

LARIMER COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE

MAY 18TH, 2022



Agenda

1. State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Update
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State Fiscal Recovery Funds Update

Project Name	Lead Agency	Total Cost	Unfunded Amount	State ARPA Category
24/7 Homeless Shelter	Denver Rescue Mission	\$10-20 million	Unknown	Homelessness
Behavioral Health Services Campus -- Phase 2	Larimer County	\$40-50 million	Unknown	Behavioral Health
Heartside Hill (Community Center)	CARE Housing, Teaching Tree, Habitat for Humanity, ECC, et al	\$41 million	\$8.5 million	Affordable Housing
K-12 Workforce Development Centers	School Districts, County EWD	Unknown	Unknown	Workforce Development
Micro Housing to Reduce Homelessness	City of Loveland	\$5.7 million	\$3.8 million	Affordable Housing
Innovation Hub at Northern Colorado Airport	Airport, County ED, Chambers, school districts, colleges	\$78 million	\$38 million	Workforce Development
Youth Shelter	School Districts, County HEH, Fort Collins, Loveland	\$25 million	\$22-25 million	Homelessness

Workforce Innovation Grant

May 18, 2022



The Workforce Innovation Grant History and Process

Workforce Innovation Grant - Background

On June 23, 2021, Colorado House Bill 21-1264 was signed into law by Governor Jared Polis. The bill appropriated federal funds from the American Rescue Plan to support talent development. This includes funding to invest in programs and grants that support training for the unemployed and underemployed during times of substantial unemployment.

Workforce Innovation Grant - Overview

The Goal of the Workforce Innovation Grant is to help solve pressing workforce challenges by financially supporting innovative pandemic-recovery plans that will;

- Help build in-demand skills; or
- Connect workers and learners to quality jobs; or
- Drive employer engagement in employee development

Workforce Innovation Grant - Priorities

LCEWD identified funding priorities that were reflected in applicant documentation and in the scoring rubric.

Proposals that are **innovative, promote or enhance diversity, equity and inclusion, have a clear mechanism for measuring success and address a pressing workforce challenge that results from the pandemic were prioritized.**

- **Impact:** Proposals that improve outcomes for workers and students and/or increase employer engagement in workforce development.
- **Inclusive:** Proposals that support upward mobility, wealth generation, economic inclusion and/or educational outcomes for underserved populations or communities.

Workforce Innovation Grant - Priorities Continued

- **Data Informed:** Proposals that impact the unmet need(s) or emerging problem(s) and are supported by data, specifically the 2020 Colorado Talent Pipeline Report, and include a mechanism for measuring success
- **Organizational Inclusion:** Organizations that aim to help underserved communities are often under resourced, without the organizational and financial capacity of larger, more established organizations.

How We Incorporated Equity and Inclusion into the Process

Inclusion and equity is baked into our services with LCEWD and this Workforce Innovation Grant is not exception.

Inclusion and Equity in the Workforce Innovation Grant

- The application and process has been reviewed by Larimer Recovery Collaborative Community Support and Equity Advisory Board and suggestions incorporated into the process.
- WIG introduction video, available in English and Spanish, for an overview of the grant and application process.
- Hosted community information sessions to provide an opportunity for potential grantees to ask questions. Spanish translation was provided.
- Reduced industry jargon and streamlined application process.
- Our scoring committee has diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

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- Preview of full application and all required documents on our Applicant Resource Page.
- Removed character/page limits for this application, and applicants were encouraged to be concise.
- Ability to save the application and continue it later.
- Application is available in English and Spanish.
- Application is written with diversity in mind.
- Users can use assistive technologies, such as screen readers, to complete the form.
- Asked for inclusion ideas and feedback.

The Workforce Innovation Grant Proposals

The 2022 Grant Proposals

- 26 proposals vetted for organization eligibility
 - 9 Community-Based Organization
 - 17 Public and Private Sector Business
- Total requested **\$3,182,985**
- Total available **\$1,169,299**
- **LCEWD was a state-wide leader in the number and diversity applicants for this grant.**

The WIG Review Timeline

- **Later 2021** - LCEWD develops WIG process and priorities and meets with the Equity Advisory Committee.
- **December - January 2022** - Applications open - Two meetings held with potential applicants to answer questions and review process. Provided applicants the opportunity to submit proposal concepts for feedback prior to completing full application.
- **February 2022** - WIG Review Committee completes scoring
- **March 9, 2022** - WIG funding recommendations reviewed and voted on by the Workforce Development Board.
- **March 2022** - Programmatic and financial review
- **April 2022** - Contracts finalized
- **May 2022** - Review by the Board of County Commissioners
- **May 2022** - grants begin!
- **December 2024** - funding ends

The Workforce Innovation Grant Review Committee Members

The WIG Review Committee consists of a diverse group of subject matter experts.

- Adam Crowe
- Marcy Kasner
- SeonAh Kendall
- Tiffany Link
- Sara Maranowicz
- Steve Moos
- Ricardo Perez
- Evan Wendlandt

The LCEWD Workforce Innovation Grant Team & Roles

Jacob Castillo - LCEWD Director

Mark Johnston - Project Director

Management of the WIG and liaison to Colorado Workforce Development Council & Department of Labor

Wendy Horst - Business Manager

Manages contracts and all things financial. Partners with program manager and team to review grant progress.

Tanya Perry - Program Reporting

Participant and outcome tracking and quality assurance

Glenda Delenstarr - Program Reporting

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Cheryl DeGrave - Marketing and Communication

Sharing the the awesome work being done with the Workforce Innovation Grant

Workforce Innovation Grant Recommended Proposals



WIG Recommended Organization	Requested Funds	People Served
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County	\$149,915	22
<p>Help youth, ages 16-18 whose families were negatively impacted by the pandemic, to learn the skills they need to start their careers</p>		
ISAAC of Northern Colorado	\$150,000	400
<p>We propose a scholarship and support pilot program that focuses its support on an intergenerational, Latinx, immigrant workforce and allows us to tackle gaps and barriers over the critical COVID19 recovery period of the next two years.</p>		
University of CO Health - UCHealth Career Launch Project	\$138, 222	60
<p>The UCHealth Career Launch Project is a new initiative to meet a critical shortage in hospital employees by streamlining the employment path for entry level employees who have not yet earned healthcare credentials. The project provides an opportunity for entry level job seekers to fill an innovative new role called Patient Care Assistant.</p>		
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WIG Recommended Organization	Requested Funds	People Served
Cultural Enrichment Center	\$42,840	5
<p>We will connect 5 students of color with programs offered at the Digital Workshop Center. We will support and facilitate 3 students attending the Frontend Web Development Program and 2 students in the Graphic Design Certificate Program.</p>		
Project Self Sufficiency	\$150,000	170
<p>Programs empower low-income single parents to achieve financial independence by facilitating completion of post-secondary education and building a career pathway to living wage employment.</p>		
Smart Book Business Solutions	\$150,000	40
<p>Create a training program to increase the aptitude and skill levels of those wanting a career in bookkeeping or payroll as well as those wanting to enhance the skills they are already using with their current employer.</p>		

Organization	Requested Funds	People Served
<p>Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>Thousands (exact number is TBD)</p>
<p>We are collaborating on the NoCo Xello Strategic Initiative to increase Work-Based Learning (WBL) for in-school youth by expanding and increasing the business partnerships and WBL opportunities for youth across our region.</p>		
<p>Partnership for Age Friendly Communities</p>	<p>\$146,136</p>	<p>260</p>
<p>Participants will complete a series of job search/job coaching, and overall supportive activities that will help the older worker 55+ position themselves to compete in today's workplace.</p>		
<p>City of Fort Collins Internships</p>	<p>\$149,559</p>	<p>84</p>
<p>Funding to expand paid internship opportunities across multiple City of Fort Collins departments: The Gardens on Spring Creek, Neighborhood Services, and Volunteer Services.</p>		
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p>\$1,226,672</p>
		<p>1,041</p>

The Workforce Innovation Grant

- Reviewed and rated by subject matter experts in a rigorous process.
- Reviewed and approved by the Workforce Development Board
- 7 of 9 contracts approved by BOCC on 5/10/2022.

Note: The total funding requests for these nine proposals exceed the allocation by \$57,373. EWD has the ability to cover the additional \$57,373 with related funding streams.

Workforce Innovation Grant Other Top Scoring Proposals

WIG Recommended Organization	Amount Funded	People Served
HP Kitchen Concepts, LLC	\$150,000	30
<p>Funding for Thompson School District to expand its ProStart and catering programs. The programs attract students who upon graduation receive certifications and valuable experience. The overarching mission of the Restaurant Ready program is putting underserved people on a path to employment and independence.</p>		
Colorado State University	\$147,533	32
<p>Create specialized ‘employment re-entry pathways’ at CSU designed to enhance employment for neurodiverse job seekers. Programming will concentrate on STEM and Agriculture fields.</p>		



WIG Recommended Organization	Amount Funded	People Served
Unified Workforce	\$75,000	35
Provide BIPOC, low-education, the poor, the homeless, people with disabilities, LGBT+, older workers, and others, are economically challenged job seekers individualized services to enhance job readiness.		
Careers in Construction Colorado	\$150,000	54
Careers in Construction Colorado (CICC) partners with entities that provide educational courses focused on the construction industry to promote the benefits of career opportunities to students, parents, influencers, and educators as well as develop effective job placement platforms to place students in the construction industry.		
TOTAL		\$522,533
		151

The Workforce Innovation Grant

- These four proposals represent high scoring applications, collectively serving neurodiverse individuals (those with intellectual and developmental disabilities), BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) individuals, and youth in key sectors of our economy that align with the regional economic development targeted industries, e.g. STEM, Agriculture, Food Service and Construction.
- The proposals total \$522,533 and would serve 151 individuals by the end of 2024.
- All of the proposals are eligible for SLFRF/ARPA funding
- There is not admin support funding for LCEWD to oversee these additional proposals. The department would typically request 10% of total costs for the administration and data capture, reporting and other compliance related tasks . \$52,253 is 10% of the Tier @ projects

The Workforce Innovation Grant Request

We are requesting BOCC consider funding the Tier 2 proposals using SLFRF/ARPA funds (\$522,533)

Additional administrative support funding to oversee these projects and help them get to successful completion would also be helpful (\$52,253)

Total request for consideration: \$574,786

Next Steps

Workforce Innovation Grant Next Steps

- Contract Finalization
- LCEWD will use a variety strategies to publicize the awards.
 - Partner with the BOCC to issue a news release - anticipated release date of May 2022
 - WIG webpage on LCEWD
 - Twitter and Facebook posts
 - Regular BOCC Updates

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

New Project Requests

- **Clerk & Recorder:**
 - \$200K for mitigation items for election judges & staff in June (primary) and November (general) elections
 - Best source of funds is recycled funds due to purchasing guidelines and timeframes
- **City of Fort Collins:**
 - Seeking \$875K for pedestrian and sidewalk improvements in Growth Management Area in northeast Fort Collins
 - Will seek \$875K from City allocation for improvements in city limits. Idea of success by September.
- **Homeless Shelter Renovation**
 - \$375K for renovations...

2022 1st Quarter Project & Expenditure Report

- Submitted April 29th
- \$2.9 million in expenses reported for 1st Quarter
 - \$1.2 million for Community Justice Alternatives payroll
 - \$889K recyclable, \$272K reimbursed to Community Corrections
 - \$1 million for Immediate Needs Grants
 - \$284K for public safety retention pay
 - \$317K for Offices of Coroner & Sheriff payroll
- \$9.6 million cumulative expenses for 2021 & 2022 1st Quarter (\$4.5 million recyclable payroll)

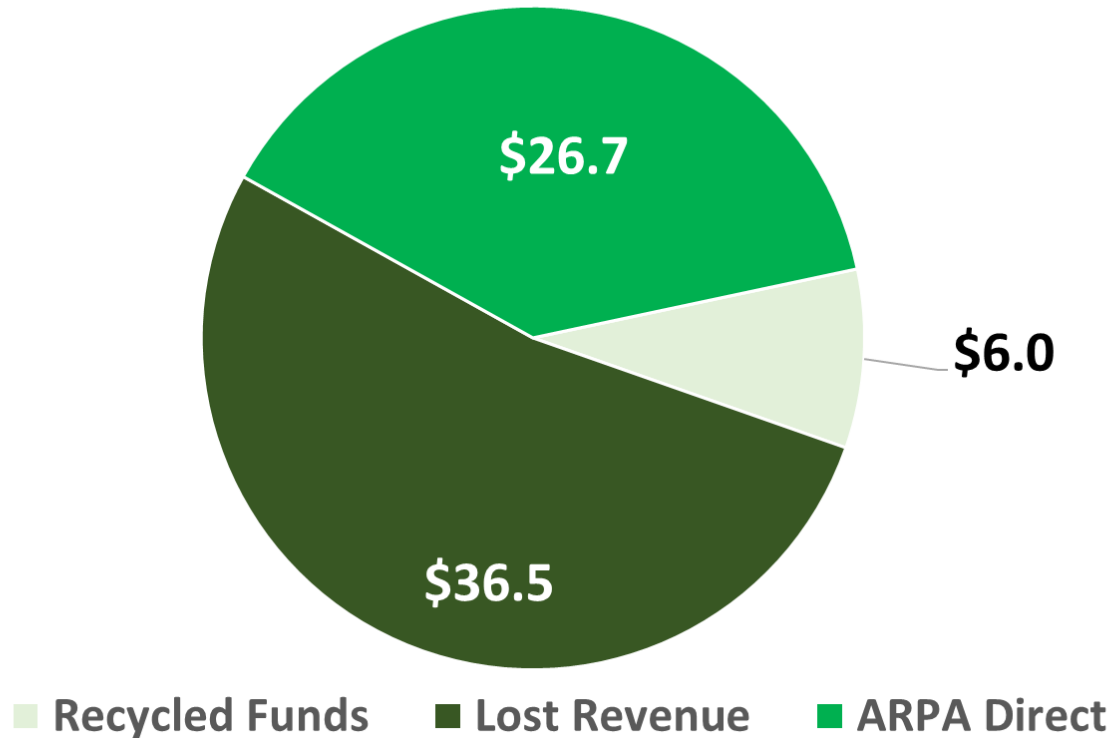
Immediate Needs Grants Update

- Immediate Needs Grant Progress:
 - 53 grants awarded
 - \$3,046,204 in funding awarded
 - 51 of 53 grant agreements completed*
 - 3 of 3 up-front funding issued*
 - \$1,483,000 in funding disbursed*
 - 21 projects fully reimbursed*

* = *As of May 16, 2022*

SLFRF Financial Update

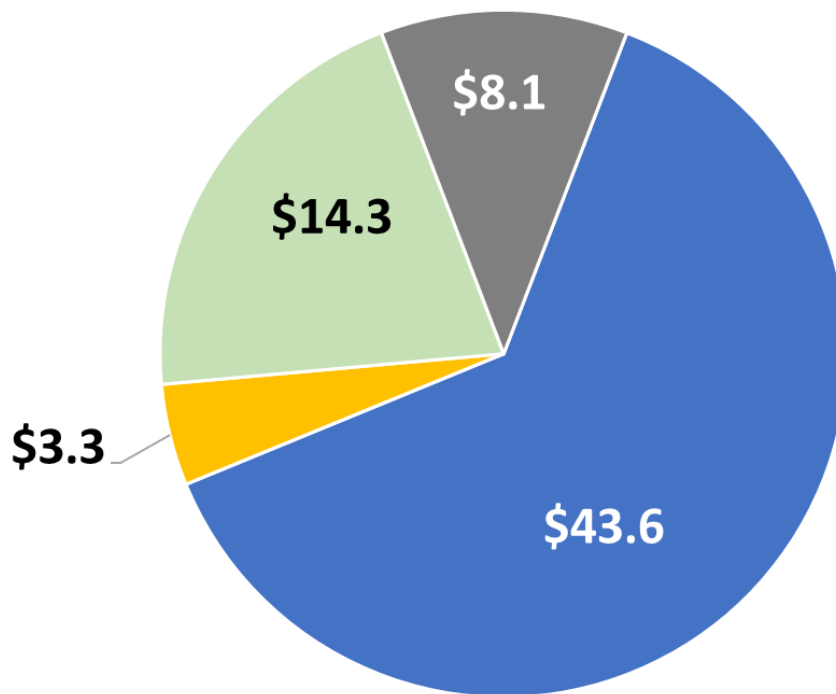
Fiscal Recovery Fund - Sources
(in millions of \$ - \$69.3 million total)



Listed in order of flexibility →

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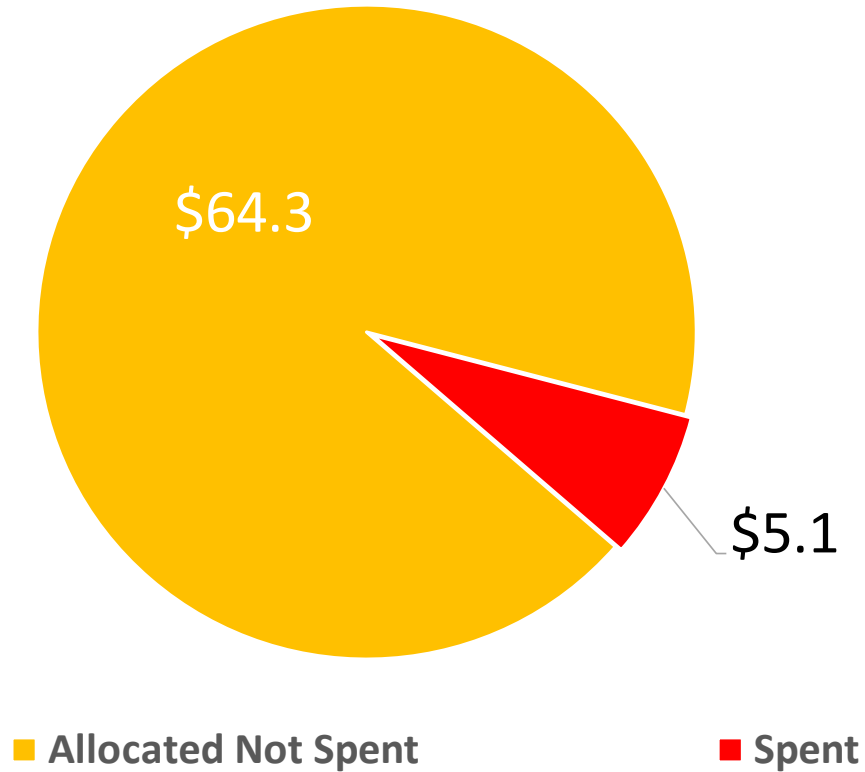
Funds Allocated or Spent Year-to-Date by Category
(in millions of \$ - \$17.5 million total)



■ Health Impacts ■ Economic Impacts ■ Infrastructure ■ Internal Uses

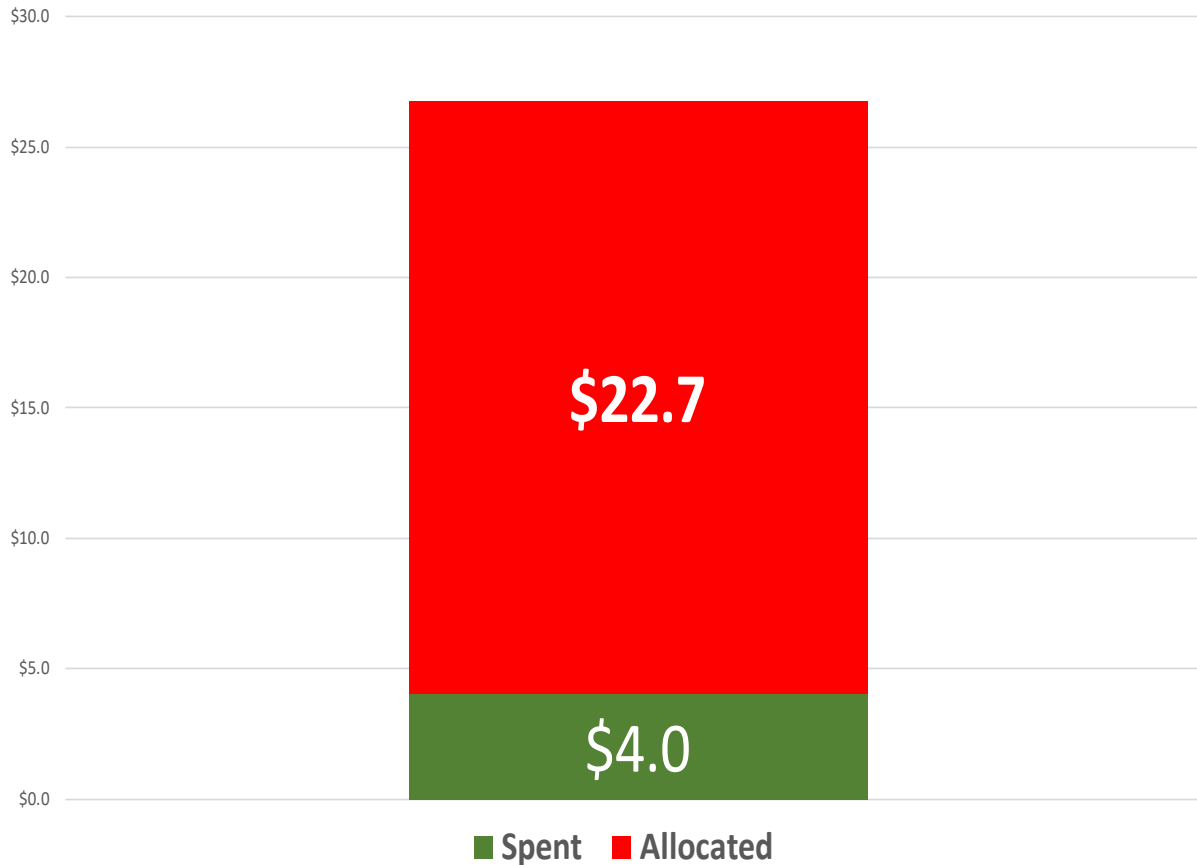
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Fiscal Recovery Fund - Uses & Available
(in millions of \$ - \$69.3 million total)



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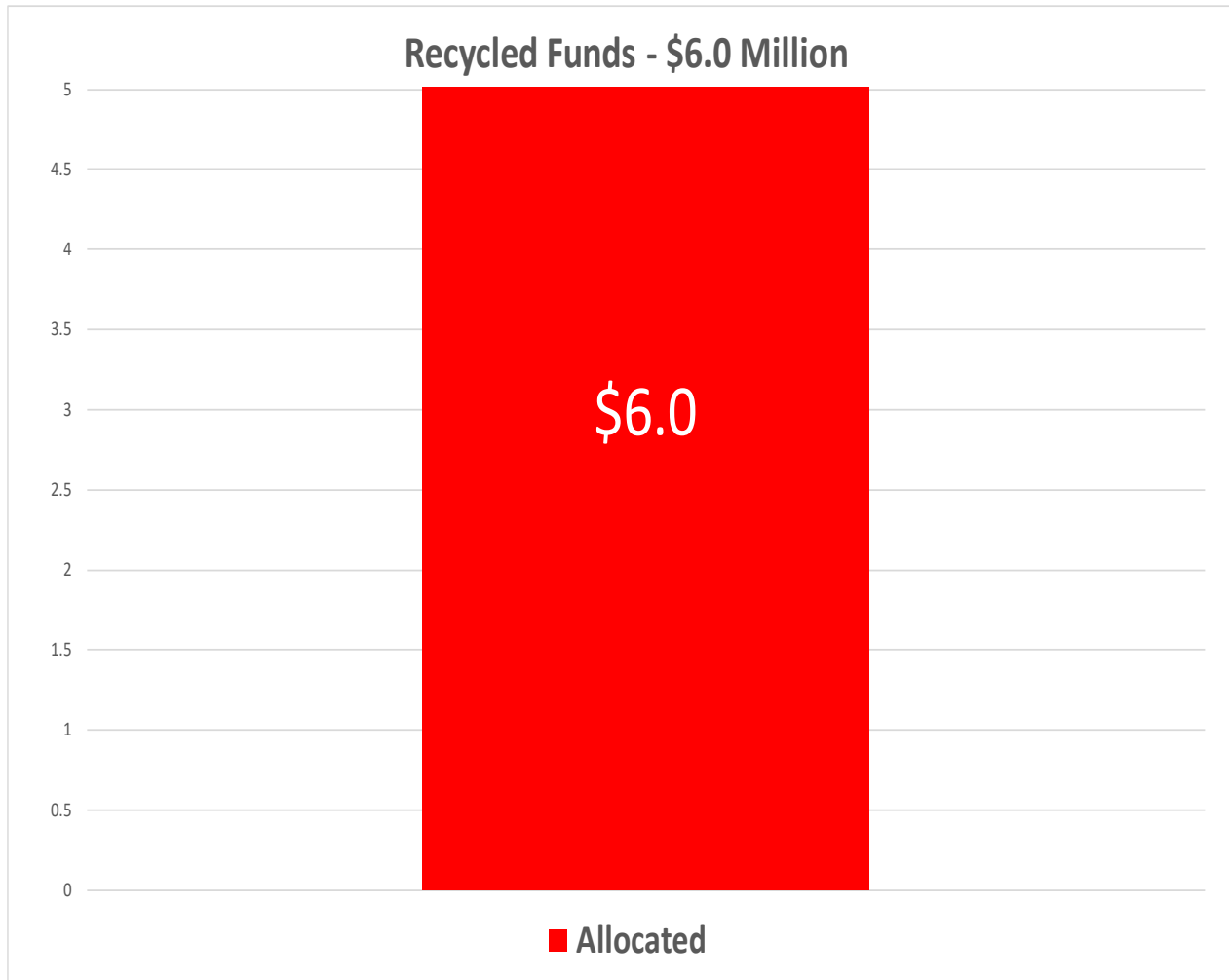
FRF Direct Allocation - \$26.7 Million



Key Allocated Items:

- Immediate Needs Grants - \$3.0 million
- Public Safety Incremental Pay - \$2.3 million
- Natural Resources Water Projects - \$1.37 million
- Broadband Partnerships - \$1.8 million
- \$10 million for Behavioral Health Phase 2
- \$4.8 million for Community Projects

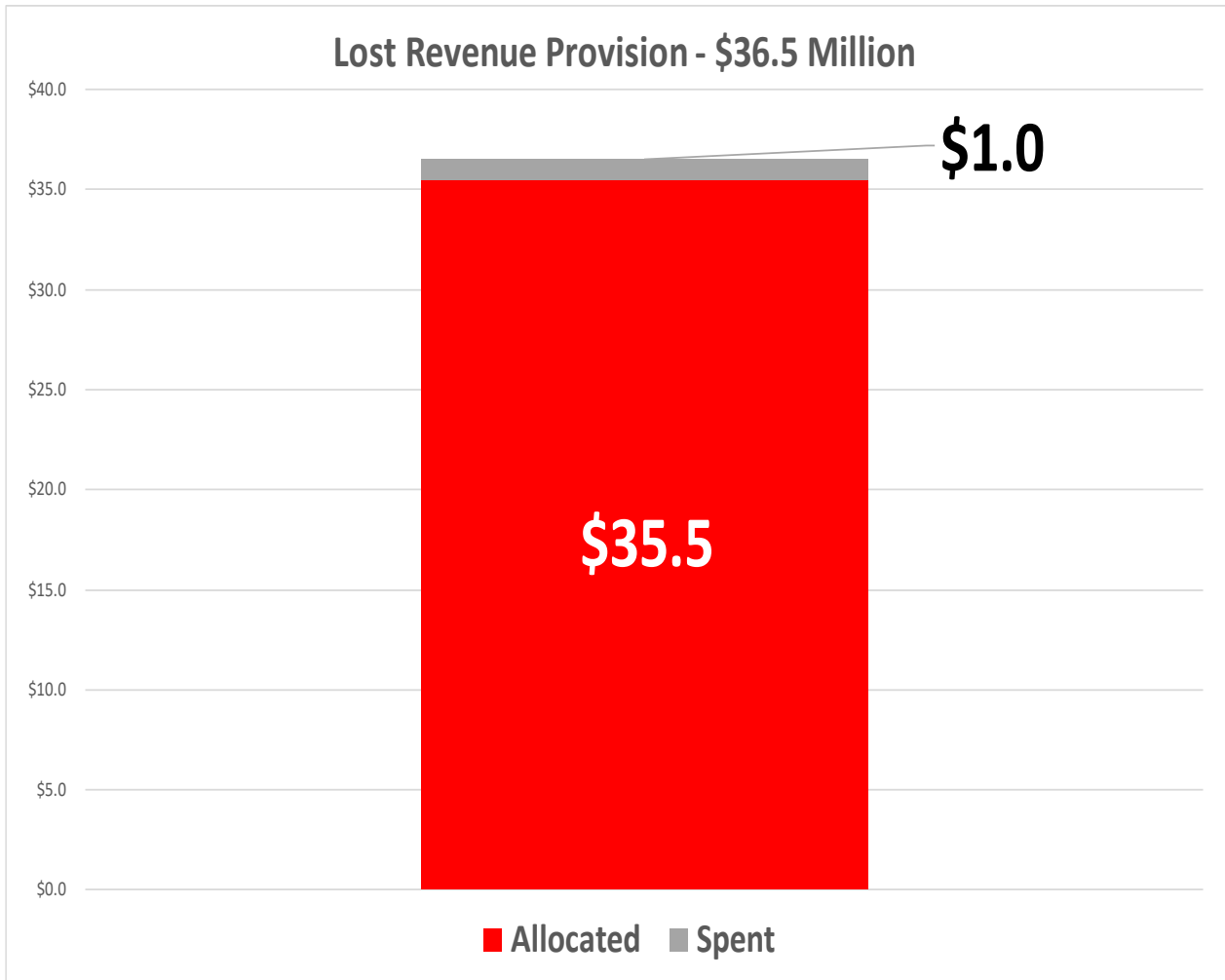
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Allocated Item:

- Parklane Mobile Home Park - \$1 million
- Community Projects - \$5 million

SLFRF Financial Update



Allocated Items:

- CJA Facilities Projects - \$2.7 million
- CJA Operational Revenue Shortfall - \$1 million
- Carter Lake Swim Beach - \$610K
- Community Projects - \$22.1 million
- Additional Broadband Projects - \$10 million

Broadband Funding Update

- Capital Projects Fund (2022): Middle Mile
 - Colorado will receive \$162M in grant funds
 - County will propose middle mile projects, July 2022
- NTIA – Broadband Infrastructure (2022): NOFO
 - \$288M available in grants, Applications Due August 2022
 - Priority – Rural, Wireline, Non-Profit, 10% Match
- Infrastructure & Jobs Act (2023): Last Mile
 - Colorado estimated to receive \$500M-\$700M
 - Allows SLFRF to be used for matching funds, 2023

Broadband Funding Update

- BOCC Committed \$10.2M for Broadband Projects
 - Project Ranking Criteria and Weighting

Criteria	Weight
Cost per Premise, # Served	3
Underserved Areas, Lack of Service	5
Low Income Neighborhood	2
Total Weight Sum	10
Matching Funds Multiplier	1.1

Broadband Funding Update

- Project Ranking Example

Area No.	Area Description	Service Provider	Total Estimated Cost	Total Premises Passed	Cost per Premise
16	Pinewood Springs	Trailblazer	\$ 3,950,011	557	\$ 7,092
9	Devil's Backbone area (can be subdivided)	Pulse	\$ 1,603,806	351	\$ 4,569
3A	Ptarmigan	Pulse	\$ 1,549,479	354	\$ 4,377
2B	I-25 Frontage (Mountain Shadows)	Pulse	\$ 691,443	306	\$ 2,260
13B	Northwest Harmony/Taft (Springfield)	Connexion	\$ 2,117,678	837	\$ 2,530
		Totals	\$ 9,912,416	2,405	

Next Steps

- Next quarterly Project & Expenditure Report due to U.S. Treasury Department on July 30th
- Monitor Federal legislation
- Second tranche of ARPA FRF to be received any day
- Next monthly work session June 22nd, 2022

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- Thank you!