

**AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN  
ACT FUNDING  
& PROPOSED  
BUDGET**

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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

- **\$1.9 trillion Package**
- **\$362 billion for State and Local Government Relief**
  - **\$65.1 billion in direct aid to counties**
- Also included funding for
  - Vaccine distribution, testing, and public health support
  - Increased TANF
  - Behavioral and mental health
  - Housing and utility assistance
  - Food and nutrition assistance
  - Extension of \$300/week federal unemployment to 9/6/21
  - Education stabilization
  - PPP and EIDL Loans
  - Public Transit
  - FEMA and EPA



# DIRECT PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

- Allocated based on share of national population
- El Paso County's total share - \$139,929,837
  - Payment in two equal tranches – one May 2021, second 12 months later
  - Initial amount \$69.96 million
- Required to be spent by December 31, 2024
  - Amounts obligated to large projects by 2024 can be spent on projects finished by December 31, 2026
- Quarterly project and expenditure reports to US treasury
- Recovery plans and performance reports filed annually



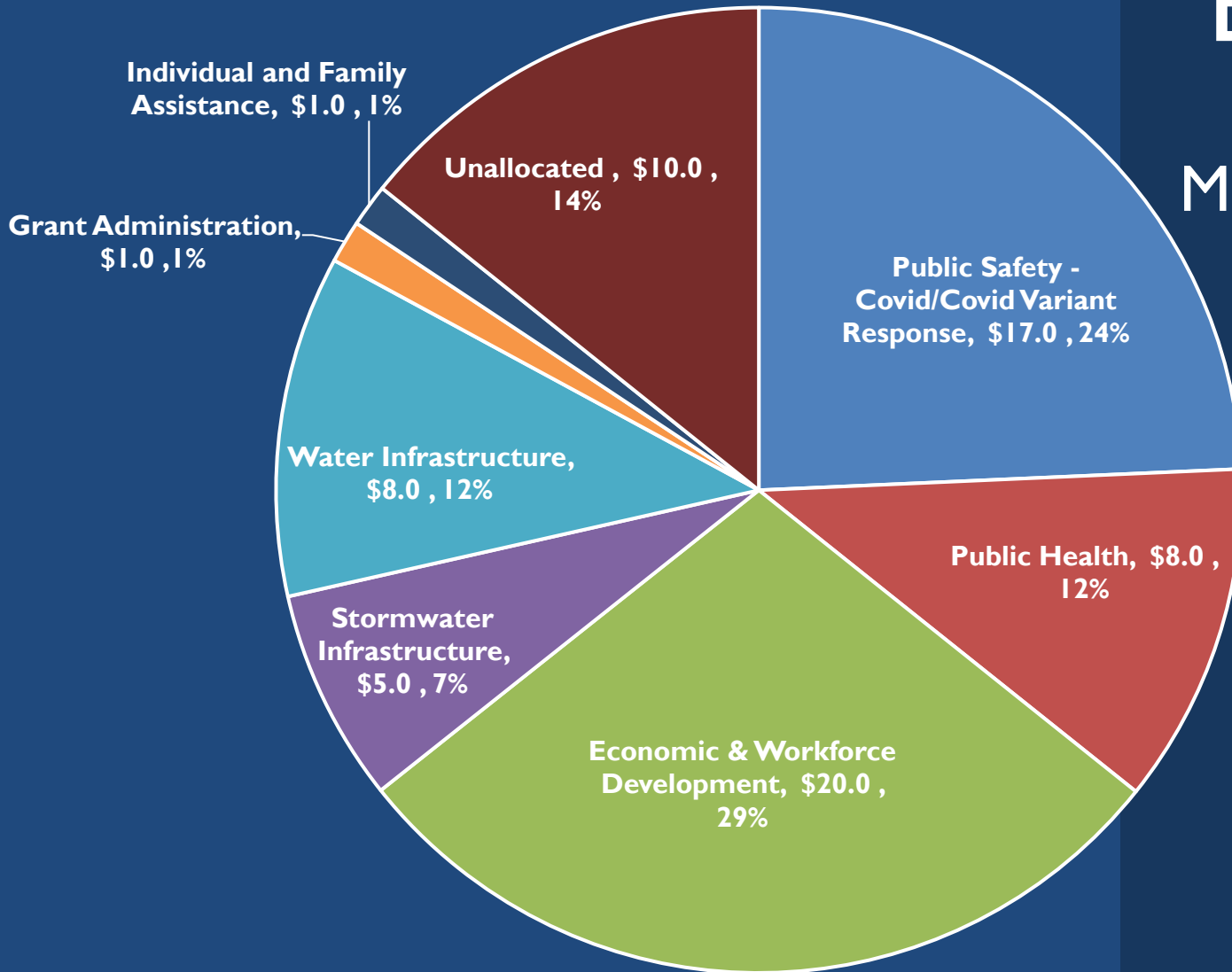
## ELIGIBLE USES

- Costs to respond to or mitigate the public health emergency of COVID-19 and address its negative economic impacts
- Regular government services to the extent of revenue loss
  - Does not apply to EPC
  - Cannot intentionally reduce revenue through sales tax holiday or property tax cut
- Infrastructure improvements:
  - Water
  - Sewer
  - Broadband
- Premium pay for essential workers who couldn't telework during the pandemic



# Proposed Budget – Initial \$69.96 Million Allocation

(in Millions)



# ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**\$20 MILLION**

- Regional Business Relief Grants
- Other business support
- Pikes Peak Workforce Center pop-up location
- Upskilling training for RBRF recipients
- Retraining for COVID impacted workers
- Tourism Support
- Small Business Development Center
- Regional Chambers Support



**PUBLIC SAFETY  
- COVID/COVID  
VARIANT  
RESPONSE**

**\$17 MILLION**

- No broad allowance for Public Safety costs like in CARES grant – only directly related to COVID
- Costs of running the jail are significantly higher due to COVID
- Testing, staffing, medical, quarantine, intake processing



# PUBLIC HEALTH

**\$8 MILLION**

- Fills the gaps of other Public Health funding being received for COVID
- Address health inequities
- Public Health is receiving significant direct federal funding for vaccination, testing, and COVID response





**WATER &  
STORMWATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**\$13 MILLION**

**GRANT  
ADMINISTRATION**

**\$1 MILLION**



- Stormwater – projects being identified by EPC’s Department of Public Works
- Water – working with regional water districts to identify needs and improve water infrastructure
- Funding to provide monitoring and oversight for the ARPA grant

# INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ASSISTANCE

**\$1 MILLION**

- Programs that aren't included in the other dedicated federal and state funding the County is receiving
- Fills the gaps other funding streams aren't covering
- Family Support Center
- Emergency Rental Assistance
  - Direct funds being administered by Colorado Division of Housing



QUESTIONS?

