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Pinellas County, Florida 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Plan

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Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to provide direct relief to Americans, mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and jump-start the economy. ARPA included an allocation of \$362 billion in state and local fiscal recovery funds to assist state and local governments in the recovery. Pinellas County's direct allocation based upon population is \$189 million. The County received the allocation in two tranches, each in the amount of \$94.5 million, and presented before the Board of County Commissioners. The deadline to obligate funds as required by federal law is December 31, 2024, and funds must be fully expended by December 31, 2026.

Pinellas County's plan focuses on supporting countywide COVID-19 mitigation efforts; addressing the needs of those within communities hit hardest by the public health emergency; and making investments in critical infrastructure to provide economic recovery and rebuilding. The Pinellas Board of County Commissioners approved five (5) areas of focus to include public health and safety, negative economic impacts, increasing equity amongst our communities, critical infrastructure projects, and revenue recovery investments. The chart below is a summary of the current funding allocations for each of the focus categories. This report describes the specific programs and projects associated with the categories in further detail.

Areas of Focus	Funding Amount
Public Health and Safety	\$4.5 Million
Negative Economic Impacts	\$74.7 Million
Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$6.7 Million
Infrastructure: Water, Sewer, and Broadband	\$66.6 Million
Revenue Recovery Investments	\$36.8 Million
TOTAL	\$189.3 Million

Use of Funds

Public Health and Safety

\$4.5 Million

- \$3.4 million to increase the vaccination rate within the county.
- Appropriated \$1 million in funding for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit.



Negative Economic Impacts

\$74.7 Million

- Invest \$25 million to revitalize three Community Redevelopment Areas.
- \$19 million for local nonprofits to invest in capital projects.
- Devote \$6 million to Safe Routes to Schools
- \$25 million to improve recreational facilities, trails, and playgrounds throughout the County.

Bringing Equity to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

\$6.7 Million

- \$5.7 million invested in technology to coordinate county agencies' behavioral health services.
- To streamline access for those in need, \$1 million will be invested in a client-centered and centralized intake system.



Infrastructure:

Water, Sewer, and Broadband

\$66.6 Million

- Invest \$25 in stormwater projects to manage flooding and protection local water bodies.
- \$5.6 million to address opportunities for regional stormwater retention and green infrastructure.
- \$20 million to rehabilitate the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility by removing nitrogen from sewage for use as irrigation.
- \$10 million for septic to sewer projects throughout the county.

Revenue Recovery Investments

\$36.8 Million

- \$8.5 million for Pinellas County Sheriff personnel expenses, offsetting costs for an innovative Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) system.
- \$5.6 million for county Fire Districts to invest in the replacement of emergency vehicles and facility enhancements.
- \$3 million for a countywide sidewalk analysis to prioritize the equity and ADA standards.
- \$26.7 for the provision of government services, extending to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Grand Canal, and the remediation plan for the Toytown property.
- \$1.5 million to retrofit county-operated fueling facilities and develop an electric infrastructure master plan as part of the fleet electrification process.





Promoting Equitable Outcomes

While the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on everyone's lives, the level of impact has been and remains uneven. For example, many residents could safely enjoy the outdoors in nearby parks or at the beach. However, some residents do not have easy access to outdoor infrastructure that can be safely enjoyed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The County recognizes the unequal impact of the pandemic and has made a commitment to use its ARPA Recovery Fund allocation of \$189M to build a more equitable, healthy, and sustainable County, with a focus on those communities that were disproportionately impacted.

Supporting nonprofits

The County has partnered with the Pinellas Community Foundation to administer the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Fund program, which allows local nonprofits to invest in capital projects that increase their capacity to serve their clients. This program launched in August 2022 and will be entering into its final round in August 2023. Through the commitment and partnership to provide competitive opportunities for local nonprofits to remedy the financial impact of COVID-19, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has approved 43 awards to nonprofits, totaling \$10,500,000 in grant funding. Announcement of opportunities to apply for the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Fund Program are broadcast across the county, through email campaigns, press releases, social media, and other channels.





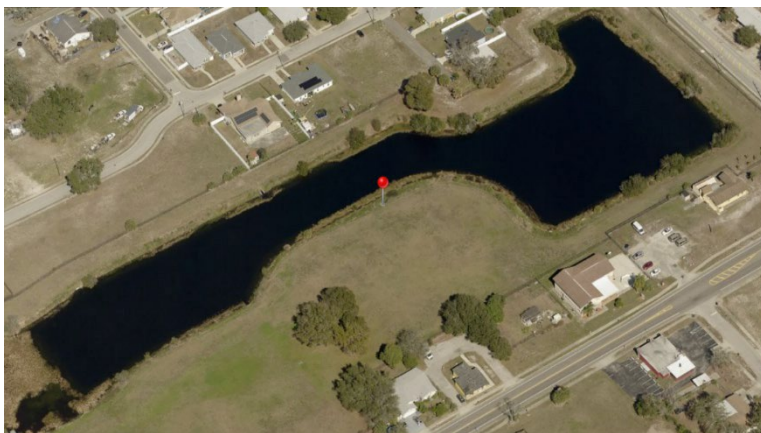
Transformational investments

Pinellas County's ARPA Recovery Funds Plan focuses on making transformative investments in historically underserved communities and serving populations that have been identified as being disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan intends to close gaps in accessibility to neighborhood features that promote health and safety, such as parks, sidewalks, and multimodal trails while providing additional recreational opportunities to disproportionately impacted populations.

Projects are incorporated to improve stormwater drainage and complete sidewalks to create walkable neighborhoods with safe routes to schools for children and to develop and upgrade parks and playgrounds. These types of investments have long been identified as priorities within many underserved communities during previous and ongoing public engagement efforts. The County has worked continuously with neighborhood leaders to create community redevelopment plans.

Improving sewer and stormwater infrastructure

As Florida's most densely populated county, hurricane season is experienced with frequent high-volume rain events. Much of the countywide sewer infrastructure is outdated and in need of maintenance. As such, the County has made the substantial water and sewer infrastructure needs a top priority for investment with the ARPA allocation. Attempts to make significant capital improvements that will upgrade necessary sewage collection and treatment infrastructure as well as stormwater infrastructure. These efforts are expected to both mitigate flooding and improve the quality of stormwater runoff into local waterways.





Community Engagement

To ensure input from residents, the County's ARPA Recovery Fund Plan utilized public forums in which residents, community organizations, and other stakeholders had the opportunity to participate and provide feedback. The outcome produced strategies with goals and priorities identified by residents, service providers, business owners, educators, clergy, and law enforcement through a collaborative process, including in-person meetings and online surveys. As the County continues to implement and advance programs identified on its ARPA Recovery Fund Plan, the public is kept apprised of initiatives through regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings, community outreach events, and through the County's dedicated ARPA Recovery Fund Plan website.





Labor Practices

As implementation of infrastructure projects are underway, contractors will be monitored for complying with both State and Federal labor laws, in addition to the guidelines set out by the Treasury Department.

Contractors and subcontractors employed on large infrastructure projects with budgets over \$10 million will be subject to prevailing wage agreements and project workforce continuity plans.

As projects enter the bidding phase, concerns about costs and supply chain issues impede the progress for completion, but with good management of funding and a competitive procurement process, the County is taking proactive steps to overcome such factors.

Use of Evidence

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit (MHU) is an example of using best practices to reach better outcomes. The MHU project is an evidence-based program serving to divert individuals away from the criminal justice system and towards mental health service providers.

The approach of the MHU is grounded in evidence promoting the partnership between law enforcement and mental health professionals coming together to achieve better outcomes with individuals exhibiting behavioral issues. This partnership, which includes Baker Act diversions, reduction of incarceration, and connecting individuals with mental health resources, is an investment in people using evidence-based interventions.



PROJECT INVENTORY

EC 1: Public Health

Project 006000A: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive

Budget: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

Status: Complete

Project Overview:

A \$750 incentive was made available to Pinellas County Government employees to encourage those who had not been vaccinated to get fully vaccinated by November 8, 2021. In addition to employees working directly for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, employees from all Appointing Authorities and the Sheriff were eligible for the incentive upon providing proof of full vaccination. Those employees who received monoclonal antibody treatment and were therefore required to wait a minimum of 90 days from the treatment to receive vaccination were provided additional time to get fully vaccinated. The date of the first and second vaccination, as well as the vaccine manufacturer, was recorded to establish the rate of increase of vaccinated employees achieved by the incentive.

- **Outputs:**
 - the number of employees that applied for the incentive: 4,299.
 - the number of employees who either commenced or completed full vaccination because of the incentive: 636.
- **Outcomes:**
 - percent increase in vaccination because of the incentive: 17%
 - percent of County employees vaccinated: 73%



PID #006002A: Sheriff Mental Health Unit

Budget: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC 1.12, Mental Health Services

Status: Ongoing

Project Overview:

The MHU responds to in-progress calls for service and conducts follow-up contacts with individuals to see if they need further assistance with getting connected with services and resources. Follow-up contact with high needs; high utilizers occur throughout Pinellas County Sheriff's Office's (PCSO) jurisdiction.

The MHU has built relationships with the Pinellas Integrated Care (PIC) Alliance, a consortium of behavioral health agencies in the county. The partnership between law enforcement and behavioral health communities allows the individual to receive therapeutic assistance immediately while the behavioral health specialist has the security of knowing they are safe while interacting with individuals in crisis.

Instead of using contract mental health professionals, the agency will employ six crisis response specialists. They'll make up the new unit along with six deputies, a sergeant, a corporal, and a licensed mental health clinical supervisor. The Mental Health Unit will work from noon to midnight, Monday through Friday, which is the peak time for those types of calls. The unit has begun work in the location between State Road 580 in Clearwater and Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park.

EC 2: Negative Economic Impacts

PID # 006020A: Local Group Taylor Lake, Ridgecrest, Oak Village

Budget: \$1,762,500

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes sidewalk repairs, upgrading sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards, drainage improvements, and milling and resurfacing of the roads located at the 134th Ave N and Taylor Lake subdivision of Ridgecrest. Improves walkability and pedestrian safety.



PID # 006021A: Local Group Martin Terrace

Budget: \$633,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes the milling and resurfacing of the roads located at 118th St N and 116th Ln in the Martin Terrace subdivision of Ridgecrest. It includes sidewalk repairs and upgrading sidewalk ramps to current ADA guidelines at intersections as needed. Spot drainage improvements will also be completed. The project objective is to improve pedestrian safety and walkability.



PID # 006022A: Local Group Gulf Terrace & Rainbow Village

Budget: \$367,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes sidewalk repairs and upgrading sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards and milling and resurfacing of 20th Ave SW & Adams Cir W to 22nd Ave SW & Adams Cir E in the Gulf Terrace and Rainbow Village subdivisions of Ridgecrest. Spot drainage improvements will also be completed. This will improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and improve walkability.





PID # 006023A: McKay Creek Greenway Connection

Budget: \$3,995,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes the planning and design phases of a trail system that will unite several existing parks and generally follow the course of McKay Creek. The proposed route covers new and existing trails along streets, canal rights-of-way, streams, and County land. The project may include partial construction of the proposed trail system. The trail is planned to connect Taylor Park, Ridgecrest Park, Pinewood Cultural Park, and Walsingham Park. It will also realign fencing on the County-owned former state highway site to allow for recreational and community event space on the north portion of the site. The project will make it easier and safer for residents to travel between communities, County parks, and the Pinellas Trail. Promotes outdoor recreation and provides access to natural space.

PID # 006024A: Rehabilitation of 119th Overflow Area – North Garden in Ridgecrest

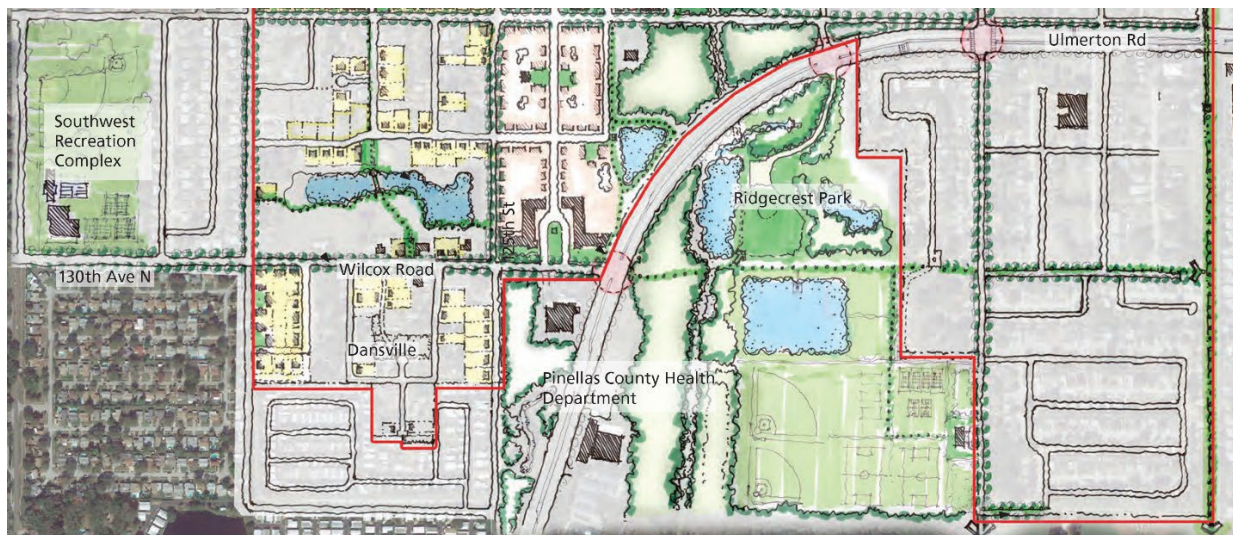
Budget: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Ridgecrest residents have long advocated transforming this piece of property into a public greenspace for safe outdoor recreation. This project will remediate contamination on land along McKay Creek and expand the existing Ridgecrest Park by approximately 37 acres to create a publicly accessible greenspace for a variety of multipurpose activities in the heart of the Ridgecrest community. The project will involve the addition of clean fill, grading, irrigation, sod, parking, and fencing.



PID # 006025A: Dansville Community Park

Budget: \$5,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

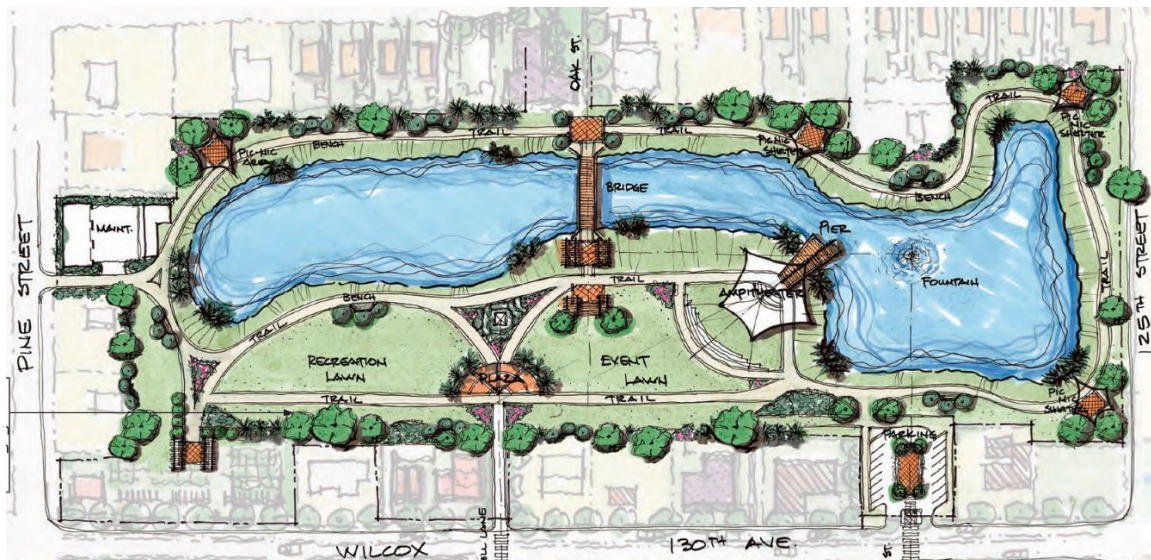
Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This site is a fenced lot with a stormwater pond that is centrally located in the underserved Dansville community and is maintained by Public Works. Turning this site into a passive community park with benches and a walking path has been identified as the top priority of the community as set out in the Ridgecrest Community Plan.

Project will:

- Increased acres of greenspace for Ridgecrest residents
- Installation of sidewalks and drainage infrastructure
- Improved connectivity score
- Improved walkability score
- Reduced flooding events.



Lealman Community Projects

PID # 002131A: 46th Ave N from 49th St N (CR 611) to 38th St N. Roadway Improvements

Budget: \$4,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes the addition of a curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway and an eight-foot sidewalk on the north side of 46th Avenue N. On the south side of the road, sidewalk gaps will be closed, ADA upgrades will be constructed, and mid-block pedestrian crossings will be added. An alternative and safety analysis was recently completed in conjunction with public outreach for this project.



PID # 002201A: Raymond Neri Park Construction

Budget: \$7,099,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Converting Joe's Creek Greenway Park, now renamed Raymond H. Neri Community Park, into a community asset has long been a priority for Lealman residents. Since 2004, many community consultations have occurred to discuss improvements to this 38-acre greenspace. As part of the Lealman CRA Plan started in 2015, various concepts for the park were reviewed by the community, which came to a consensus on design. The ARPA Recovery Funds will fund Phase 1 and 1a of the park construction, which will include the entrance road, a parking lot, dog parks, playfields, playgrounds, restrooms, walking trails, and walkways.



PID # 004539A: Belcher Sidewalk - 71st Street N Roadway and Sidewalk Improvement from 38th Ave. N. to 54th Ave. N.

Budget: \$3,150,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project entails sidewalk improvements on Belcher Road from 38th Ave N to 54th Ave N. It includes rehabilitating the existing sidewalks and filling in sidewalk gaps. It will also provide ADA upgrades and drainage improvements, including the addition of curbs and gutters to both sides of the road. This project improves pedestrian safety, and walkability and expands ADA accessibility in a historically underserved community.



PID # 006027A: Local Group Sunny Acres Lawn Estates & Adjacent Subdivisions

Budget: \$3,468,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: Construction

Project Overview:

Paving, sidewalk, and drainage improvements for 40th Ave N to 60th Ave N. It will enhance pedestrian safety and walkability, encouraging active transportation choices for a healthy community. It includes the milling and resurfacing of roads to encourage cycling and will repair and upgrade sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards. Drainage will also be improved to accommodate greater flood control and transportation safety. Improves walkability and pedestrian safety.



PID #006028A: Lealman Drainage Improvements

Budget: \$496,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: Construction

Project Overview:

Paving, sidewalk, and drainage improvements for 33rd Way N and 33rd St N. This project will improve stormwater drainage in a historically underserved neighborhood, address local flooding concerns, and enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety. This project focuses on drainage improvements in the Lealman area, bounded by 33rd Way N., 64th Avenue N., 33rd Street N. and 62nd Avenue N. Drainage work will address localized flooding in the general area and include construction of stormwater improvements. Improves walkability and pedestrian safety.



PID #003001C: Lealman Regional Stormwater Facility

Budget: \$5,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This is a regional stormwater facility to address flood protection level of service deficiencies. It will encourage redevelopment by aiding developers and property owners with meeting stormwater regulations and strategically placed green infrastructure to upgrade and aesthetically enhance transportation corridors while providing water quality and localized drainage improvements. This project will identify and assess opportunities for regional stormwater retention and Green Infrastructure for the Lealman CRA and develop a stormwater credit system.



High Point Community Projects

PID #002998A: High Point Community Park

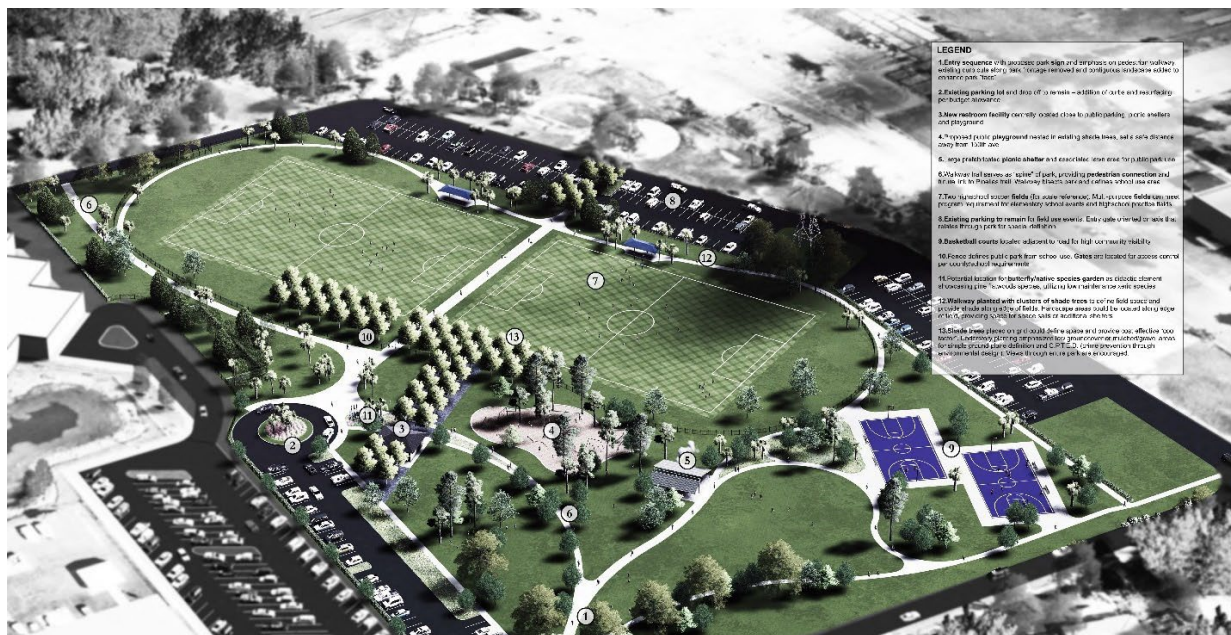
Budget: \$6,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

The High Point community has identified this facility as a priority for the neighborhood. Development of a 10-acre community park in the underserved High Point community to include basketball courts, multipurpose fields, restrooms, picnic shelter, playgrounds, walking paths, landscaping, parking, and utilities. ARPA Recovery Funds will fund the construction of the park once design is complete. The project will promote outdoor recreation.



PID #006029A: Local Group High Point Subdivision

Budget: \$1,050,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Paving, sidewalk, and drainage improvements for Roosevelt Blvd and 150th Ave N. The project includes sidewalk repairs and upgrading sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards at intersections as needed. Spot drainage improvements will also be completed. Improves walkability and pedestrian safety.





PID #006030A: High Point Russell Avenue Connection

Adopted Budget: \$960,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Construct pedestrian connection through Russell Ave in High Point. This is an unimproved right-of-way that is heavily used by pedestrians as a connection in the High Point Community. The project includes the addition of curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway and an eight-foot sidewalk on the north side of 46th Avenue N. To the east is a residential area of the community and to the west is 58th St which is the arterial roadway through the community. Located just to the south of this connection are a church, High Point Elementary, High Point Neighborhood Family Center, and the proposed High Point Community Park. Improves walkability and pedestrian safety.



Projects for Youth

PID #004171A: Park Playground Replacement – ADA Inclusive

Budget: \$4,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC 2.2 Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

Playground renovations at county parks to provide funding for ADA-accessible playground facilities for 2-to-5 and 6-to-12-year age groups, including poured-in-place rubberized surface and shade structures. This project will expand the inclusiveness of several County parks by installing playground structures that are accessible to differently-abled children. The “all-inclusive” nature of the play equipment encourages kids to play by providing varying levels of challenge and grouping equipment by type and age appropriateness. Physical and sensory play equipment is offered, as well as alternatives for children who prefer to play independently or in parallel with others. The play equipment will be able to be used by kids in wheelchairs, with crutches, or that have different ranges of motion. All new playgrounds will have poured-in-place rubber surface which is easy to use with ADA mobility devices, such as wheelchairs. The pour-in-place rubber surfaces will also provide a greater impact/shock adsorption for a safer environment.

Park Locations:

- Phillipe Park
- Taylor Park
- Walsingham Park
- Ridgecrest Park
- Fort De Soto Park
- Howard Park

PID #006033A: Safe Routes to Schools

Budget: \$6,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Install sidewalk and drainage improvements at various locations in underserved neighborhoods where there is limited or no existing pedestrian infrastructure. This project prioritizes new sidewalk segments based on factors such as population density, ability to complete gaps that improve overall network connection, and proximity to connections like bus stops, parks, and schools. This project will also equip all the County's school zone flashers and speed feedback signs with modules that will move the County closer to real-time connected vehicle capability. The installation of driver feedback signs to promote public safety.

Project will:

- Increase pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety
- Increase the number of children walking and cycling to school
- Reduced traffic speed in school zones





Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations

PID #006008A: Nonprofit Capital Projects

Budget: \$19,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

The County is offering funding to nonprofit organizations that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for capital needs. The program will fund purchases of vehicles, hardware, software, equipment, buildings, and land, as well as refurbishment of the same. Any active, operating Pinellas County nonprofit that has suffered financial hardship because of the pandemic is eligible to apply, except for those in service areas that have dedicated ARPA funding.

Project will:

- Support both simple and complex nonprofit capital needs
- Increase capacity for nonprofits



EC 3: Public Health – Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

PID #006003A: Human Service Software Modernization

Budget: \$5,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Public Service Delivery

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

Modernization of the Human Services software systems including E-App (public portal), CareScope (case management), NexGen (EMR), CHEDAS Accounting as well as contracts and grants management software. These aging systems are on outdated infrastructure and software platforms and in need of a system overhaul. This system modernization would improve efficiencies of Human Services staff members, partners such as the Department of Health, and contracted vendors the County relies on to provide services to citizens. Along with operational efficiencies, the County and clients would also benefit from drastically improved self-service reporting capabilities, automation, integration capabilities, and cybersecurity improvements.

Because these systems house sensitive information subject to HIPAA, an improvement to the security of these information systems is warranted.

Project will:

- Promote efficient and effective program and service delivery
- Enhance communication between stakeholders and service providers
- Improve cybersecurity protection for sensitive client information

PID #006004A: Coordinated Access Model

Budget: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC 3.4, Public Health – Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector
Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

The Pinellas County Coordinated Access Model (CAM) is a client-centered and centralized intake system that is intended to streamline access to care for persons experiencing behavioral health issues and other associated conditions using appropriate processes, skillsets, and technology.

This new service delivery model is the implementation of recommendations resulting from a thorough review of Human Services' Adult Behavioral Health System of Care to identify high-level gaps and inform vision and roadmap for action, considering both County and State-funded providers and programs. Implementation of the CAM will increase the transparency in how clients, families, caregivers, and professionals can access the right services within the behavioral health system. This requires various enabling elements including a 1-800 number; standardized screening, triage, and scheduling practices; and an evaluation of the current systems in place by providers to ensure interoperability and exchange of information to allow for a consolidated view of consumer demand, level of need, available capacity, and access to care.



EC 5: Infrastructure – Water, Sewer, and Broadband

PID #s 002166A and 003408A: South Cross Bayou Dewatering and Denitrification Improvements

Budget: \$20,450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Together, these projects will replace and upgrade the dewatering polymer system that has ended its useful lifecycle and rehabilitate the denitrification filter. The project is comprised of three main improvements:

1. Protect the electrical panels from flooding.
2. Replace the polymer that attracts the solids and build a storage facility to store it in a manner where it is protected from humidity to increase its efficacy.
3. Rehabilitate the nitrogen and total suspended solids filters.

As a result of this project, the County will be able to provide safer and higher quality reclaimed water for irrigation use while also protecting surrounding waterbodies from nutrient loading.

These projects contribute to the Justice40 Initiative by reducing the nutrient load in Joe's Creek, an impaired waterbody that runs through Lealman, an underserved community. The process improvements paid for by this project will reduce the accumulation of legacy pollution in Joe's Creek and increase the availability of clean water.





PID #006052A: Septic to Sewer

Budget: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Leaky septic systems are a major threat to the quality of the surrounding waterbodies and wildlife habitat. Excess nutrients in the water exacerbate red tide events, which affect quality of life, public health, and tourism. This project would convert and connect residential onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) in unincorporated Pinellas County to Pinellas County Utilities' wastewater collection systems.

This project will prioritize properties in the 100-year floodplain with septic systems outside of 100 feet of existing service in areas of strategic importance and vulnerability, such as those areas with high total maximum daily loads of nutrients. An ordinance was passed about 10 years ago that required property owners within 100 feet of service to run a line to the sewer system. This program would target those properties outside the 100-foot radius that are within the Pinellas County service area with a focus on sensitive areas.

PID #002434A: South Myrtle Avenue Drainage Improvements

Budget: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

This project includes roadway, drainage, and sidewalk improvements along S. Myrtle Avenue from Seneca Street to Belleair Road. A new stormwater system will reduce street and intersection flooding and a continuous sidewalk will be added, with upgrades to underground utilities. This project creates connectivity between residential and commercial corridors for safe pedestrian access.

Project will:

- Decrease flooding in the surrounding area
- Improve resident walkability

This project serves a low-income community and will improve the health and safety of all modes of transportation by reducing the vulnerability to flooding.



PID #004243A: Palm Harbor Regional Stormwater Facility Improvements

Budget: \$3,600,000

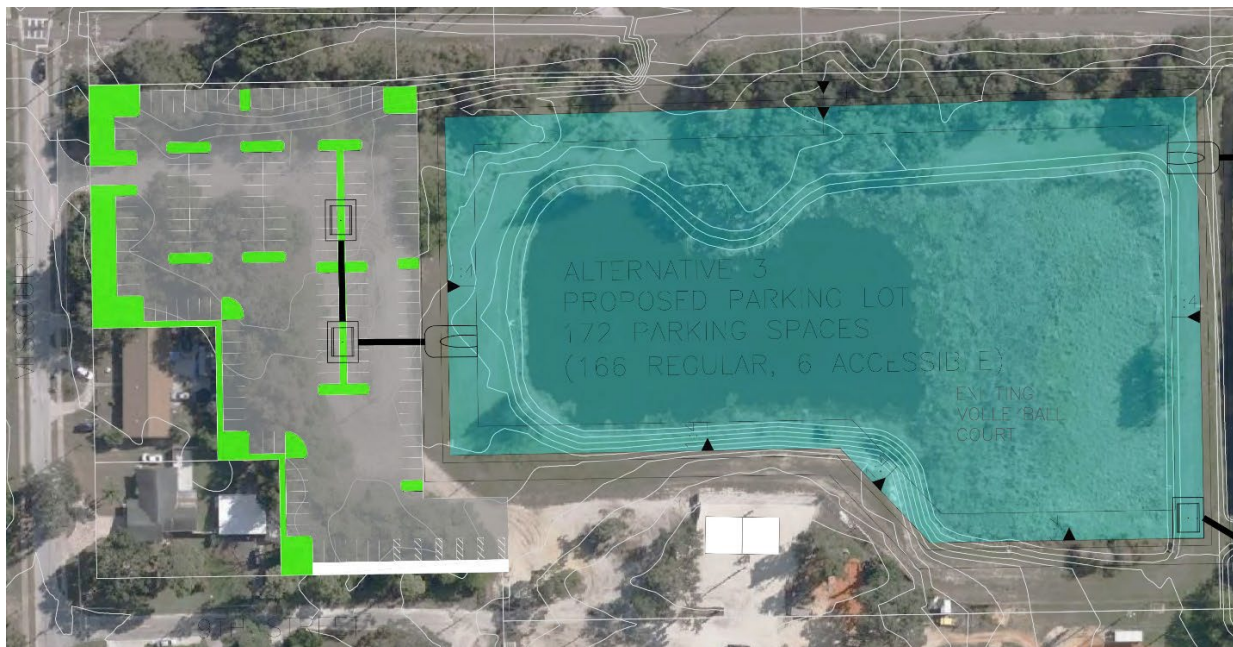
Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

The objective of this project is to retrofit the existing Palm Harbor Regional Stormwater Management Facility and associated stormwater infrastructure. Recommendations include retrofitting the existing Palm Harbor Regional Stormwater Management Facility and associated stormwater infrastructure. These improvements will minimize stormwater runoff.

This project will support the revitalization of the expanded downtown Palm Harbor Historic and Business District and surrounding Neighborhood Activity Center area by providing enhanced stormwater management.



PID #003435A: Baypointe Stormwater Conservation Area

Budget: \$370,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project includes the conversion of the former Baypointe Golf Course into a regional stormwater conservation area. The goals of the project are to provide increased flood protection to adjacent communities, improve the quality of stormwater runoff being discharged to the Intracoastal Waterway, enhance habitat, and provide passive recreation amenities.



PID #003894A: Mullet Creek Channel B Bank Stabilization

Budget: \$3,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project will stabilize the creek bottom and banks to prevent erosion and provide additional floodplain storage of stormwater. The new floodplain storage area will improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat.

Project will:

- Improved resiliency to flooding
- Improved water quality
- Improve wildlife habitat



PID #003900A: Stormwater Starkey Facility M10 Modification

Budget: \$2,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project will optimize the existing Starkey M10 Floodplain Mitigation Area to provide additional storage capacity and residence time by converting it to a wet detention system for enhanced water quality treatment. A stormwater pond for future improvements to Starkey Road will also be constructed.

Project will:

- Improved water quality in surrounding water bodies
- Improved resiliency to flooding



PID #002123A: Roosevelt Creek Channel 5 Improvements

Budget: \$4,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

The project addresses existing flooding to roads and structures and identifies water quality improvement alternatives for the Roosevelt Creek Channel 5 basin. This project will lower a salinity weir to provide a more natural hydrologic connection between Roosevelt Creek and Old Tampa Bay. This will improve flood stages north of Ulmerton Road, improve habitat, reduce algae issues in the channel, and improve the movement of fish and other marine life.



EC 6: Revenue Replacement

PID #002153A: Fueling System Retrofits

Budget: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project will fund the decommissioning of County-operated fueling facilities as part of the process toward County fleet electrification. Some locations will be decommissioned by County staff; others will require the services of an excavator. Any contamination found once underground fuel tanks are removed may require environmental remediation and increase the cost.





Fire District Projects

PID #004185A: Palm Harbor Fire Station 68

Budget: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Funding will be utilized to assist with the construction of a new fire station. The existing fire station is past its serviceable and safe useful life.

PID #005544A: Pinellas Suncoast Fire Station 28 Mainland

Budget: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Funding will be utilized to assist with the construction of a new fire station. The existing fire station is past its serviceable and safe useful life.

PID #006034A: Fire Training Facility Enhancements

Budget: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Funding will provide an operational training facility that will provide the fire services needs based upon a strategic plan for in-service and specialty training, taking into consideration existing facilities operated by Fire Departments in the geographic location.



PID #005583A: Toytown Remediation Phase 2

Budget: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: Study in Progress

Project Overview:

This project will focus on the redevelopment of the Former Toytown Landfill site and presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities to Pinellas County. The site represents one of the largest parcels of land available in Pinellas County and is situated such that it could be well suited for a variety of uses. Due to the physical site constraints and the timeline for the use of ARPA funds, a master planning effort will look different than area-wide master plans currently in progress or under development in Pinellas County. The process can be broken into several steps, but an initial investigation or feasibility study should be completed as soon as possible.

PID #006005A: Sidewalk Condition Index

Budget: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project will include consultant services to complete a comprehensive analysis of our sidewalk network and ADA compliance that will result in a condition rating for sidewalks by segment as well as an overall rating. The results of this assessment will be used as one of the tools to assist the County when it comes to developing the capital improvement plan, estimating the annual sidewalk maintenance budget, and prioritizing the maintenance and repair projects. The assessment will allow the County to take a more proactive approach to maintaining and replacing the sidewalk infrastructure while improving the level of service and ensuring that equity is a priority of our sidewalk replacement program.



Innovative Projects

PID #006006A: Fiber Analysis Project

Budget: \$330,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

Pinellas County has installed and maintains a fiber optic communications system throughout the County that links Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices, traffic signals, and critical County facilities. This is a joint project between the County's Public Works and Business Technology Services departments that will inventory all County-owned fiber lines and create a Geographic Information System (GIS) solution for fiber management. This tool will provide detailed information, down to the fiber splice, in a digital format.

Once complete, the County will have better tools to manage its expanding fiber communications network. It will assist in quickly identifying communications issues, provide analysis of the current infrastructure and help plan the County's future fiber needs.

PID #006008A: ARPA Cyber Security Project

Budget: \$107,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview

Keeping cybersecurity hardware, software, and training up to date is imperative to defend against emerging cyber threats. This project will provide the necessary technology to support the County's cybersecurity and safety. Project funding will provide for digital forensics hardware to prevent potential security breaches and the tools to support the cybersecurity team in response to these threats or intrusions of the County security. Training to support cybersecurity and safety will also be part of this project.

PID #s006012A, 006013A: Transfer to Sheriff and Safety and Emergency Services (Personnel)

Total Budget: \$10,680,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: Completed

Project Overview

The County extended to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Safety and Emergency Services funding to offset the costs for vital emergency administrative costs. By providing this support, both emergency responders were able to move forward with the implementation costs for the new countywide Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

This system can be used to initiate public safety calls for service, dispatch, and maintain the status of responding resources across the county. The premise behind this technology is that persons in a central dispatch center can easily communicate with and have awareness of all units being dispatched throughout the county, amongst multiple agencies.



PID #006013A: Lake Seminole Park Trail Sidewalk Extension

Budget: \$2,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

Funding for this project will Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access to Lake Seminole Park from Park Boulevard main entrance. Currently, pedestrians and bike riders must share a busy road to access the park. The project would include a 10' wide bike and pedestrian path from Park Blvd entrance to the North Trail Loop in Lake Seminole Park.



PID #006032A: Countywide Electric Vehicles Infrastructure Master Plan

Budget: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

To reduce the County's carbon footprint and stay current with emerging technologies, Pinellas County is gradually replacing its gas-powered vehicles with electric vehicles. Currently, there are nine fully electric vehicles (EVs), three hybrid vehicles, and about 25 electric utility carts for County operations, with more on the way. The aim is to transition the whole light-duty vehicle fleet to EVs over the next 10 years.

There are eight publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations at County facilities as part of Duke Energy's Park & Plug program, and we are developing an electric vehicle charging infrastructure master plan for both County operations and public use.



PID #006035A: Squad 65 Emergency Rescue Vehicle (Palm Harbor)

Budget: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Design

Project Overview:

This project will provide funding for a new Fire EMS vehicle, referred to as a Squad, to replace the existing Squad 65 which is past its serviceable and safe useful life. The new Squad will serve the Palm Harbor area.



PID #004607A: Grand Canal Dredging in Tierra Verde

Budget: \$1,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Progress

Project Overview:

The project will remove, by hydraulic dredging, approximately 15,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediments from Grand Canal in Tierra Verde. The dredged sediments will be placed on Pass-A-Grille Beach as part of the larger Long Key/Treasure Island beach re-nourishment project.

The area is comprised of both residential and commercial entities. The commercial entities in the canal are a marina, a restaurant, a hotel, and several small businesses associated with the marina. Some of these entities were adversely impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic due to declines in the hospitality industry. If the project was not completed the area would be further adversely impacted due to the canal becoming un-navigable.





PID #006001A: COVID-19 ARPA Administration

Budget: \$2,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

Status: In Progress

Project Overview

The US Treasury provided recipients the ability to use funds for administering the APRA-SLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements.

The following projects were removed from the Pinellas County ARPA Recovery Fund Plan and will proceed utilizing alternative funding:

- PID #004116A: Joe's Creek Trail and BMPs
- PID #004556B: South Cross Bayou Little League Field Refurbishment
- PID #: 006011A: CAD and GIS Data and Integration
- PID #005015D: Manufactured Home Communities Potable Water System Improvements