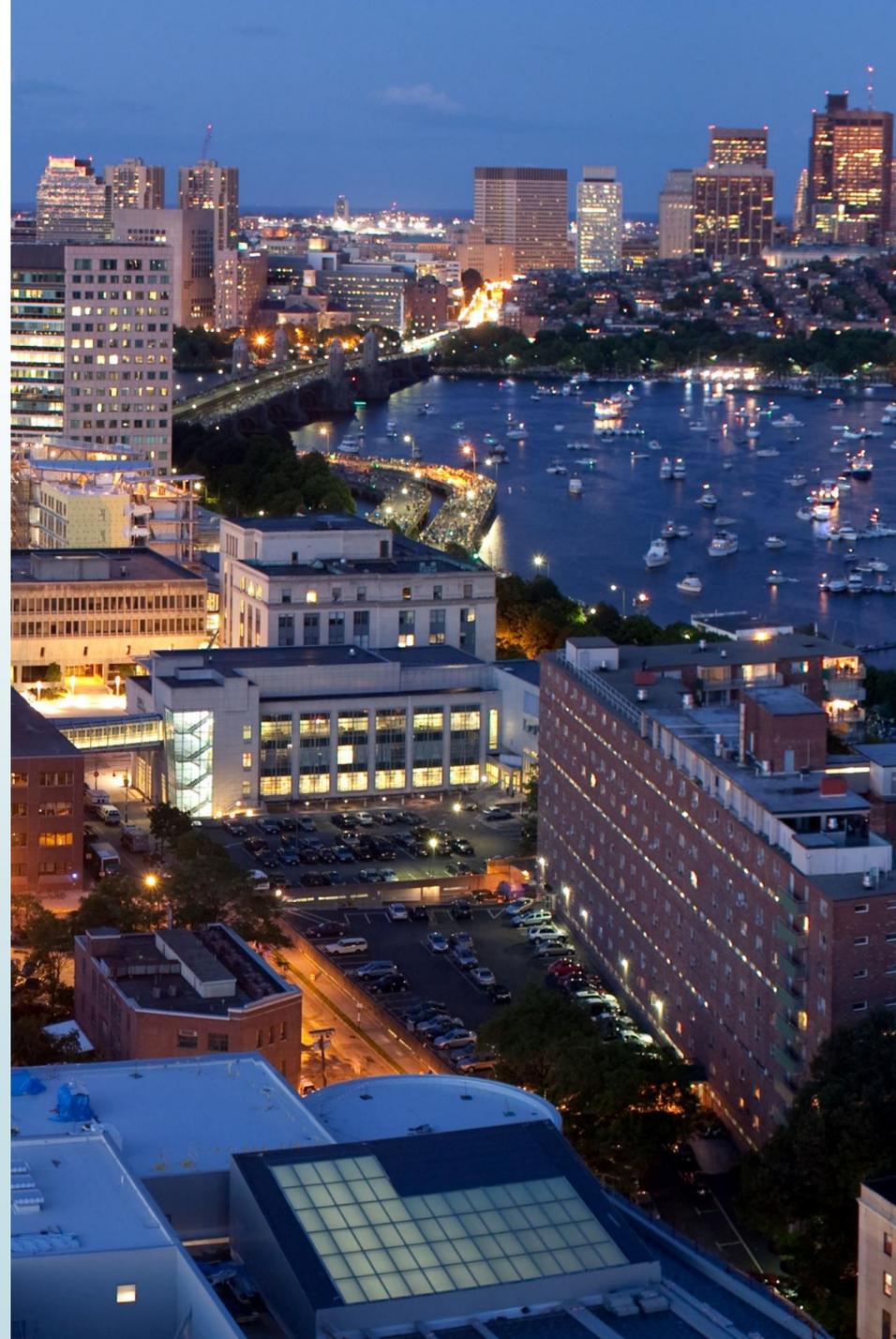
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Appendix

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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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