



# CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

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*American Rescue Plan*  
PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN

# Background



- On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden to mitigate the continuing efforts of the pandemic.
  - The City of South Fulton was allocated **\$11,352,517** of the American Recure Plan Funding.
    - First Allocation: \$5,676,258.50 received May 21, 2021
    - Second Allocation: \$5,676,258.50 12 months from first allocation (May 2022)
  - The City Manager's Office convened meetings with the Grants Administrator, Department Directors, and other pertinent staff to bring forward projects that were needed in response to COVID-19.
- The projects proposed are a product of consolidating internal and external considerations based on whether the project was:
    1. *To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.*
    2. *To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic.*
    3. *For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
    4. *To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

# Recommendations



## Community Recovery

Provide relief to households and small businesses impacted by COVID-19

**\$2,750,000**



## Infrastructure Improvements

Provide necessary improvements to expand stormwater and broadband capabilities

**\$4,050,000**



## Government Operations/Services

Provide operational activities to maintain city services, ensure the safety of city personnel and compensate workers at risk of exposure

**\$4,552,517**

**Total Allocation: \$11,352,517**

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**PROPOSED PROJECTS**



# City-wide Food Insecurity Efforts



## Community Recovery: City-wide Food Insecurity Efforts

| Primary City Recipient Department | Citywide   |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | Launch a Food Insecurity Program to provide aid to households by providing food options. This is an initiative being offered by the city with hopes of reaching as many households impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency as possible. The city will also re-launch the Grow Box” program that proved to be well-received and greatly needed in the community. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | To provide food assistance to households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$210,000.00   |



### Community Recovery: Small Business Advancement Program

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>Destination South Fulton (Economic Development)</b>   |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | Provide additional relief to small businesses in the form of grants to aid in needed access to professional development, funding assistance and resources to build a more resilient business. Additionally, develop the Commercial Recovery Plan in designated areas as outlined in the Economic Development Strategic Plan to accelerate business recovery and expansion within the city. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | Help small businesses regain resources lost due to a reduction of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.  |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$500,000.00   |



## Community Recovery: Economic Recovery Commercial Node Sight Plan Development

Primary City Recipient Department

Destination South Fulton (Economic Development)

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### Program Purpose

Develop commercial recovery plan in designated areas as outlined in the Economic Development Strategic Plan. This site plan work will help to accelerate business recovery and expansion within the City of South Fulton.

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### COVID-19 Relationship

Help accelerate recovery and expansion of businesses negatively impacted by the slow down of the economy as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Cost

\$250,000.00

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Community Recovery: Rent, Mortgage, or Utility Assistance

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>Community Development &amp; Regulatory Affairs</b>  |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | Augment the current Rent & Mortgage Assistance Program by providing additional funding to reach additional households in need. This funding will supplement the funding received by CARES Act and the Fulton County CDBG-CV COVID-19 grant funding but will be managed separately. The city will also partner with Fulton County, who also has a rent and mortgage assistance program, to gain access to a county-wide system that will vet applications across jurisdictions eliminating areas of duplication. Additionally, the city plans to reopen the current program executing needed changes to ensure the program is more robust in offering aid to residents. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | This program helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally based housing strategies in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic.  |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$1,400,000.00   |

# Vaccine Incentive Program



## Community Recovery: Vaccine Incentive Program

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | Fire   |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | Launch a Vaccine Incentive Program by providing gift cards, or similar tools, to residents and city employees that receive the full vaccine. The city will partner with a third-party vendor to administer the program to underserved populations within the city. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | To conduct activities to enhance, expand, and improve nationwide COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$260,000.00   |



## Community Recovery: Community Outreach

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>City Council</b>   |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | Disburse funding for outreach efforts to residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | To provide relief to residents and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.                          |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$70,000.00   |



Community Recovery: Development Authority Economic Development Efforts

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| Primary City Recipient Department | Envision South Fulton (South Fulton Development Authority) |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>       | The South Fulton Development Authority (“SFDA”) intends to use this funding to help lay groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery from COVID through supporting economic stabilization and recovery for COSF residents, households, businesses and workers hardest-hit by the crisis. SFDA programming will be guided by strategic planning and public input, with focus on PPE purchases, public communication investments in COVID-19 prevention and mitigation tactics, job counseling and related programing/training to help small businesses and workers, community violence intervention programming and aid to households facing food, housing, or other financial insecurity resulting from the pandemic. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b> | Help to support the economic recovery of COSF residents, households, and businesses hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                  | \$60,000.00   |



## Infrastructure Improvements: Stormwater Master Plan

| Primary City Recipient Department   | Public Works   |
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| <p><b>Program Purpose</b></p>       | <p>As part of the City becoming MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) compliant, the city needs a Stormwater Master Plan which would provide a complete planning solution to meet the needs of the City along with the requirements from MS4.</p> <p>The Master Stormwater Plan has several key objectives: Comprehensive development of a detailed stormwater inventory, data collection and GIS development, stormwater condition assessment, evaluation of stormwater maintenance cost, and development of a framework that will help the city prioritize and complete stormwater related projects.</p> |
| <p><b>COVID-19 Relationship</b></p> | <p>Provide resources to manage water quality measures and treatment facilities related to the city's stormwater system. Educate and involve the public with proper disposal and sanitary techniques to limit the spread of health risks including COVID-19.</p>  |
| <p><b>Cost</b></p>                  | <p>\$1,050,000.00</p>  |



Infrastructure Improvements: Stormwater Capital Improvement Program

| Primary City Recipient Department   | Public Works   |
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| <p><b>Program Purpose</b></p>       | <p>The Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan would provide a complete planning solution to meet the needs of the City along with the requirements from MS4. Currently, the Stormwater Management Program is satisfying the minimum regulatory requirements and performing repairs and ongoing maintenance on stormwater infrastructure, is more reactive than proactive and lack focus on water quality improvement, unfortunately. The Program currently is lacking dedicated stormwater funding.</p> |
| <p><b>COVID-19 Relationship</b></p> | <p>These capital projects will address structural and physical deficiencies with the city's stormwater features throughout the city. These improvements will address concerns related to health and safety of the citizens of South Fulton.</p>  |
| <p><b>Cost</b></p>                  | <p>\$1,700,000.00</p>  |



## Infrastructure Improvements: Broadband and Wi-Fi Capabilities

| Primary City Recipient Department | Information Technology  |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | <p>Assessment of current broadband capabilities of the city through the hiring of a consulting firm to develop a capabilities assessment that will identify disparities throughout the city, particularly in unserved and underserved populations. The city will use the report to strategically approach rectifying the identified issues. The city is also planning to apply for funding from the NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) grant through the State of Georgia to support these efforts.</p> <p>Additionally, the city intends to install Wi-Fi capabilities in recreation centers to provide access to internet connectivity to residents.</p> |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Providing a space for access supporting the broadband disparity.  |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$1,300,000.00  |

# Premium Pay



## Government Operations/Services: Premium Pay

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>Human Resources</b>   |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | Provide compensation to essential workers who are at risk of exposure to COVID-19.     |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | Incentive premium payment to essential personnel working during the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$500,000.00   |



Government Operations/Services: Public Safety Employees Responding to Health Emergency

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| Primary City Recipient Department | Human Resources  |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | Reimbursement to the city for regular and overtime payroll expenses for eligible public safety personnel.              |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Payment to Essential Employees that continuously work under hazardous conditions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$800,000.00   |



**Government Operations/Services: Public Facilities Touchless Automated Systems and Physical Security Access Control**

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>Information Technology</b> |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>       | The primary purpose of this enhancement is to comply with best practices and our observation of the Cyber Security Framework, NIST 800-53 Access Control. This includes the ability to manage employee access into our facilities and data services, as well as visitor management into our facilities. Additional enhancements will include expanding our secure print (findme print) to all users and provide additional service opportunities as technology continues to change. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b> | Allows remote lockdown capabilities and limited exposure to staff when a facility is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                  | \$600,000.00  |



Government Operations/Services: Technology Infrastructure Updates

| Primary City Recipient Department | Information Technology  |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | Supports capabilities for sewer mapping with GIS and capabilities to support a secure mobilized workforce.              |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Supports the ongoing operation and connection for the city's resources including extending access to external partners. |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$260,000.00  |



## Government Operations/Services: Public Facility Improvements

| Primary City Recipient Department | Public Works  |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | HVAC improvements for air filtration, airflow ventilation, and UV lighting to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Addition of HVAC to facilities with no central air/heat to allow better ventilation and air filtration. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Allow proper filtration and ventilation of HVAC systems to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$1,000,000.00  |

# Protective Preventative Measures



## Government Operations/Services: Protective Preventative Measures

| Primary City Recipient Department | Public Works  |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | Facility upgrades to enhance protective measures to employees and visitors. Items will include:<br><br>PPE's, sanitizing stations, barriers, temperature scan/checks, disinfecting sprays/wipes, signs, bi-monthly special sanitizing cleaning, facility deep cleaning equipment and products, etc. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Protective Measures for social distancing.  |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$150,000.00  |



## Government Operations/Services: Revenue Loss Replacement

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| <b>Primary City Recipient Department</b> | <b>Finance</b>  |
| <b>Program Purpose</b>                   | At this time, the revenue loss formula provided by the Treasurer’s Office calculates approximately \$500,000 as the allocation the city can apply towards revenue loss. There are many factors that influence this calculation based on historical data and the finance team is continuously working with liaisons from the GFOA (Georgia Finance Officers Association) in finalizing the dollar amount. In essence, this amount can increase or decrease once the final numbers are calculated. This funding provides for the greatest flexibility of use of funds to be used toward general government services, as determined by the city. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>             | Recoup a percentage of revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic.   |
| <b>Cost</b>                              | \$500,000.00  |

# ARP Administrative Costs



## Government Operations/Services: ARP Administrative Costs

| Primary City Recipient Department | Citywide  |
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| <b>Program Purpose</b>            | Allows the city to charge administrative cost to cover the administration of the American Rescue Plan funding. These costs include salary and benefits for relative personnel, equipment, audit fees, consulting services, etc. |
| <b>COVID-19 Relationship</b>      | Recipients may use funds for administering the SLFRF program pursuant to 2 CFR 200.404 and 2 CFR 200.405. If recipient does not have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, use the De Minimis rate of 10 percent.          |
| <b>Cost</b>                       | \$742,517.00  |

# American Rescue Plan Timeline



American Rescue Plan  
Act of 2021 was signed  
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continuing efforts of the  
pandemic

**March 11, 2021**

Proposed Project Plan  
presented to Mayor & Council

**September 14, 2021**

Deadline to obligate  
American Rescue Plan  
Funds

**December 31, 2024**

**May 21, 2021**

City received first  
allocation of American  
Rescue Plan Funds in  
the amount of  
\$5,676,258.50

**May 2022**

City will receive second  
allocation of American  
Rescue Plan Funds in  
the amount of  
\$5,676,258.50

**December 31, 2026**

Deadline to spend  
American Rescue Plan  
Funds

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