

# American Recovery Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Budget Development Recommendations

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), allocated \$38.1 million to the City of Fort Lauderdale to support the response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funding is provided in two (2) tranches – the first half in May 2021 and access to the balance beginning in May 2022.

SLFRF provides a framework of allowable projects including responding to the public health emergency and its economic impacts, providing premium pay to eligible essential workers, public sector revenue loss replacement, and investment in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

During FY 2022 budget development, the City utilized the revenue replacement calculation to allocate \$16.2 million to the provision of public safety. This allowed additional resources to support an enhanced transfer to capital improvement projects and to support a number of one-time expenses. During the year, \$475,000 was appropriated for the rehabilitation of a workforce development facility.

In conjunction with the development of the FY 2023 Preliminary Budget, staff recommends that the City Commission again target the revenue replacement to enable the City to continue to make valuable investments in our community.

**\$38.1M**  
City of Fort Lauderdale’s  
Total Allocation

**\$16.2M**  
Year One Revenue  
Replacement

**\$20.0M**  
Year Two Revenue  
Replacement\*

*\* The Year Two Revenue Replacement calculation includes additional funding for year one based on the updated Final Rule revenue replacement methodology.*

## FY 2023 REVENUE REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that SLFRF funds are primarily used toward the revenue replacement programmatic focus. This option will allow the greatest flexibility to use the resulting revenue to meet the City’s highest priority needs.

SLFRF outlines a formula to calculate the lost revenues attributable to the pandemic across all general revenue streams. Based on this calculation, the City’s eligible revenue loss is an additional \$20.0 million. Once lost revenues have been identified, ARPA allows local governments to use the revenue replacement funds to provide a broad range of government services, which include the following: the building of cash funded infrastructure, environmental remediation, and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. Staff recommends that the revenue replacement funds are used for public safety payroll expenses. This will leave a \$1.5 million balance available for future uses.

## SUPPORTED ONE-TIME COSTS

By offsetting public safety payroll expenses, the City will have adequate funds to invest in one-time costs outlined below, this allows the City to continue to have a structurally balanced budget because it results in the utilization of non-recurring revenues on one-time expenses

Operating Expense	\$3,300,856
Enhanced Public Safety Staffing Vehicles and Equipment	1,064,155
Sistrunk Boulevard Railroad Crossing Project	1,000,000
New Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Equipment	546,701
Citywide Pavement Condition Assessment for Roads, Sidewalks, and Alleyways	510,000
Sidewalk Master Plan Gap Assessment	180,000

## SUPPORTED ONE-TIME COSTS (CONTINUED)

<b>Community Investment Plan Projects</b>	<b>\$ 16,742,784</b>
New Fire Station 13	\$ 4,075,604
Fire Station 88 (Formerly SE Emergency Medical Substation)	3,129,153
Galt Mile Streetscape	2,500,000
Bridge Restoration	2,135,733
Las Olas Mobility	2,000,000
SE 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge	705,185
West Lake Drive Bridge Restoration	602,215
Streetlight Improvements	500,000
Riverwalk Seawall Partial Restoration Northside	356,394
Lifeguard Tower Replacements	256,800
Sunrise Lane District Streetscapes	220,800
Bayview Drive Bridge Over Longboat Inlet	160,900
Galt Link Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Bus Stops	100,000
<b>Total Operating and Community Investment Plan Projects</b>	<b>\$20,043,640</b>