

LARIMER COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE



# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE

November 3, 2021



# AGENDA

1. Natural Resources proposals
2. Senate Bill 3011 (Flexibility Act)
3. CVRF Reserve Application
4. Immediate Needs grant application update
5. Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) Expenses YTD
6. Next Steps
7. Questions and Discussion

# NATURAL RESOURCES REQUESTS

Natural Resources seeks FRF funding for *critical water infrastructure projects* due to unsustainable visitation pressures caused by the pandemic.

- Horsetooth Inlet Bay Marina Vault Toilet Upgrade (~\$150,000)
- Carter Lake New Dump Station & Wastewater Treatment System (~\$660,000)
- Carter Lake Day Use Area Swim Beach (~\$610,000)
- Hermit Park On-site Wastewater Treatment System (~\$400,000)
- Hermit Park Pavilion Well System Upgrade (~\$160,000)

## NATURAL RESOURCES REQUESTS

- Total for all requests: ~\$1.98 Million
- They would be eligible under infrastructure (water and wastewater)
- Reached out to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to see if any of the projects may be eligible for State Revolving Fund (SRF), which has also received extra funding via ARPA for projects. Currently waiting for a response.

## SENATE BILL 3011 – FLEXIBILITY ACT

- On October 19, the U.S. Senate passed the bipartisan bill (State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act – (Flexibility Act) and companion legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote.
- If enacted, the bill would allow up to \$10 Million of ARPA funds for government services, + 30% for transportation and infrastructure and unlimited for natural disasters

## SENATE BILL 3011 – FLEXIBILITY ACT

- The funds cannot be used for debt service, rainy day funds, or reserves.
- For Larimer County this equates to \$10M for government services (lots of flexibility here) and \$20.8M for transportation and infrastructure projects (out of total APRA allocation of \$69M).
- Consider contacting Rep. Neguse

# CVRF RESERVE GRANT APPLICATION

- On October 25, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), opened a 4<sup>th</sup> round of Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF) funding that is available via a grant application.
- Rolling amount.
- Max amount is \$250,000 - but previous award must be spent first before requesting additional.

# CVRF RESERVE GRANT APPLICATION

- Application expected to close in mid-December; first come, first served for awards.
- County could apply for Public Health payroll costs associated with COVID from January and February 2021 that were not covered by CVRF or ARPA funds.
- Letter of Support considered at November 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Matters



# IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT APPLICATION

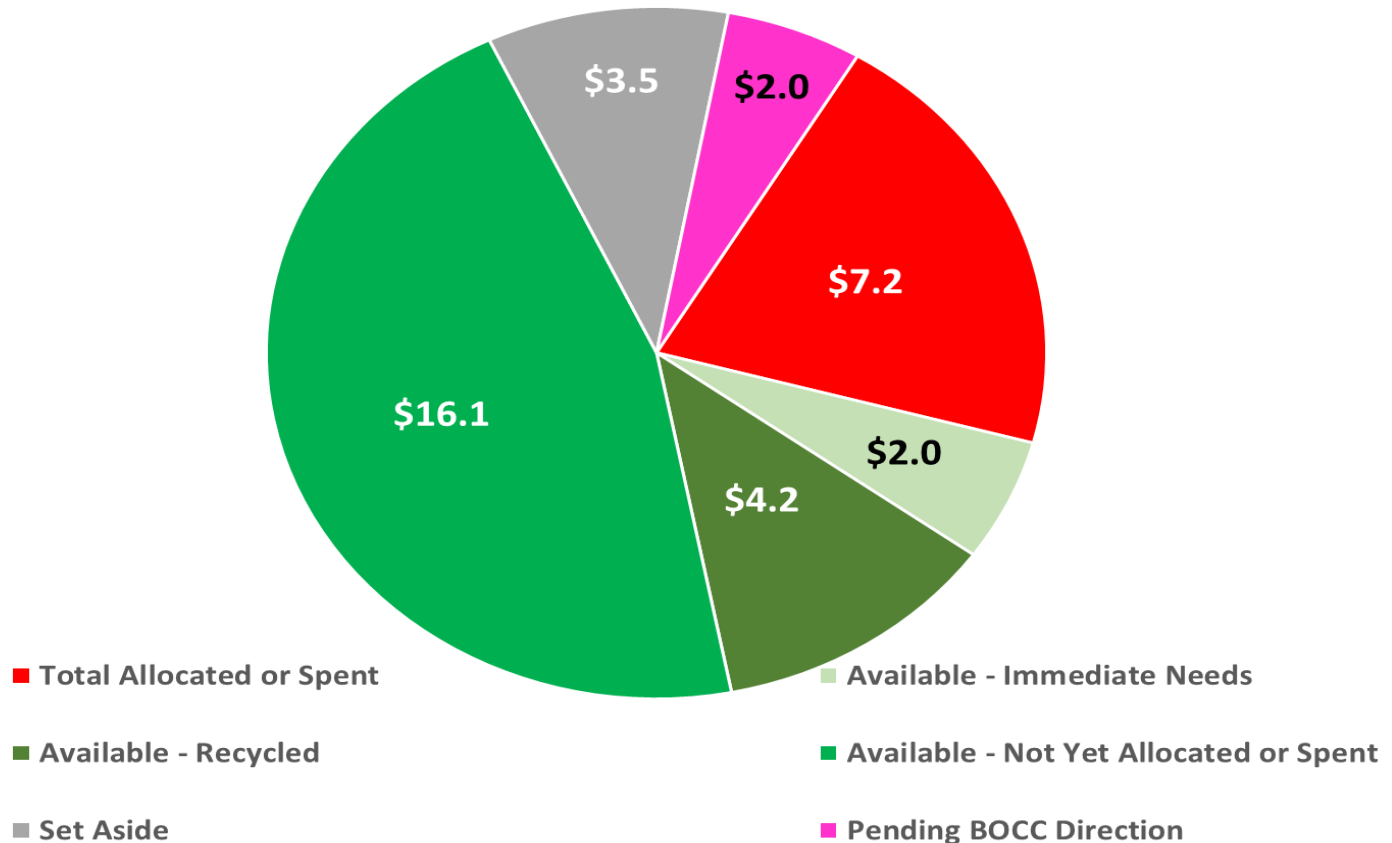
- Application opened October 20, closes November 12.
- Simple Google Form application available at:  
<https://www.larimer.org/budget/frf>
- Businesses, nonprofit and community organizations, and special districts are eligible to apply. Additionally, asking for new County department requests via this application.
- Have received 19 applications thus far, mostly small businesses.

# IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT APPLICATION

- \$100,000 max ask (with each of the three buckets having \$500K available)
- Plan is to award funds in early 2022.
- Still working on a full informational page with process and qualifications for the grant awards.
- This will be published on the website as well as communicated and sent to all current applicants.

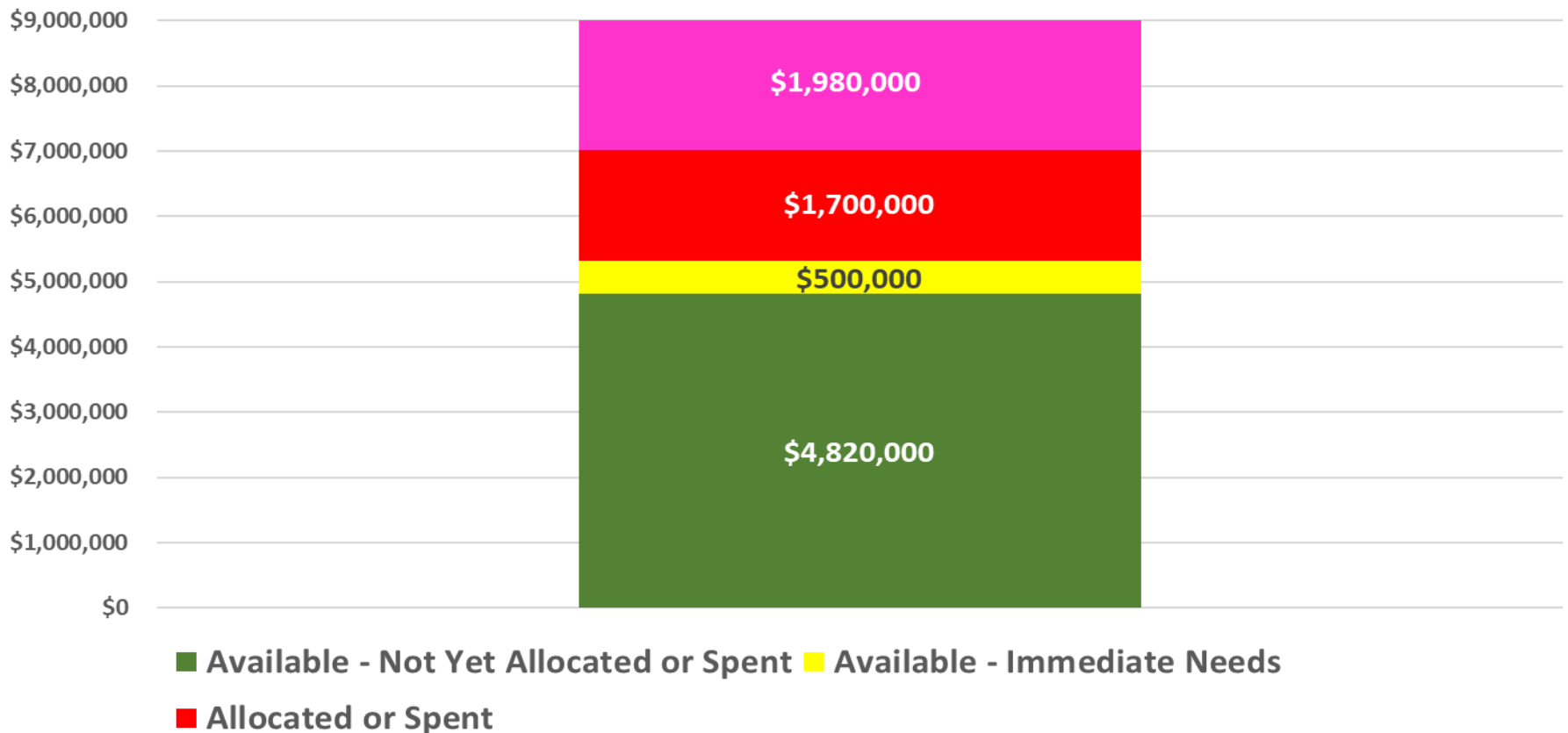
# FRF EXPENSES YTD

Larimer County First Half FRF Allocation Status - \$35 Million



# FRF EXPENSES YTD

**Bucket C - Infrastructure (External)**



## ARPA EXPENSES YTD

- No changes to categories other than Infrastructure (Natural Resources).

## NEXT STEPS

- First Project and Expenditure Report now due January 31, 2022.
- Still waiting on a template or more information related to this.
- Additionally, still waiting on Final Rule. Expecting this in the next month or two. Treasury department working through all the comment and questions they received. (Interim Final Rule is current guidance).

## NEXT STEPS

- Community Outreach continues through November 7.
- Findings and information gathered from the community outreach process over the last few months will be presented at the next work session.
- Next ARPA work session is December 15.

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION?

- Thank you!