

**Subject:** Board Bill 2 - Direct Relief Package Recommendations  
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## Introduction

St. Louis is at a crossroads. Deep racial inequities, compounded by an unprecedented pandemic, economic recession, and a wave of violence have pushed families across our city to the brink. The over half a billion dollars coming to the city through the American Rescue Plan represents a lifeline, and we have a responsibility to seize it.

The City has experienced an uneven recovery, but our administration aims to build an equitable recovery that touches every neighborhood - not just a few. The over half a billion dollars coming to the city through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) offers us the opportunity to stabilize communities with direct relief, build a foundation for future growth and investment, and right the historic wrongs that have held our City back for decades.

This memo outlines the Direct Relief Appropriations provided for in my administration's proposed Board Bill 2 Committee Sub. You can find short descriptions of each line item set out in Exhibit A of BB#2 below - these summaries include the department responsible for implementation, a brief program description, and the justification for eligibility under Treasury's ARPA guidance.

This initial investment of \$80 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is focused on offering direct, urgent relief to the people of St. Louis to make sure families can stay in their homes, small businesses can keep the lights on and our residents can protect themselves from COVID-19. Expediting investments is also a public safety imperative. This direct relief package recognizes violence as a public health crisis and is focused on treating the root causes of crime - poverty, housing instability, lack of economic opportunity, and more.

These recommendations were heavily informed by the Stimulus Advisory Board (SAB) and grew out of a transparent and data-driven process. The 23 members of the Stimulus Advisory Board approached their work as community leaders and stakeholders in our city's future. This plan is informed by the public feedback the board solicited through public hearings and online comment. In total, more than 2,500 individuals - or nearly 1% of the city - made their voice heard through this input process. The SAB spent hundreds of hours working to make sure their recommendations reflected community needs and were designed for maximum transformational impact.

I urge the members of the Housing, Urban Development, and Zoning committee to hold a public hearing and pass Board Bill 2 out of committee this week so the bill can be second read on the 25th. This expedited timeline reflects the fact that the city is facing a pair of dangerous deadlines with the national and local eviction moratorium as well as mortgage moratoriums ending which threaten to leave thousands of families without a home and without support. To support our working families rests with the Board of Alderman, and it is imperative we act together to get shots in arms, keep families in their homes and make our neighborhoods safer.

## **Public Health**

With our state leading the nation in COVID-19 cases and the Delta variant sweeping through rural Missouri, the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. As of June 13th, 2021, only 30.7% of city residents were fully vaccinated. Since May, 80% of new COVID-19 diagnoses in the City have been in Black communities.

That's why this direct relief package invests in a mass vaccination strategy designed to educate St. Louisans and make it as easy and painless as possible to get vaccinated. We'll be deploying community health workers, canvassing teams and mobile vaccination clinics to educate neighborhoods, knock doors, and invite people to get vaccinated at their local neighborhood institutions - churches, community centers, commercial corridors, etc.

Our public health crisis goes beyond COVID, however, and our solutions must look to the future. During the pandemic, about 4 in 10 adults in the U.S. have reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder. The pandemic has impacted the well-being of households, particularly mothers, children, young people, older adults, and people with disabilities in having poorer mental health and women adversely impacted by the economic downturns, such as job loss.

For us as a community to survive the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to put resources towards mental health support, and be prepared to turn mobile vaccination clinics into mobile medical units, and contact tracers into community health workers.

## Canvassing Community Outreach

Department	Department of Public Health
Appropriation	\$500,000
Program Description	Door-to-door outreach to maximize the reach and impact of the City initiatives including mass vaccination and housing assistance. The Health Department will convene a selection committee to issue and review an RFP to contract with a third-party agency. Long term, the goal is to engage households from two perspectives: i) asking questions designed to identify basic needs, and inform city program design; and ii) delivering information to keep residents connected to city and partner programs. City departments and public and private partners will coordinate in order to ensure that canvassers are going out with up to date information and questions.
Eligibility	We believe this to be an eligible use under the interim final rule's <sup>1</sup> broad authority, but are seeking further guidance from the Treasury. Depending on the nature of the canvassing performed, this could be considered "public communication efforts" per question 2.1 <sup>2</sup> .

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<sup>1</sup> Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Interim Final Rule  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Frequently Asked Questions  
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>

### **Community Health Workers**

Department	Department of Public Health
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	The Health Department will hire eight community health workers, as well as a health manager, grants associate, data analyst and administrative assistant to conduct contact tracing, outreach and education pertaining to COVID-19 and recent variants. Outside of pandemic times, this team will provide other community health services, including public health education and lead and mold remediation. These will be term limited civil service positions.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.14 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Behavioral Health Providers**

Department	Department of Public Health
Appropriation	\$2,250,000
Program Description	These funds will support multiple RFPs with third party agencies for the provision of mental health services. One RFP will seek to build a community responder model designed to divert calls for clinical help away from the police department, thereby freeing up officer time to combat violent crime. Another RFP will seek to address trauma before it escalates into violent outcomes by providing mental health services at city recreation centers and libraries, and to city residents and employees.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.15 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Mobile Vaccination Clinics**

Department	Department of Public Health
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Mobile Vaccination Clinics will allow the Department of Health to host pop up vaccination clinics across the city. These clinics will be paired with a robust marketing campaign including door to door outreach designed to reach marginalized communities. This will be a Supply Department procurement process.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Vaccination Education & Marketing**

Department	Department of Public Health
Appropriation	\$500,000
Program Description	Vaccination education program to increase awareness about the benefits and safety of vaccines. Education programs also to address misinformation and increase awareness on available health resources. Vaccination event marketing for neighborhood vaccine clinics and mass vaccination events.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Economic Relief

St. Louisans across the city are struggling to make ends meet, and housing is their single biggest budgetary cost. This explains why, after critical health needs, housing assistance was the second highest priority need identified by city residents. This priority reflects the reality that thousands of St. Louisans are stuck in limbo, with 2700 pending evictions about to go through as soon as the CDC Moratorium expires. We must be prepared to meet this moment and support the hundreds, and possibly thousands of city residents who will be left without a home.

With an eviction moratorium set to expire on July 1, thousands of St. Louis families are at risk of losing their homes. The appropriations outlined below work in tandem to establish a social safety net: bridge housing funds will allow us to move families temporarily into hotels/motels, and buy the city's housing surge team time to identify a landlord willing to take on a new tenant. Rapid rehousing will then help us pay the upfront security deposit, while ERAP funds provide the landlords with long term assurance that their new tenants will be able to make their payments. Public benefits navigators helping families apply to these various programs, as well as case managers connecting them to an array of other resources will be layered through these processes.

Despite these efforts to keep people in homes, we will inevitably see an increase in the unhoused populations. In January 2020, 1260 persons were experiencing homelessness. The pandemic has been particularly difficult for unhoused neighbors due to lack of information and limited shelter capacity. Black residents are also nearly four times as likely to be homeless as white residents.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted households to become more reliant on technology to survive these economic hard times. Forward Through Ferguson found in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, Black residents are 3.5 times more likely to have no internet connection than White residents, and those without internet are concentrated north of Delmar Boulevard. Black residents are also 3.6 times more likely to have cell data plans as their only internet connection.

That's why this direct relief package allocates more than \$15 million to rental, utility, mortgage and property tax assistance, and more than \$20 million for emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, wrap around services, case management, community outreach, and the like. And allocates another \$20 million in relief designed to narrow support early childhood development, youth, small businesses and to close the digital divide.

## **Rental/Utility Assistance**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$12,441,998.20
Program Description	Funding from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide rental and utility assistance for tenants impacted by COVID-19. The Department of Human Services would enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the St. Louis Housing Authority to create an online application portal to implement and monitor distribution of rental assistance through the portal to landlords and for the facilitation of payments to local utility providers.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 4.7 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Mortgage Assistance**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$2,500,000
Program Description	Grants to assist primary residence households who are at risk of losing their homes due to being behind on mortgage payments from March 2020 forward. There will be agreements with entities to facilitate the receipt, review, and processing of applications and payments to mortgage lenders for City residents impacted economically by COVID-19.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 4.7 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Real & Personal Property Tax Forgivable Loan Fund**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$500,000
Program Description	Forgivable loan to help City residents who are unable to pay 2020 real and/or property taxes. The goal is to assist eligible individuals whose income is 80% or below Area Median Income, who have a Covid-19 Impact and for whom limited one-time assistance will allow the city resident to remain housed in their primary residence only.
Eligibility	According to Questions 2.6 and 2.11, payments to individuals are allowable if connected to preventing homelessness. Cash transfers are also allowed if a household experienced a negative economic impact from the pandemic. Such loans may fall into this category. This question has been submitted to the Treasury Department for further clarification.

## **Accounting & Legal Compliance**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	These funds will allow DHS to hire one Contract Compliance Officer I (in the homeless services division) and one (1) Accountant in the DHS Fiscal Office to ensure compliance with required internal controls, monitoring of agreements executed, and to facilitate the gathering of information for reports requested, etc. These will be limited term civil service positions.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Intentional Encampment

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,250,000
Program Description	<p>A new project is being designed in consultation with BPS, Building Division, and the Department of Public Safety., which will provide for the development of safe, sanctioned outdoor camping location(s) for unhoused individuals. Funds will be used to secure a 24 hour onsite program operator, who will coordinate supportive services delivery such as behavioral health, occupational health, medical care, substance use treatment, food distribution, case management, maintenance of the site, etc. This will be a RFP to contract with a third party agency.</p> <p>Note: some Case Management costs will be supported by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.</p>
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## Safe Haven

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,386,370
Program Description	<p>The Safe Haven model is a 24-hour/7 days a week community based safe space, supportive housing facility, which seeks to serve persons experiencing homelessness, who are hard to reach, hard to engage, may have severe mental illness and may have substance use disorders. This will be a RFP to contract with a third party agency.</p> <p>The RFP will seek to secure a Safe Haven service provider and location which has showers available, provide clothing, washers and dryers access, provide snacks, connections to service agencies and will provide Case Managers to link individuals to other services, etc. Safe Haven's can operate as 24 drop-in centers and provide limited overnight stay access where needs are met and then people leave, as they desire.</p>
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Emergency Shelter**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$8,000,000
Program Description	<p>These funds will be utilized to extend current contracts with existing emergency shelter providers, which currently provide over 380 beds. It will also extend the leases of temporary shelter locations which were funded by the City in response to COVID-19, housing evictions, and in light of an increase in the number of unhoused residents in St. Louis.</p> <p>This extension of shelter beds availability and extension of current operator's contracts will keep the City with the capacity needed to continue to serve the unhoused. Many of the current shelters will lose FEMA funding effective September 2021 and the one-time HUD special ESG-CV funding will be depleted before the end of 2021.</p>
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Case Management & Program Operation**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$750,000
Program Description	Contract with agencies to provide support to tenants, homeowners, and/or unhoused residents with navigating assistance programs, completing applications, connecting individuals to social service agencies, etc..
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance, as "enhancement of healthcare capacity" under Question 2.1 .

## **Call Hotline & Centralized Intake**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Support an agency or agencies to operate a live 24-hour a day hotline where people can call, obtain brief intake, be directed to emergency shelter beds when available, be placed on waiting list for openings on shelter, and linked to city funded short term hotel vouchers and other resources. Funds to also provide transportation for any individuals who need support to reach shelter or hotel bed. This will be a RFP to contract with a third party agency.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance, as "enhancement of healthcare capacity" under Question 2.1

## **Wrap Around Services**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,250,000
Program Description	A variety of services options and client resources, which include but are not limited to items such as, taxi services, portable restrooms, the extension of the Mobile Showers and Coordinated Outreach contracts, purchase of bus tickets, winter supplies such as blankets, cots, hats/gloves, other supplies needed for housing or shelter partners. Other wrap around service options are cell phones or cellular access, longer term monthly bus passes, motel/hotel vouchers for individuals and households for whom access to emergency shelter is not readily available, greyhound bus tickets (for those wanting to leave area), gas cards or limited car repairs, clothing assistance, food assistance, medical, substance use, and behavioral health care, etc.. This will be a RFP to contract with a third party agency.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance, as "enhancement of healthcare capacity" under Question 2.1.

## Bridge Housing

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Program Description	Bridge Housing is a program model intended to provide short term housing and support to those individuals who may have a clear permanent housing plan, but need a short-term housing subsidy/hotel voucher or other support to assist them before the permanent housing plan can be implemented. Households may be waiting on a housing voucher or may be saving up money to meet the requirements such as deposit and first month's rent. This subsidy will assist households to obtain short temporary assistance quickly and help them with family and housing stability needs. This is intended to assist for example, individuals who are exiting shelter or staying in places not meant for habitation. Assistance could include 1-3 months of a hotel stay, case management, rent/utility assistance, security deposits, moving expenses, and getting connected to services as needed.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Rapid Rehousing**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$3,000,000
Program Description	Rapid Rehousing is a form of “permanent housing” which allows for a longer period of financial support to assist individuals achieve and maintain their housing stability. Households could be assisted from 3 to 12 months depending upon need with rent/utility assistance, moving expenses, household furnishings, case management, and connections to services needed. In concept, at the exit of the program the tenants who are rapidly housed and stabilized, are expected to take over payment of household expenses on their own.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Permanent Supportive Housing**

Department	Department of Human Services
Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Program Description	Funds will provide an opportunity for current PSH subcontractors to increase their staff (example: case managers, behavior health professionals, employment placement staff) and to increase supportive services options and to cover operational expenses, etc. These funds will be issued through one or more RFPs to contract with third party agencies.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance. Qualifies as services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Public Benefits Navigators**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with experienced local service providers with the capacity to administer, staff and implement the emergency housing stabilization program by providing public benefit navigation and case management for individuals and families who have access barriers to prevent them from becoming homeless. Providers will perform completion of the application process into the centralized program, follow up, reporting, resource referral, marketing and outreach.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Legal Assistance**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$400,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with experienced social service agencies that provide legal services free of charge to individuals and families facing evictions to prevent the eviction and homelessness.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed per Question 2.5, counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction and homelessness is permitted.

## **Mediation**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$450,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with experienced partners to provide free mediation services to tenants and landlords in eviction cases to prevent homelessness. These services will be conducted by or under the supervision of attorneys to ensure agreements are legitimate.
Eligibility	Per Question 2.5, counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction and homelessness is permitted. Assuming the mediation is related to this, it would qualify.

## **Tiny Homes**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$2,000,000
Program Description	These funds will be used to catalyze additional tiny home programs throughout the city. The Affordable Housing Commission will go through a competitive funding process to identify low barrier tiny home proposals which will provide housing to communities including the unhoused, veterans, and justice involved individuals.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Community Outreach**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with agencies to provide street outreach to unhoused individuals or families, limited case management, connections to shelters, housing and support services.
Eligibility	We believe this to be an eligible use under the interim final rule's broad authority, but are seeking further guidance from the Treasury. Depending on the nature of the canvassing performed, this could be considered "public communication efforts" per question 2.1.

## **Community Driven Food Production, Processing, and Distribution**

Department	Affordable Housing Commission
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with small-scale organizations whose missions are focused on increasing local food access and expanding the regional network of urban agriculture. Eligible entities may include for profit organizations participating in hyper local urban agriculture, but are otherwise limited to non-profit organizations supporting food production, processing, community distribution, and outreach designed to serve individuals, seniors, youth and families disproportionately impacted and in need.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.5 and 5.1 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Technical Assistance Hub**

Department	St. Louis Development Corporation
Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Program Description	These funds will support the establishment of an SLDC technical assistance hub in North St. Louis. The technical assistance hub will provide small and M/WBE businesses with a wide range of services including accounting and financial support, tax filing assistance, legal referrals, HR advice, IT support, web design resources, and help navigating the city's various public benefits.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Small Business and Non Profit Revolving Loan Fund**

Department	St. Louis Development Corporation
Appropriation	\$2,500,000
Program Description	The Technical Assistance Hub will also operate a Revolving Loan Fund to help small businesses and non-profits experiencing financial hardship impacted by COVID-19 and for whom limited one-time assistance will allow the city located small business or non profit to continue to operate.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Workforce Development**

Department	St. Louis Development Corporation
Appropriation	\$100,000
Program Description	Funding to support workforce development that addresses the negative economic impact of the pandemic.
Eligibility	Question 2.8 states that funds may only be used for workforce development purposes that address the negative economic impact of the pandemic.

### **Direct Support Care Workers**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Program Description	Grants to homecare organizations to recruit and retain direct support care workers who assist people with disabilities and older adults.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.14 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Food Assistance**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Funding will be used to contract with organizations whose missions are focused on increasing access to food to individuals and families in need. Eligible entities will increase food distributions to all families and older adults, leveraging current meal distributions, and/or mobile food distributions in high need neighborhoods.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Gateway Go**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	Partner with Bi-State Development to provide free transit passes (MetroBus and MetroLink) to area youth between 13 and 25 years old to make it easy to connect with summer jobs, camps, and recreational activities.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.13 and 2.16 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Digital Literacy Education & Community Outreach**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	Partner with St. Louis Public Library (SLPL) to enhance access to digital devices for households and extend community outreach to narrow the limited access to digital technology. This program will target areas in St. Louis City with higher racial disparities in access to high-quality internet.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 6.6 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Senior Services**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$2,000,000
Program Description	Partner with the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging to provide funding to support older adult residents who have suffered negative public health or economic impacts resulting from COVID-19.
Eligibility	Per Question 2.1, the SLAAA will need to demonstrate that these expenditures are pandemic related. For example, support for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, or other services in nursing homes is permitted.

## **Supporting providers of Early Childhood Education & Childcare**

Department	Community Development Administration
Appropriation	\$2,000,000
Program Description	Partner with St. Louis Mental Health Board (MHB) to support grants to agencies who provide services for early childhood education and childcare.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.13 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Child Support Arrears for Individuals Entering the Workforce**

Department	St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Many city residents are currently excluded from the workforce as a result of prohibitive garnishment laws which can result in the loss of over half of their biweekly paychecks. This program will help SLATE lower this barrier, and empower individuals with child support arrears to seek employment by paying down a portion of their arrears, thereby helping both the child and guardian, as well as the individual in arrears.
Eligibility	May need to structure as an "incentive for newly employed workers", as opposed to outright payment of child support, in order to comply with Question 2.13. This question has been submitted to the Treasury Department for clarification.

### **Expanding Broadband & Public WiFi**

Department	Board of Public Service
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Select locations to expand internet access at public spaces including but not limited to recreation centers and bus stations.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 6.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Intentional Encampments**

Department	Board of Public Service
Appropriation	\$750,000
Program Description	A new project is being designed in consultation with BPS, Building Division, etc., which will provide for the development of safe, sanctioned outdoor camping location(s) for unhoused individuals. Funds will be used for infrastructure development under the guidance of the Board of Public Services, for the purchase of equipment, tent like structures, supplies, etc.. Infrastructure development will include but may not be limited to site preparation, linkages to water, electricity, sanitation, securing a structure to house staff, storage units, supplies, restrooms/showers access, platforms for tent structures, etc..
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.1 and 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Equitable Microtransit Services**

Department	Board of Public Service
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	These funds will help fund a pilot program establishing a fleet of vehicles which provide city residents with last mile connections and equitable access to food, health, and employment. Proposals which integrate into MetroLink and MetroBus operations, and which feature electric vehicles and turn-key operational solutions will be prioritized in the selection process.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.13 and 2.16 of the latest treasury guidance. Transportation assistance is specifically allowed if necessary to transport individuals to and from jobs, per Question 2.13.

### **Data Analytics & Software**

Department	Information Technology Services Agency
Appropriation	\$662,050
Program Description	These funds will support the establishment of an ITSA data analytics team, including a Government Services Administrator, Programmer Analyst III, two Data Research Analysts, and a GIS Specialist. This team will establish a foundation for growing the City's capabilities around harvesting and analyzing the wealth of City data that are continuously growing in scope and size.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 6.6 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **High Speed Wi-Fi in Recreation Centers**

Department	Information Technology Services Agency
Appropriation	\$100,000
Program Description	These funds will support the implementation of an ongoing effort to add high speed wi-fi at select recreation centers
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 6.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Targeted Cash Assistance**

Department	Treasurer's Office
Appropriation	\$5,000,000
Program Description	These funds will support one-time lump sum payments of no more than \$500 to St. Louis City residents negatively impacted by COVID-19. The program will target unemployed individuals, low-income parents, and city residents who may be ineligible for other federal benefits.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.5 and 2.6 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Neighborhood and Capital Planning

Department	Planning and Urban Design Agency
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Neighborhood planning projects to assist select neighborhoods in creating plans to recover from the impact of COVID-19. Funding will be used to hire personnel, purchase supplies, and contract technical support for community engagement, design, etc.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Public Safety

Getting these funds out to the community quickly is also a public safety imperative. Rates of community violence have continued to increase throughout the pandemic with 2021 already outpacing 2020 homicide rates indicating a greater need for investments in evidenced-based community violence intervention programs. This direct relief package addresses the root causes of crime - poverty and trauma - and also tackles violence head on with over \$5M in funding for community violence intervention programs for resources to prioritize data driven public health solutions. These efforts reduce recidivism rates by transferring individuals from a carceral environment which compounds violence and trauma, to an ecosystem of community support designed for restorative justice. Over \$5M in funding for youth jobs and programming to support healthy childhood environments. With more than \$11 million being allocated towards public safety in these direct relief recommendations.

### **Community Violence Intervention Program**

Category	Public Safety
Appropriation	\$5,000,000
Program Description	These funds will support multiple RFPs with third party agencies to operate community programs designed to interrupt cycles of violence. The arrest and incarcerate model has failed, but a clear alternative has yet to emerge, making this an ideal moment to test and explore new solutions. RFPs will prioritize data driven public health solutions such as cure violence, as well as efforts to reduce recidivism rates by transferring individuals from a carceral environment which compounds violence and trauma, to an ecosystem of community support designed for restorative justice, which provides them with the resources - housing, addiction treatment, behavioral health services, etc. - they need to re-integrate into our community.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Youth-Led Programming

Category	Public Safety
Appropriation	\$1,000,000
Program Description	Programming for youth safe spaces, drop in centers, and community projects. This will be a RFP to contract with a third party agency.
Eligibility	We believe this to be an eligible use under the interim final rule's broad authority, but are seeking further guidance from the Treasury. Per Question 2.11, educational services like tutoring or after-school programs, and support for student's social, emotional, and mental health needs are permitted. Depending on the nature of the programming, it may fall within this category.

## Year Round Youth Jobs

Department	St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment
Appropriation	\$2,500,008
Program Description	SLATE will use these funds to support a year round youth jobs program, founded in partnership with the St. Louis Public Schools and private and non-profit partners. These funds will support a year-round in-school program for 300 high school students, between ages of 14-19 years old, to address the impact the pandemic has had on high-risk low-income youth. The program would provide educational remediation services, mental health services and work experiences.
Eligibility	Question 2.16 permits jobs programs for those that suffered the negative economic impacts from the pandemic. The learning loss that children have suffered over the course of the pandemic represents a substantial negative economic impact, and a youth jobs program dedicated to providing remedial education and preparing young people to enter the labor market likely qualifies. We have a question in to the Treasury Department to confirm that this is a reasonable interpretation.

### **Case Management and Wrap Around Services**

Department	St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment
Appropriation	\$252,629.80
Program Description	SLATE will use these funds to amend its contract with EDSI to provide case management and wrap around service support for youth involved in the 2021 summer youth jobs program.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.1 of the latest treasury guidance, as "enhancement of healthcare capacity."

### **Summer Youth Jobs**

Department	St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment
Appropriation	\$247,362.20
Program Description	SLATE will use these funds to support ongoing efforts to connect city youth with jobs in summer 2021. The St. Louis Youth Jobs program currently has a waiting list of hundreds of children, and needs more staff to identify, vet and supervise worksites. These funds will expand the city's capacity to match children to jobs.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 2.8 and 2.16 of the latest treasury guidance, if it is Pandemic Related.

### **Adult Education, Literacy, and Skills Training**

Department	St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment
Appropriation	\$900,000
Program Description	SLATE will use these funds to provide training opportunities for parents and guardians with education, literacy, and skills training.
Eligibility	Question 2.16 permits jobs programs for those that suffered the negative economic impacts from the pandemic. Thus, program participants will need to demonstrate a negative economic impact resulting from the pandemic.

## **Learning Labs**

Department	Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Appropriation	\$464,100
Program Description	Create learning labs at select recreation centers for computer access, printing, additional supplies, and technical support to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities for youth and adult populations. Trainings will be included for STEM programs, GED training, job training, employment application assistance, college or trade school application assistance, educational courses, financial literacy, business development, etc.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## **Nothing But Nets Basketball Leagues**

Department	Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Appropriation	\$650,000
Program Description	Basketball leagues for ages 5 and up at select recreation centers to support and promote healthy childhood environments.
Eligibility	This type of program does not seem to have been contemplated by the FAQ's. Perhaps it could be justified as "support for students' social and mental health needs" or "promoting healthy childhood environments" under Question 2.11. This item has been submitted to the Treasury Department for clarification.

## **Behavioral Health Recreation Programming**

Department	Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Appropriation	\$500,000
Program Description	Funds will be allocated through an RFP process to contract with behavioral health providers to establish a regular presence at select recreation centers. These providers will provide free and confidential services to youth and adults at city recreation centers.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 2.11 of the latest treasury guidance.

## Administrative Costs

### **Auditing Services**

Department	Comptroller's Office
Appropriation	\$150,000
Program Description	These funds will pay for the amendment of the city's auditing contract to include a full audit of the city's ARPA expenditures.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 10.2 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Accounting & Monitoring Staff**

Department	Comptroller's Office
Appropriation	\$150,000
Program Description	These funds will support the hiring of a full time accounting coordinator and administrative assistance to manage ARPA funds. These will be term limited civil service positions
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 10.2 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Financial Services - Compliance & Sub-Recipient Monitoring**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	These funds will be allocated pursuant to an RFP to identify a provider of financial and accounting services that can help support city departments in monitoring sub-recipients and verifying compliance with ARPA's eligible uses.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 10.2 and 10.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Legal Services - Annual & Quarterly Reporting**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	These funds will be allocated pursuant to an RFP to identify a provider of legal services that can help support city departments in compiling the annual and quarterly reports required by ARPA.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 10.2 and 10.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Management Consulting Services - Project Manager & Transparency Portal**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$250,000
Program Description	These funds will be allocated pursuant to an RFP to identify a consultant which can serve as the city's project manager, and provide guidance to support that department heads are faithfully implementing the above programs. This consultant will also work closely with ITSA to create and manage a digital portal to track how ARPA funds are spent.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 10.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Project Management Staff**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$150,000
Program Description	These funds will support the hire of an internal stimulus manager, responsible for managing the financial, legal and management consultants, and liaising with city departments and external partners to ensure that stimulus funds are invested equitable, in line with the community's priorities, and for maximum transformational impact.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under section 10.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Translation Services**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$75,000
Program Description	Funding to contract for translations in written, visual, and audio.
Eligibility	Assuming that this is translation services for City residents that speak another language, the City would have to justify that such residents are disparately impacted by the pandemic, per Question 2.11.

### **Marketing and Communications**

Department	Mayor's Office
Appropriation	\$150,000
Program Description	Funding to develop a communications strategy and marketing materials for public engagement.
Eligibility	Explicitly Allowed under sections 10.2 and 10.5 of the latest treasury guidance.

### **Other Permitted Uses of Funds to be Determined as the Need Arises**

Department	Various
Appropriation	\$1,400,000
Program Description	Funding will be used, if needed, for any additional costs per department line items.
Eligibility	We are seeking further guidance from the Treasury Department regarding the appropriate way to budget a contingency fund.