

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners 2021 Recovery Plan

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Gwinnett County has been awarded \$181,855,587 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) as authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Funding objectives of this program include:

- **Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts** to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic.

Gwinnett County will utilize these dollars to enhance our <u>County values</u> ensuring that we advance our efforts to support equity and inclusivity in our community through innovative and impactful programming.

In compliance with reporting requirements, Gwinnett County has prepared, submitted, and published this Recovery Plan by the August 31, 2021 deadline. However, at the time of initial submission, the County's plan for utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) was still in development and had not yet been authorized by the Board of Commissioners. Within 60 days of the Board's approval, Gwinnett County will update and resubmit its Recovery Plan as authorized by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Uses of Funds

At the time of the August 31, 2021 submission deadline, Gwinnett County was still identifying innovative and impactful programming that would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Planned uses of funds will be defined in our updated submission in the coming months.

Promoting equitable outcomes

At the time of the August 31, 2021 submission deadline, Gwinnett County was still identifying innovative and impactful programming that would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The County's efforts to utilize CSLFRF to promote equity will be defined in our updated submission in the coming months.

Community Engagement

To ensure that Gwinnett County is being strategic and impactful with CSLFRF, we conducted the following efforts to guide our approach to allocating funds.

- A Needs Assessment engaged community stakeholders in defining critical services and ongoing needs of residents due to the public health emergency;
- An Internal Assessment of County needs and COVID-19 expenses, to include an analysis
 of allowable revenue recovery, was conducted to ensure the County is retaining
 necessary funds to ensure effective response to COVID-19 which does not disrupt
 Gwinnett's standard in service provision;
- A Funding Analysis was initiated to measure the impact and effectiveness of federal funds that have already been received to handle the pandemic, define what funding remains through 2021 and beyond, identify what additional resources will be allocated to Gwinnett through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and determine what additional State and Federal resources will be deployed to address the various needs defined;
- An Infrastructure Analysis review of planned County projects examined eligibility for ARPA funding and assessed their impact in meeting community needs; and
- An Analysis of Underserved Areas/Service Gaps was conducted to help us focus our ARPA funds on inequities and underserved areas.

The Grants Management Division within the Department of Financial Services has been engaged with department directors, community partners, neighboring local governments serving the region, and other county stakeholders to stay informed of community-wide needs and to work collaboratively to define funding solutions for our leadership's consideration.

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Labor Practices

At the time of the August 31, 2021 submission deadline, Gwinnett County was still identifying innovative and impactful programming that would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The County's workforce practices for CSLFRF infrastructure projects will be defined in our updated submission in the coming months, if applicable.

Use of Evidence

At the time of the August 31, 2021 submission deadline, Gwinnett County was still identifying innovative and impactful programming that would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The County's use of evidence-based interventions will be defined in our updated submission in the coming months, if applicable.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

At the time of the August 31, 2021 submission deadline, Gwinnett County was still identifying innovative and impactful programming that would help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Planned uses of funds will be defined by expense category in our updated submission in the coming months.

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID- 19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job- training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Project Inventory

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Projects

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