

10 County Budget Conference

Emergency Rental Assistance & American Rescue Plan Act Funding

September 17, 2021



Agenda

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Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

Emergency Rental Assistance Funding

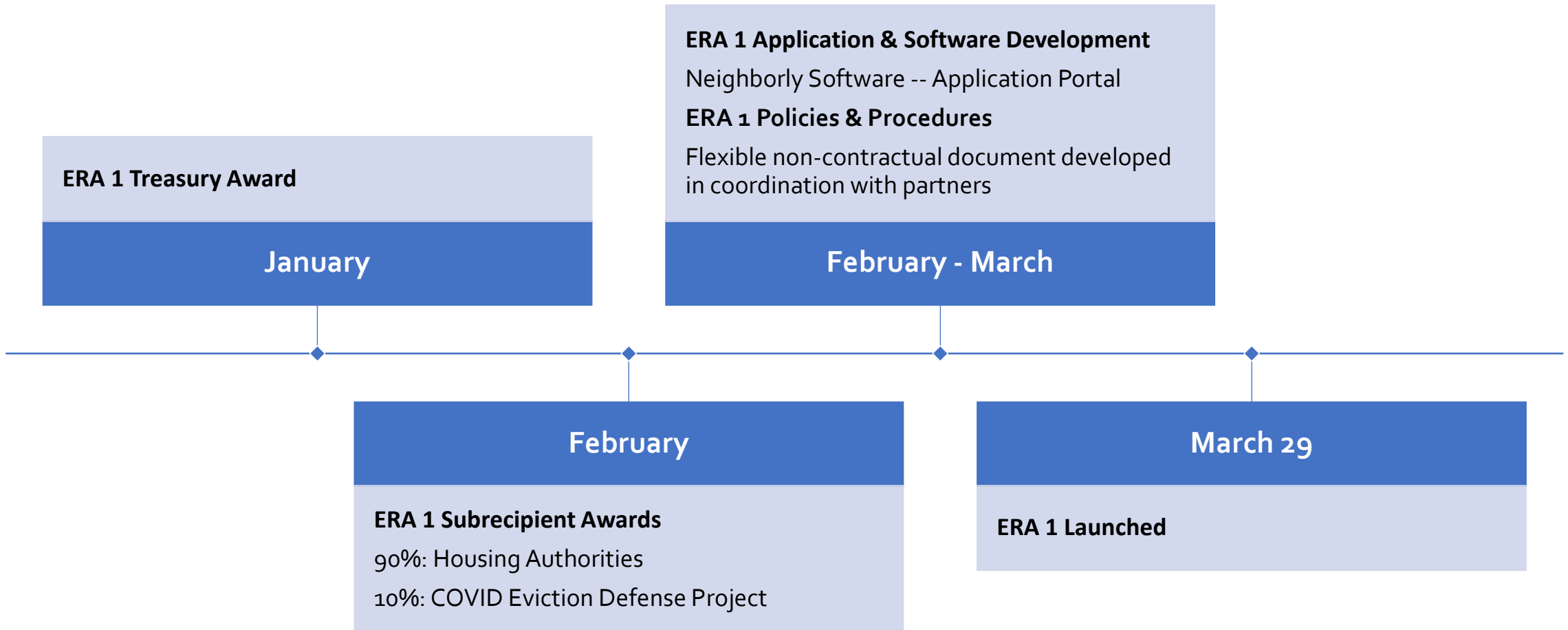
ERA 1: \$25 billion

- ✓ Colorado: \$385.1 million
- ✓ Adams County: \$14.1 million

ERA 2: \$21.5 billion

- ✓ Colorado: \$304.7 million
- ✓ Adams County: \$11.2 million

ERA 1 Program Structure & Development



Subrecipient Awards

- 90% awarded to three housing authorities
 - Proportionate allocations and focus to areas served
 - 10% administration
- 10% awarded to COVID Eviction Defense Project
 - Focus on applicants at highest risk of eviction
 - 10% administration includes legal services for evictions
- Procurement not required

Neighborly Software Application Portal

- Cost: 0.9% of total ERA 1 allocation
- Sole sourced based on unique product
- Pros
 - Centralized application portal/consistent for Adams County residents
 - Workflow for reviewing applications
 - Cloud-based document storage
 - Semi-customizable; “pre-built” for ERA regulations
 - Treasury reports at a touch of a button
- Cons
 - Significant time dedication upfront
 - Not always user friendly
 - Difficult to edit the application and workflow

Policies & Procedures

- Serves as Adams County's program guidelines
- Developed in coordination with the partners
- Utilized as a flexible non-contractual document

Policies

- Serves Adams County residents (excluding Aurora)
- Applicant must be:
 - 80% AMI;
 - financially impacted by COVID-19;
 - have experienced or at risk of housing instability; and
 - obligated to pay rent.
- Rent in arrears and 3 months prospective rent
- Utilities in arrears only
- Limited other expenses

Policies

- Applicants are scored and prioritized for highest need:
 - Eviction court summons for non-payment of rent (25 pts)
 - Eviction notice for non-payment of rent (20 pts)
 - 50% AMI or less (10 pts)
 - Unemployed for 90 days or more (5 pts)
- Neighborly sorts the applications based on the highest score

ERA 1 Status

Program Snapshot

Paid Households	772
Average Funding per Household	\$8,849
Average Months of Rent	6.11
Average Months of Utilities	0.69

Funding Snapshot (Excludes Admin, ERA1 Only)

Rent (Paid to Date)	\$6.83 million
Utilities (Paid to Date)	\$251,000
Total Paid to Date	\$7.08 million
Additional Pending Payment (Rent + Utilities)	\$1.64 million
Total Remaining	\$3.35 million (26%)
Average Weekly Payment	\$308,000

Applications Pending

Applications Under Review	1,101
Estimated Pending Assistance	\$9.74 million

Lessons Learned

- Policies and Procedures
 - Frequent changes were consolidated into quarterly updates
 - Subrecipients must agree to follow the Policies and Procedures in ERA2 agreements
 - Vague isn't always better
- Prospective Rent
 - Regulations required additional prospective rent to be stopped due to limited funding
- Easier to unwind strict policy than it is to unwind lenient policy
 - ERA2 will launch with strict policy
- Allocations
 - The ERA2 agreements outline the process when another subrecipient runs out of funds for its area served

What's Next

Launch
ERA 2

Subrecipient
Monitoring

Grant
Closeout

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

State & Local Government Fiscal Recovery
Funds (SLFRF)

American
Rescue Plan
Act Funding

\$350 billion

- ✓ Colorado: \$3.8 billion
- ✓ Adams County: \$101 million

2021 Colorado State Legislation

Bill #	Title	Funding	Purpose
SB 21-288	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund	\$3.8 billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$300 million to state depts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No expenses will be paid from this fund; they will be transferred elsewhere. Unused/unobligated funds shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation fund
SB 21-289	Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund	\$1 billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 21/22: \$357 million FY 22/23: \$333 million FY 23/24: \$310 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserves \$1 billion of the \$3.8 billion in SB 21-288 for general fund revenue losses in future years.
SB 21-060	Expand Broadband Service	\$15 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5 million for broadband reimbursements \$10 million for telehealth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible households may receive reimbursement of up to one-half of its costs for broadband services, not to exceed \$600 per year

2021 Colorado State Legislation

Bill #	Title	Funding	Purpose
SB 21-137	Behavioral Health Recovery Act	\$550 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund • A task force is convening to develop recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor
SB 21-243	CDPHE Appropriation Public Health Infrastructure	\$21 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$10 million for local public health agencies ○ \$11 million for disease control and public health response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 21/22 appropriation is from the economic recovery and relief cash fund • FY 22/23 and FY 23/24 will be from the general fund

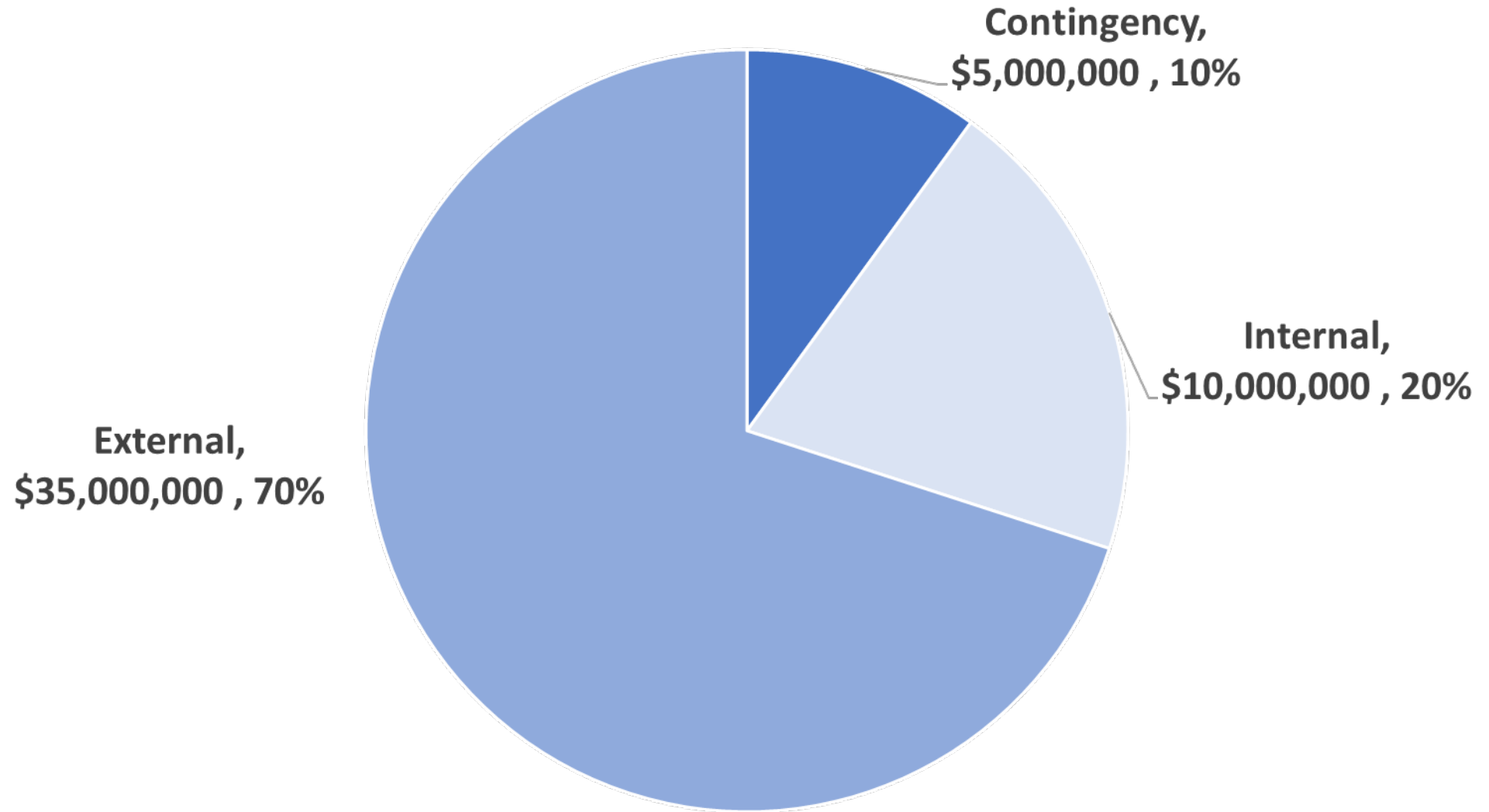
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Bill #	Title	Funding	Purpose
SB 21-291	Economic Recovery & Relief Cash Fund	\$848 million \$40 million for the CO Economic Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A task force will make recommendations to the General Assembly & Governor. • CO Economic Development Fund Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small businesses • Individuals & households • Nonprofit organizations • Public Health Expenditures for COVID-19 prevention & response

2021 Colorado State Legislation

Bill #	Title	Funding	Purpose
SB 21-292	Federal COVID Funding for Victim's Services	<p>\$15 million for victims services programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$6.5 million Victims & Witnesses Assistance & Law Enforcement Fund 	<p>This act appropriates money to the following entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forensic nurse examiner telehealth program; • The state and local victims and witnesses assistance and law enforcement funds; • The state crime victims compensation program; • The address confidentiality program fund; and • The Colorado domestic abuse program fund for the funding of domestic violence programs.

ARPA 1 Funding Distribution



Response & Recovery Teams

*May 2020 –
December 2020*

Cares Oversight
Committee

Aging Adults

Business Support

Childcare

Food Security &
Basic Essentials

Housing Stability

Support for the
Unemployed &
Future Workforce

Uninsured &
Health Access

Response & Recovery Team Goals

1. Determine and monitor baseline and targets, in alignment with state and national COVID-19 response priorities
2. Establish subcommittees to meet targets and are in alignment with the Governor Jared Polis' Stay-At-Home Order and priorities established through his office
3. Identify assets and resources and make them publicly available online
4. Identify specific resources to be put in place by Adams County Government to meet targets
5. Determine where other work is needed to close the gap that can be addressed by Adams County Government and subcommittee members

Response & Recovery Workgroups

December 2020 – September 2021

Community Recovery Working Group

Aging Adults

Business Support

Childcare

Food Security & Basic Essentials

Housing Stability

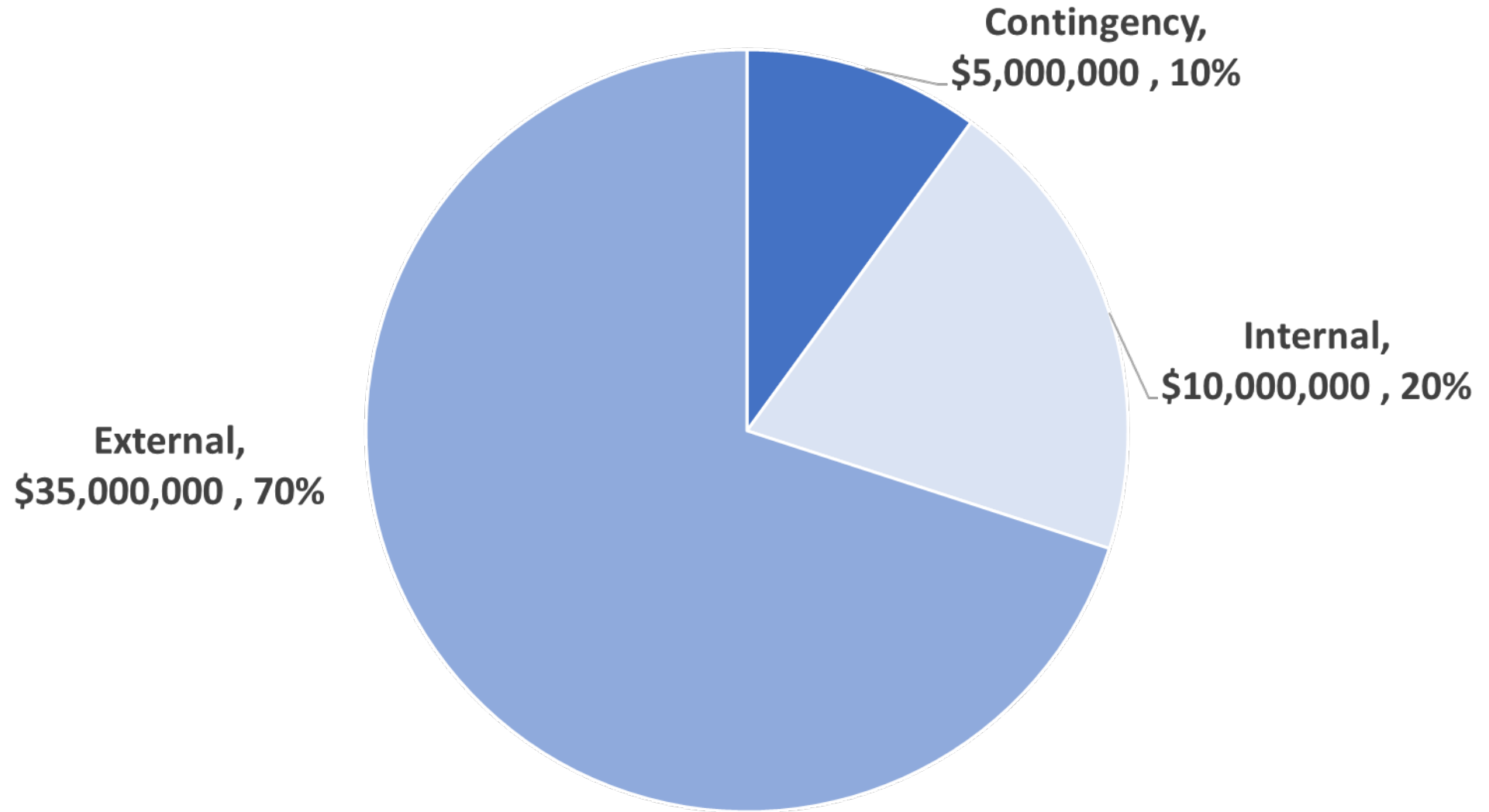
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Uninsured & Health Access

Community Response Working Group

- Internal governance team
- Executive Leadership Team, senior leadership, and key staff
- Consensus decision-making
- Develop recommendations to advance to BOCC
- Meets bi-weekly
- Grant review committee

ARPA 1 Funding Distribution



Internal Priorities

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & AFFORDABLE HOUSING				
CSWB	2.2 & 2.5	Housing Navigation & Mediation	\$ 100,000	Full-year extension of services
CSWB	2.2	Long Distance Travel ARP	\$ 20,000	Long Distance Travel Fund to transition clients from unsheltered (most vulnerable) to doubled-up situations (least vulnerable).
CSWB	3.10	Mobile Home Initiative	\$ 100,000	Continuation of the Mobile Home Initiative launched to connect mobile home residents to resources such as education and legal support.
TOTAL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS			\$ 220,000	
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & JOB TRAINING				
EXT	2.1	Village Exchange Center: Low Wage Worker Fund	\$ 250,000	2nd Round
CSWB	3.10	Neighborhood Mini Grants and Neighborhood Communications	\$ 16,000	Up to 10 mini grants to launch neighborhood groups to address housing and educational disparities.
CSWB	3.11	Special Events Operating	\$ 7,000	Homelessness outreach events to help obtain their IDs, promote new initiatives, and build and develop neighborhood groups.
HS	2.7	Workforce & Business Center project designated staff	\$ 304,320	Increase capacity to provide workforce supports at four locations
TOTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & JOB TRAINING ALLOCATIONS			\$ 577,320	

Internal Priorities

HEALTH CARE & VACCINATIONS				
EXT	1.1	Adelante Vaccine Clinic	\$ 14,085	Vaccine equity clinics
CED	1.2	Wastewater Testing Pilot	\$ 10,000	Early detection of viral transmission within through analysis of sewer basin wastewater samples for SARS-CoV-2 virus particles
FFM	1.7	Jail HVAC Upgrades	\$ 3,000,000	Total: \$6,000,000. Air quality for congregate setting.
EXT	1.1	Village Exchange Center Vaccine Incentive	\$ 1,000,000	Vaccine equity clinics/incentives
TOTAL HEALTH CARE & VACCINATIONS ALLOCATIONS			\$ 4,024,085	
BROADBAND & INFRASTRUCTURE				
IT	5.17	Wireless/Broadband Services	\$ 50,000	Wireless/Broadband RFP, including technical capabilities, populations served, service locations, etc.
CSWB	5.17	CSWB Smart Benches	\$ 15,000	Smart benches allowing access to Wi-Fi and device charging stations.
TOTAL BROADBAND & INFRASTRUCTURE ALLOCATIONS			\$ 65,000	
FOOD SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION & OLDER ADULTS				
HS	2.1 & 2.13	20 FTE for Economic Assistance	\$ 1,300,000	24-72 hour eligibility benefit determination
EXT	2.1	Senior Hub	\$ 1,600,000	Meals on Wheels
CSWB	3.13	Community Preparedness Recovery Program	\$ 41,000	Focus on communities that are socially and economically disadvantaged and populations with access and functional needs.
TOTAL FOOD SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION & OLDER ADULTS ALLOCATIONS			\$ 2,941,000	

Internal Priorities

ADAMS COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS				
CSWB	2.2 & 2.5	CSWB Community Preparedness Recovery Program Coordinator	\$ 110,347	Focus on communities that are socially and economically disadvantaged to help mitigate some disadvantages experienced by these populations.
CSWB	7.2	CSWB Analyst	\$ 78,000	Data analysis and program evaluation.
CSWB	3.5	CSWB Social Justice/Race Equity Coordinator	\$ 92,000	Assist in the development, coordination, and implementation of programs that eliminate racial and ethnic disparities. Will lead the development of the County's Racial Equity Action Plan and community engagement plan to inform the County's equity strategies.
CSWB	2.2 & 2.5	CSWB Homelessness Outreach Coordinator	\$ 55,000	Outreach services to persons who are homeless in Adams County, i.e., crises intervention, provision of basic needs, facilitation of increased access to emergency shelter, transportation, client advocacy, and service linkage.
CMO	7.1	Communications	\$ 52,248	Advertising, online and print materials
CMO	7.1	Marketing	\$ 85,000	Outreach and marketing
TOTAL ADAMS COUNTY INTERNAL NEEDS ALLOCATIONS			\$ 472,595	

Response, Recovery & Resiliency (RRR) Grant Program: Funding Criteria

- ✓ Federal Requirements
- ✓ County Goals
- ✓ County COVID-19 Priorities

Federal Expenditure Codes

1	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 emergency
1.8	Other COVID-19 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

Federal Expenditure Codes

2	Negative Economic Impacts
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers
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/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

Federal Expenditure Codes

2	Negative Economic Impacts
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries
2.13	Other Economic Support
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff
3	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	Health Childhood Environments: Home Visiting

Federal Expenditure Codes

3	Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
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 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	Premium Pay
4.1	Public Sector Employees
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers

Federal Expenditure Codes

5	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

Federal Expenditure Codes

5	Infrastructure
5.13	Drinking Water: Source
5.14	Drinking Water: Storage
5.15	Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure
5.16	Broadband: “Last Mile” Projects
6	Revenue Replacement
6.1	Provision of Government Services
7	Administrative
7.1	Administrative Expenses
7.2	Evaluation and Data Analysis
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government
7.4	Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)

Adams County Goals

Education &
Economic Vitality

High Performing,
Fiscally Sustainable
Government

Quality of Life

Safe, Reliable
Infrastructure

Community
Enrichment

BOCC RRR Grant Funding Priorities

Broadband &
Infrastructure

Health Care &
Vaccinations

Homelessness
Prevention &
Affordable Housing

Older Adults

Technical
Assistance for
Businesses

Transportation
Services & Access

Undocumented
Residents

Veterans

Workforce
Development & Job
Training

Equity

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People First

RRR Grant Program

- OpenGov Software
 - Online grant application
 - Monthly financial report
 - Monthly data report
 - External data reporting
- Eligible Applicants serving Adams County residents
 - Nonprofit organizations
 - School districts
 - Special districts
 - Businesses
 - Nongovernmental organizations
- Legal Agreement

RRR Grant Program

- Equity Focus
 - Board & Staff demographics
 - Ownership demographics
 - Describe what specific inequities this work will address.
 - Who the organization seeks to serve.
 - Information used (e.g., needs assessments, census data, community conversations, etc.) to help the applicant understand the context, needs or perspectives of the people and communities they plan to serve.
 - How the organization engages with the community it serves
 - How feedback and input from the community the organization plans to serve contributes to this proposed work

Recovery, Response & Resiliency Grant Program

14 day Soft Launch +
Informational Webinars



30 day Application Period



45 day Review Period

What's Next

RRR

- Finalize
 - Application, English + Spanish
 - Agreement
 - Scoring rubric
- Develop
 - Performance Metrics
 - Data Reports
 - Public Dashboard
- Subrecipient Monitoring

Maximize Investments

- Determine priorities for 2nd federal distribution
- Ongoing discussions
 - Regional partnerships
 - Affordable Housing & Homelessness
 - Best county funding source
 - Additional funding: federal, state and foundation

Stay nimble!

Considerations

- What works best for your constituents
- What are the needs of your community
- Meeting federal compliance guidelines
 - Promoting equitable outcomes, including racial equity
 - Community engagement
 - Labor practices
 - Use of evidence
 - Pending: Final federal rule language
- Potential 2022 Legislation
 - Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force
 - Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force

Resources

- [US Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) site
 - Interim Final Rule
 - Compliance & Reporting Guidance
- [Department of Local Affairs COVID Recovery Funding Sources](#)
- [Colorado Resiliency Office Peer Exchange](#)
- [Office of Economic Development & International Trade](#)
 - Chief Recovery Officer Pat Meyers
- [NACo COVID Recovery Clearing House](#)
- [Government Alliance on Race and Equity](#)

Questions

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Notes

- CDBG
- State of CO 7%; AdCo is 30%
- Selected housing authorities as funding recipients
 - Geographic distribution
 - Commerce City
 - Brighton
 - Maiker (all others)
 - Met weekly, collective policy development with Housing
 - Neighborly Softwar – workflow & cloudbased data tracking
- 70% of ERA 1 \$14.2 million
- 0% of ERA 2 \$11.x million
- Lesson Learned
 - Set aside 10% for non-profits.
 - Contracted with COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project for legal services/rental assistance program
 - Court summons – 1st in line
- 705 households
 - 485 maiker
 - CC 95
 - 125 Brighton
 - CEDP 0 – under contract on 8/24/21
- Regulations aren't always clear
 - Prospective rent moratorium was implemented
 - Started with tighter regulations and loosed as they went along