American Rescue Plan Act Overview: Background

- $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021.
- It builds on the CARES Act to deliver relief and resources for COVID-19 recovery.
- $350 billion is allocated to States, Tribes, Territories and Local Governments via the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF, or simply LFRF)
- The City of Chicago received $1.9 billion through LFRF, as well as additional grants to departments from ARP
American Rescue Plan Act Overview: Treasury Guidance

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for four broad categories.

US Treasury provides four main sources of information to guide their use.

1. **Final Rule**: Detailed description of how funds may be used
2. **Compliance & Reporting Guide**: Eligibility and compliance handbook
3. **FAQ documents**: Additional clarifications, updated in multiple versions
4. **2 CFR 200**: Federal Uniform Guidance

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This site aims to provide information about the Chicago Recovery Plan to residents, delegate agencies, vendors and many other stakeholders, including opportunities to join us in building a better Chicago.

Read the plan here.

**Brief Overview of the Chicago Recovery Plan**

In response to the negative impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Congress appropriated $150 billion to the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”). The City of Chicago was allocated $1.887 billion from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“LFRF”) for expenditures incurred March 2021 thru December 2024.

Through an extensive process of community engagement, consultation and analysis, the City developed an integrated plan designed to drive transformational change called the Chicago Recovery Plan. This plan invests alone two main themes:
Readiness Summit

- Readiness Summit was held on Friday, February 4
- This was a joint summit in partnership with Cook County and the State of Illinois
- The purpose of the Summit was to provide a general overview of the types of programs that the City, County and State were funding and what steps organizations and businesses will need to take to be eligible to apply
- Over 1,000 people participated in this virtual event
- In addition to the City specific website, a joint website has been created that will align all of the opportunities for City, County and the State: www.greaterchicagotogether.org
2022 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

INVESTING TO BUILD A BETTER CHICAGO BY INCREASING SAFETY & OPPORTUNITIES

THRIVING & SAFE COMMUNITIES
- Violence prevention
- Affordable housing
- Homeless support services
- Youth opportunities
- Assistance to families
- City priorities for health and wellness
- Environmental justice

EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY
- Arts & culture
- Community climate investments
- Community development
- Parks & infrastructure
- Small business & workforce support
- Tourism & industry support

ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- Maintaining and enhancing essential government services
- Reducing burden on taxpayers - no new taxes
Chicago Recovery Plan

- Combines ARP LFRF ($567 million) and funding from a general obligation bond ($660 million) for an equity-based investment strategy to catalyze a balanced economic recovery and long-term growth, with a total investment of $1.2 billion.
Tentative Subcommittee Schedule

- February 9, 2022: Affordable Housing; Arts and Culture
- April 6, 2022: Violence Prevention; Community Development; Youth Opportunities
- May 4, 2022: Small Business and Workforce Support; Assistance to Families
- July 6, 2022: City Infrastructure and Parks; Homeless Support Services
- September 7, 2022: Health and Wellness; Tourism and Industry Supports
- December 7, 2022: Environmental Justice; Community Climate investments
mission
The mission of Chicago's Department of Housing is to expand access and choice for residents and to protect their right to quality homes that are affordable, safe and healthy.

vision
The vision of Chicago's Department of Housing is the equitable distribution of resources across all 77 community areas so that every Chicagoan can choose and remain in quality housing that is affordable, safe, and healthy.
### Housing Tools

#### Create Affordable Rental Units

**Help Developers Build Affordable Homes**
- Provide grants and loans to developers
- Incentivize market rate developers to build affordable units
- Assist with land and building acquisition

#### Improve & Preserve Homes

**Help Residents Fix and Keep Their Homes**
- Provide grants and loans to homeowners
- Façade improvement, energy efficiency and deferred maintenance repair
- Provide consultation and guidance on repairs

#### Promote Homeownership

**Help Residents Buy Homes**
- Provide low-cost loans and grants to home buyers
- Provide homeownership counseling
- Subsidize development to make homes affordable
**CRP Housing Programs Overview**

**CRP Funds: $190 million across multiple topic areas**

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CRP Funds: Keystone to Unlocking More Housing Opportunities

Public Investments
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
- Tax-Increment Financing
- Public mortgage and financing

Private Investments
- Developer Equity
- Private mortgage and financing
- Not-for-profit partners
- Leverage

$190M CRP Keystone Investment
2021 Progress: Development of Mixed-use Housing & Permanent Supportive Housing

• More than $1 billion investment in affordable housing

• 2,428 rental units created or preserved across 24 sites

• +Acquisition area for future development (18th & Peoria)
18 of 24 (75%) projects are Equitable Transit Developments (eTOD).

- 12 of 18 on South and West Sides (67%).

- All 24 will have BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color) participation.

- 10 of 24 developments are BIPOC-led.
Typical Program Structure: Mixed-Use, Multi-family Development

- City: Funding round. City finances through draws
- Developer Award: Developer finalizes design
- 3 GC bids Required: Developer required to bid. Bid to close in 5-6 months
- Closing & Construction
**Next Steps: Development of Mixed-use Housing & Permanent Supportive Housing**

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**What:**
- RFP for PSH/Non congregate
- Awards to Developers & GC Bidding opportunities

**When:**
- Ongoing throughout 2022 and 2023
Next Steps: Owner occupied repairs and Acquisition Rehab

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What:
RFP awards to Administrators/Developers

When:
Spring – Fall 2022
Typical Program Structure: Owner Occ. Repair

Program Parameters:
- Resident selects GC
- Admin loans money to resident
- Resident pays GC
- Admin reimbursed by City

City
- Program ordinance / Grant Agreement

Admin
- Admin finds participants and vendors

Resident Pool
- General Contractor (GC)/ Subsidiary bids for work

Resident

GC Pool
- GC/Sub does work

GC/Sub
Typical Program Structure: Acquisition & Rehab

City

Admin

Developer

For Sale

For Rent

Program ordinance/Grant Agreement

Admin finds participants and vendors

Developer finds property, gains access to credit from Admin

Sold: Affordable to homeowner

Rented: Affordable to tenants
Next Steps: SF Development & Homebuyer assistance

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$6M Single family site prep

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What:
RFP awards to Administrators and funding to residents

When:
Summer 2022
Typical Program Structure: Purchase Assistance

City
City selects Admin

Admin
- Admin hosts funding round
- Validates income and eligibility

Homebuyer
Homebuyer applies for resources with admin
Homebuyer participates in pre-purchase counseling, finds home and lender

Closing
Funds provided at closing
The City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is dedicated to enriching Chicago’s artistic vitality and cultural vibrancy.

- Fostering the development of Chicago’s non-profit arts sector, independent working artists and for-profit arts businesses;
- Supporting the cultural vitality of Chicago’s 77 neighborhoods via Arts77, a citywide arts recovery and reopening plan;
- Marketing the City’s cultural assets to a worldwide audience; and
- Presenting high-quality, free and affordable cultural programs for residents and visitors.
CULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM

Individual Artists Program:
Provides project-based funding for practicing artists.
- Total 2021 grants: 175
- Total 2021 budget: $700,000

CityArts:
Provides general operating and project grants to Chicago-based, arts and culture-focused, non-profit organizations of all sizes.
- Total 2021 grants: 200
- Total 2021 budget: $1,800,000

Cultural Grants Overview
RELIEF PROGRAMS

- **Arts for Illinois Relief Fund**
  - Partnership with Arts Alliance Illinois, 3Arts, Arts Work Fund, and the greater philanthropic community

- **Performing Arts Venue Relief Program**
  - Provided direct support to music and other for profit performing arts venues

- **Chicago Creative Worker Assistance Program**
  - Total 2021 grants: 685
  - Total 2021 Budget: $3,300,000
### ARTS 77 GRANT PROGRAMS

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**Cultural Grants Overview**
Provided $26M in new arts and culture investments, including $10M for a dedicated revenue stream from the City’s corporate budget.

Increased cultural grants baseline budget from $2.7M to $20.7M over the next two years.
# NEW INVESTMENTS

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<td>For a dedicated revenue stream from the City’s corporate budget to guarantee a baseline of funding for Cultural Grants, which will no longer be subject to the vagaries of the hotel tax.</td>
<td>Targeted relief focusing on artists and organizations not able to access other forms of federal economic support, such as individual artists, local museums and other art and educational organizations.</td>
<td>“Together We Heal” Placemaking program to support projects that utilize community engagement to produce cultural projects in neighborhoods.</td>
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New Investments
New Investments

1. Expand access and participation in the arts citywide.
2. Prioritize employment of creative workers through City programs and services.
3. Deepen public sector investment in the creative sector.
CRP: YEAR OF HEALING

YEAR OF HEALING: Creative placekeeping grants

- **Goal**: To support projects that use community engagement and arts in a transformative way to promote racial healing, cultural awareness, neighborhood vibrancy, and community building
- **Grant types**: Direct grants for large-scale public art projects and re-granting partnerships
- **Who can apply**: Individual artists (for direct grants) and nonprofit organizations (for re-granting partnerships)
- **Examples**: Story circles, murals, sculptures, walking or bike tours, pop-up galleries, street festivals, reimaginations of vacant lots/buildings
- **Timeline**: Program announcement in Q2 (March), Notifications in Q3
**CRP: RECOVERY GRANTS**

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- Architecture
- Arts Service Organizations (trade association for specific arts disciplines)
- Curatorial Arts/Museums
- Dance
- Interdisciplinary/Multi-Disciplinary
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts & Film
- Music
- Performance Art
- Photography
- Public Art
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Locations That House Multiple Organizations
- ▲ Non-DCASE Applicants

Circle markers are DCASE grantees
Square markers are DCASE applicant organizations that were not funded
Marker size corresponds to small, medium, or large budget size

Art Vibrancy Ranking

Program Assessments
CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

CityArts

The 2022 CityArts Applications are now open. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 22 at 5:00pm CST

Technical Assistance Workshops

Thursday, February 10, 2022 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | 9:30am - 11:30am  
Monday, February 28, 2022 | 12:00pm - 2:00pm