
What: Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 6th, 2021

Time: XXXX

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Overview: I will join the Pima County Board of Supervisors to review Local funding provisions in the American Rescue Plan (ARP). **I will update the Board on the ARP Estimate for Pima County** to speed up recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic **As well as Community Project Funding, and an update on the Federal response to the migrant situation at the border.**

Legislative Notes:

The American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$1.9 trillion in funding to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARP consists of several relief efforts that will provide a much-needed boost to families, state and local governments and the economy.

State and Local Governments

The bill includes \$350 billion for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Within this funding, \$195.3 billion is provided to states (with each state receiving \$500 million and \$169 billion distributed to states based on their share of unemployed workers) and \$130.2 billion is provided to cities in counties (half allocated through a modified CBDG formula and half allocated through a population).

Below are funding streams that will most directly benefit local governments. **Funds are available until expended and subject to eligible uses including to replace revenue lost, delayed, or decreased as a result of the pandemic. For entitlement cities and the county (like Tucson - I believe), funds are sent directly from the Treasury within 60 days of receiving certification of needs. For the non-entitlement cities, funds are distributed from Treasury to the state within 30 days and then the state distributes to the cities.**

Local Allocations:

County/City	Estimated Relief Amount
County of Pima Board	

The legislation also includes \$130 billion in funding to help safely reopen schools. The following funding amounts are estimated to be made available for districts in the 2nd Congressional District:

Small Business

The bill includes \$7.25 billion for PPP, \$15 billion for EIDL loans, \$25 billion for a new Restaurant Revitalization Fund for restaurants and bars, \$1.25 for the SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grand program for live venues, and \$460 million for the disaster loan program. The bill also creates a Community Navigator program to help connect small business owners, particularly minorities, women and veterans, access loans.

Below is more detailed information about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund:

- Provides \$25 billion for a new program at the SBA offering assistance to restaurants and other food and drinking establishments. \$5 billion of this amount is set aside for businesses with less than \$500,000 in 2019 annual revenue.
- Grants are available for up to \$10 million per entity, with a limitation of \$5 million per physical location. Entities are limited to 20 locations.
- Grants are calculated by subtracting 2020 revenue from 2019 revenue. During the first 21 days, applications from restaurants owned and operated controlled by women, veterans, or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will receive priority.
- Grants may be used for a wide variety of expenses, including payroll, mortgage, rent, utilities, supplies, food and beverage expenses, paid sick leave, and operational expenses.

Vaccine and Testing

Overall, the bill includes \$20 billion for federal, state and local vaccine administration and distribution efforts. Within this bucket, the bill includes \$7.5 billion for CDC to distribute and administer vaccines, of which funding can be distributed to state and local public health departments for projects. The bill includes \$46 billion for testing, contract tracing and mitigation, of which funding can be utilized to support state and local contact tracing efforts. To bolster local governments' ability to respond, the bill includes \$7.6 billion for public health departments to hire approximately 100,000 full time employees to assist with COVID-19 efforts, including contact tracers, community health workers, public health nurses and lab personnel.

FEMA Reimbursement

The bill includes \$50 billion for FEMA's disaster relief fund to reimburse state and local governments for their efforts to address the pandemic, including vaccination and disinfection activities, funeral assistance, and National Guard deployment.

Unemployment and Cash Relief

For cash relief, the bill provides for an additional \$1,400 per person in cash relief. Phase out for this funding occurs between \$75,000 and \$100,00 for individuals, \$112,500 and \$150,000 for head of household filers and \$150,000 and \$200,000 for joint filers. For EITC, the bill increases eligibility for childless ETIC and nearly the maximum credit amount for eligible individuals. The bill increases the Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 and \$3,600 for children ages six and younger, and makes it fully refundable for 2021. The bill also extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

through August 29, 2021 and extends federal supplemental unemployment benefit from \$300 to \$400 after March 14th. It expands paid sick and family leave through September 30, 2021.

Accountability Note:

These are federal dollars coming your way to help with COVID related relief. We emphasize the importance of transparency with these dollars etc.

Appropriations Update/ Community Project Funding

Federal Response to the Migrant Situation at the Border

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