

# **Weber County, Utah**

## **Recovery Plan**

### **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

2021 Report

**Executive Summary:**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. This set aside funds designated as Fiscal Recovery Funds intended to provide support to state and local governments to help respond to the impact of COVID-19. The Interim Final Rule outlines eligible ways the funds may be used by recipients.

Weber County has been allocated \$50 million of the \$350 billion appropriated. It is the intention of the Weber County Commissioners to approve projects that will benefit Weber County residents for years to come. Since these funds are “one-time” funds, Weber County is interested in funding projects rather than programs that will not be sustainable after the funds are exhausted. Weber County is in the process of analyzing eligible projects and proposals to determine how to utilize these funds in the most effective way to address the needs of the county and its citizens.

The US Treasury has not issued the final guidance for the use of ARPA funds. It is Weber County’s intention not to approve any projects until the final rules are issued.

**Use of Funds:**

Weber County plans to utilize the ARPA funds along with other Federal programs to address the impacts of the pandemic. In prioritizing projects, Weber County will assess the needs along with other funding sources already allocated to the project.

The American Rescue Plan has also allocated funds for Rental Assistance Programs. Weber County has been allocated over \$14 million in funds to assist residents with rent and utility payments. The State of Utah has implemented a program to administer these funds. These funds are available to residents through September 30, 2025.

Weber County is currently conducting a water and sewer study to identify potentially eligible projects. We are also analyzing Broadband infrastructure needs. These are desirable projects because they fit the goal of providing “one-time” funds to projects that will benefit Weber County residents for many years.

At this time only preliminary thoughts have been formed concerning how best to utilize these ARPA funds. No planned spending or projects have been approved. More studies and analysis are needed and the Interim Final Rule must be finalized before any definite plans are made.

**Promoting Equitable Outcomes:**

As projects are evaluated, emphasis will be placed on reaching the underserved in the community. Data will be collected to determine the goals and outcomes of each project.

**Community Engagement:**

Weber County has reached out to the not-for-profit community, cities within Weber County, and the State of Utah to determine how best to leverage the various sources of ARPA funds. After the final rules are issued and potential allowable projects have been identified, the

County will reach out to the public and community-based organizations to solicit their input on the proposed plans.

**Labor Practices:**

As part of the evaluation of infrastructure projects, the county will evaluate potential contractors to ensure that:

- there will be a sufficient supply of skilled labor to ensure high-quality construction throughout the project,
- the risk of disruptions due to labor disputes is minimized,
- workers will be provided a safe and healthy workplace, and
- the wages and benefits paid will be sufficient to secure a skilled workforce in the context of the local labor market.

**Use of Evidence:**

We will use evidence-based interventions where appropriate for each project.

**Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category:**

As of July 31, 2021, no projects have been planned and approved.

**Project Inventory:**

As of July 31, 2021, no projects have been planned and approved.

**Performance Report:**

As of July 31, 2021, no projects have been planned and approved.

**Required Performance Indicators:**

As of July 31, 2021, no projects have been planned and approved.