

Economic Recovery Strategy—Long Beach Recovery Act

Economic Development & Finance Committee—March 8, 2022



Background

Long Beach Recovery Act

- Approved by the City Council on March 16, 2021.
- Funded via Federal Government thru American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Funding and programs officially adopted by the City Council as part of the FY 22 Budget in September 2021.
- Funding available for implementation as part of the new fiscal year beginning October 1st.

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Long Beach Recovery Act FY 21 Impact By Fund Group and Department

FUNDING SOURCE, FUND GROUP, Department	AMOUN
US DEPT. OF TREASURY - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARPA ALLOCATIO	N ¹
GENERAL GRANTS FUND GROUP	135,753,0
Citywide Activities Department	135,753,0
GENERAL FUND MADE AVAILABLE DUE TO ARPA FUNDING CITY S	ERVICES ²
GENERAL FUND GROUP	58,957,5
City Manager Department	300,0
Development Services Department	250,0
Economic Development Department	29,480,0
Financial Management Department	350,0
Health and Human Services Department	21,867,5
Library Services Department	1,110,0
Public Works Department	5,600,0
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 2ND ALLOCATION	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FUND GROUP	21,204,9
Development Services Department	21,204,9
US DEPT. OF HUD - HOME ARPA SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION ³	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FUND GROUP	10,240,8
Development Services Department	10,240,8
GRAND TOTAL*	226,156,3

¹ The ARPA funds will be received and recorded in the General Grants Fund Group. This appropriation increase is to cover the cost of City services eligible to be funded by ARPA funds per the indirect funding option allowed under the ARPA program. Eligible City costs will be transferred to the General Grants Fund Group, creating a savings in the General Fund Group that will fund the relevant Long Beach Recovery Act programs.

- ARPA funding for "Securing Our City's Future" allocations
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program First Allocation
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant
- Airport Operations Grant
- Vaccination Grant
- CDC Health Disparities Grant



The appropriation increase represents the amount that is programmed for Long Beach Recovery Act programs, offset by savings in the General Fund Group per the indirect funding option. This amount excludes the "Securing the City's Future" category of approximately 577 million as no appropriation is necessary.

³ An appropriation increase is requested in the department that will be managing the HUD funding and where final accounting costs will be recorded and doesn't necessarily reflect the department that will be directly managing the program(s).

^{*} Amount excludes program allocations from the followind funding sources as appropriation has been or will be requested as part of separate City Council action if necessary:

LBRA



Economic Recovery - \$64 Million

Focuses resources on residents and businesses most impacted by the pandemic



COVID-19 Protection for Businesses and Non-Profits: \$13 million



Clean Long Beach:

\$4 million



Direct Business Support:

\$20.6 million



Technical Assistance: \$500,000



Airport Operations:

\$15.1 million



Economic Stability:

\$1.6 million



Economic Inclusion:

\$7.6 million



Micro/Public Transit Pilot:

\$1.6 million

Economic Recovery Programs

LONG BEACH RECOVERY ACT PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

Dept.*	Title	Description	P	rogrammatic Total**		
1. ECO	1. ECONOMIC RECOVERY					
		COVID-19 PROTECTION FOR BUSINESSES & NONPROFITS				
ED	COVID-19 Protection for Service Sector Businesses, Non- Profits & Workers	Provides funding for COVID-19 testing, epidemiology support, contract tracing, and epidemiologic reporting activities to help protect service sector businesses, non-profits, workers, customers and visitors. Funding from Los Angeles County Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) will help to keep businesses open by tracking COVID, providing free testing for businesses and workers, and contact tracing in the event of outbreaks.	\$	13,000,000		
		Subtotal Subtotal	\$	13,000,000		
		DIRECT BUSINESS SUPPORT				
ED	Direct Grants to Restaurants, Breweries, and Bars	Provides working capital grants up to \$25,000 to assist locally-owned, independent, full-service, sit-down restaurant, brewery and bar owners to retire debt, pay fixed costs and utilities, pay rent, rehire employees, by startup inventory, and relaunch businesses. Awards will be based on tiers by revenue, size, employees. Program design will be based on recommendations from the Restaurant Retention Strategy, and feedback from Community Roundtables with the Long Beach Bar Coalition & Long Beach Restaurant Association. Includes grant funding for community-based support organizations to provide technical assistance to assist with language access, application, and research of other State and Federal grant programs.	\$	4,000,000		
ED	Direct Grants to Fitness and Personal Services Sector Businesses	Provides working capital grants up to \$25,000 to assist gyms, barbershops, salons, and other personal services to retire debt, pay fixed costs and utilities, pay rent, rehire employees, by startup inventory, and relaunch businesses. Awards will be based on tiers by revenue, size, employees. Program design will be based on recommendations from Community Roundtables, Council of Business Associations, and small business owners. Includes grant funding for community-based support organizations to provide technical assistance to assist with language access, application, and research of other State and Federal grant programs.	\$	4,000,000		
ED	Non-Profit Administrative Support Grants	In addition to the funding of non-profits in the Healthy and Safe Communities program that supports direct services to the community, this program provides working capital grants up to \$25,000 to assist non-profit directors and boards to retire debt, pay fixed costs and utilities, pay rent, rehire employees, by startup inventory, and relaunch businesses. Awards will be based on tiers by revenue, size, employees. Program design will be based on recommendations from Community Roundtables, Arts Council, museum leaders, and creative business owners. Up to 50% of grant funds will be advanced to assist with cash flow so that programming can begin immediately. Up to 25% of grant funds may be used for unrestricted organizational expenses including rent, payroll, administration, and fixed costs.	\$	2,400,000		
ED	Direct Grants to Other Businesses Impacted by COVID-19	Provides working capital grants up to \$10,000 to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 that are not identified in the categories above that will require support to survive the recovery period. Awards will be based on tiers by revenue, size, employees. This program provides working capital grants to business owners (not included in the categories above), to retire debt, pay fixed costs and utilities, pay rent, rehire employees, by startup inventory, and relaunch businesses. Awards will be based on tiers by revenue, size, employees. Program design will be based on recommendations from Community Roundtables, Council of Business Associations, and small business owners.	\$	1,600,000		

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ED	Direct Grants to Arts and Culture Businesses	Provides working capital grants to assist arts and culture business owners and directors to retire debt, pay fixed costs and utilities, pay rent, rehire employees, by startup inventory, and relaunch businesses. Awards will be similar to the CARES Act program formula and incorporate recommendations from Community Roundtables, Arts Council, museum leaders, and creative business owners.	\$ 900,000
ED	Fee Waivers for Businesses and Non- profits	Grants will be provided on a pro-rated basis to cover the costs of existing or delinquent business licenses, inspection fees, utilities, and other City-related permits for the period of 2021. This will be utilized to bring businesses current on City fees so that they are able to reopen and begin to recover revenue. May also be utilized in-lieu of an "amnesty" or "grace period" recommended through the Roundtables. Businesses and non-profits must demonstrate financial impacts to receive funding.	\$ 2,800,000
ED	Business Supporting Organization Technical Assitance Grants (Business Improvement Districts)	Provides direct grants to certified Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) that provide direct business technical assistance to under-represented business owners of color and women-owned service sector businesses in communities most impacted by COVID-19. Technical assistance includes customer generation, worker safety, customer safety, business transition, accounting, permitting, access to capital, business planning, application for grants and other services to help service sector businesses survive and recover.	\$ 1,600,000
ED	Inclusive Business Navigator Grants	Provides direct grants to business support organizations (non-profit, for-profit, membership-based) that provide direct business technical assistance to under-represented business owners of color, Re-entry entrepreneurs, and women-owned service sector businesses in communities most impacted by COVID-19.	\$ 250,000
ED	Citywide Small Business Navigator Grants	Provides direct grants to non-BID business support organizations (non-profit, for- profit, membership-based) that provide direct business technical assistance to business owners citywide that are not currently supported by BIDs.	\$ 250,000
ED	Visitor Attraction & Hospitality Sector Recovery	Provides the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and partners funding to coordinate visitor generation and customer activation in the hotel, hospitality, entertainment, and visitor-serving sectors needed to reopen businesses and recover lost jobs. Will promote citywide accomodations and visitor services.	\$ 1,125,000
ED	Customer Activation Grants to Reopen Local Business and Activate Consumer Spending	Provides local non-profit economic development organizations grants to develop, implement, and deliver strategies and events to connect with residents, create a citywide calendar of special events, stimulate private sector consumer spending, encourage residents to "Buy Local" and "Get Outside"; and, attract investment in local service sector businesses experiencing the greatest economic impacts, revenue decline, and job losses.	\$ 450,000
ED	Storefront Reopening: Board-up Removal, Public Safety, Beautification & Activation	Provides funding for a Property Reopening Ombudsman and grants to assist business and property owners with reopening and the removal of plywood boardups, basic repairs, façade improvements, and beautification of high-need commercial corridors impacted by civil unrest, COVID-19 closures, and other safety or quality of life impacts. Will provide coordination with homeless services, public safety, and other City departments in non-BID areas.	\$ 250,000
ED	Eviction Protection: Commercial Tenant & Landlord Support Coordinator	Provides funding for a Commerical Tenant and Property Owner Assistance Coordinator and community-based organizations in high-need areas to work with community based commercial tenants, property owners, and lenders to access over \$28M in rental relief grants, technical assistance, and other support programs at the local State and federal level already approved by City Council.	\$ 250,000



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ED	Property Activation: Outdoor Dining, Parklets, Adopt a Business, Pop-up Storefronts	Provides funding for a Property Activation Ombudsman and grants to businesses or property owners for the activation of outdoor spaces and parklets for live entertainment, arts, cultural activities, food, and beverage service during the Recovery. Provides grants to commercial property owners who are willing to activate their spaces for the arts or cultural activities, adopt businesses that need assistance with reopening, temporary business activities, personal services or other service sector activation for the public benefit (or to help businesses restart). Funds will cover the cost of business support and technical assistance, permits, and landlord grants for the use of spaces thru the end of 2021.	\$ 4	50,000	
ED	Expedited Permitting	Provides funding for a Permitting Ombudsman and supplemental staff at Plan Check Intake to assist property owners, businesses, and non-profits with intake, customer service, communications, and streamlining the licensing and permitting process for development projects that require Development Services, Health, Special Events, and Fire Inspections.		50,000	
		Subtotal	\$ 20,5	75,000	
ED	Economic & Digital Inclusion Coordination	Provides funding for an aggressive approach to economic inclusion, digital inclusion, language access, Re-entry support, community-based organization coordination, and the implementation of recommendations from the Everyone In Implementation Plan, Framework for Racial Reconciliation, Digital Inclusion Roadmap, and Economic Recovery Strategy initiatives.	\$ 4	05,000	
ED	Bridge the Divide (Residential Connectivity)	Provides grant funding for community based organizations to deliver Chromebooks/hot spots/tech assistance to serve residents adversely impacted by COVID-19 and stay at home orders. Also supports non-profit digital navigator grants for community-based organizations to source households, assist with application, and ongoing implementation.	\$ 9	00,000	
ED	Bridge the Divide (Commercial Connectivity)	Provides grant funding for community based organizations to deliver Chromebooks/hot spots/tech assistance to serve businessess adversely impacted by COVID-19 and stay at home orders. Also supports non-profit digital navigator grants for community-based organizations to source households, assist with application, and ongoing implementation. Will also include technical assistance and training to help small businesses with online customer generation, activation, and payment processing.	\$ 9	00,000	
ED	Business Council for Diverse Business Owners	Provides seed funding to conduct community outreach, develop recommendations, and begin implementation of citywide business council for diverse entrepreneurs including funding for non-profit community based organizations to coordinate, support, and outreach to diverse small businesses, Re-entry business owners, and customer activation citywide.	\$ 2	50,000	
ED	Inclusive Procurement Study & Technical Assistance	Provides funding to initial conduct study, recommend strategies, and coordinate implementation of an inclusive local procurement program to uplift diverse small businesses and leverage City procurement to create economic opportunities for underrepresented local small businesses. Provides funding to recommend and implement changes to City procurement platforms and procurement policies.	\$ 2	50,000	
ED	Service Worker & Customer Protection Program	Dedicates funding for a business outreach Service Sector Liaison to be coordinate COVID-19 Protection for Service Sector Businesses & Worker Protection, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC), PPE acquisition, distribution, outreach, education, and vaccination registration for all service sector workers in the the City of Long Beach. Prioritizes the vaccination and PPE protection of 100 percent of service sector workers most impacted by COVID-19 layoffs and job losses (as identified by the State Employment Development Department EDD data).	\$ 2	00,000	

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ED	WorkLB: On-Demand Worker and Employer Assistance	Provides funding to expand WorkLB, a multifaceted, interactive workforce development platform which offers underemployed job seekers, independent contractors, and Re-entry workers, broad flexibility and choice in their work hours, locations, and type of work for which they are eligible. The platform uses mobile technology to quickly connect employers with workers and functions in any web browser, as an application available for iPhones/iPads and Android devices.	\$ 250,000	
ED	Hero Program for Youth Workforce Development	Provides funding to Pacific Gateway to fund Youth Worker programs, provide training, and place youth into positions of employment in high need communities. Will seek to place youth workers into meaninful positions in support of the Recovery Strategy and into positions with local small businesses impacted by COVID-19.	\$ 900,000	
ED	PLA Community Outreach	Provides grants to community-based organizations and workforce training providers to develop, design, and implement inclusive worker outreach in high-need Tier 1 communities; with a focus on disengaged youth workers and neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19 recession job losses.	\$ 100,000	
ED	Economic Empowerment Zones	Creating investment funds for the planning, development, establishment and coordination of special economic zones in areas of the City and sectors most impacted by COVID-19. Funding would be dedicated to the community outreach, business planning, land trust research and investment, small business coordination, arts and culture, housing development, private sector investment attraction, and other services to address economic impacts that have been exacerbated by COVID-19.	\$ 3,000,000	
ED	Empowerment Fund Development	Provides seed funding to local community-based non-profit community and economic development corporations to conduct a feasibility study and develop an implementation plan for creating a non-profit community development bank to provide down payment assistance, guaranteed income, HUD certified counseling, financial services, lending, purchase order secured line of credit services for small business procurement, and Land Trust research and investments; for non-profit organizations, under-represented business owners, and disadvantaged home buyer programs.	\$ 450,000	
		Subtotal	\$ 7,605,000	
		CLEAN CITIES		
PW	Corridor Cleanups	Provides funding to expand illegally dumped item collection crews and promote scheduled special collection program to reduce illegal dumping. New equipment will allow for staff to access narrow alleys and other difficult terrain for cleanups and provide additional support to neighborhood associations and other group cleanup activities for litter abatement in commercial corridors and support cleaning properties owned by other jurisdictions.	\$ 4,000,000	
		Subtotal	\$ 4,000,000	
		TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
ED	BizCARE Call Center (570-4BIZ) and Popup Locations	Expand support for BizCare customer support programs to assist non-profits, small businesses, and displaced workers with technical assistance regarding City, State, and federal grant guidelines, health orders, loans, PPE acquisition and other services; as well as funding for BizCare Pop-up Centers at locations including City facilities such as Libraries located in high-need areas to promote access and equity.	\$ 250,000	
ED	Economic Recovery Study & Community Reporting	Provides funding for "Economic Equity Analysis" from CSULB and/or additional non- profit research organizations to help track, report, and inform the community regarding the Economic Recovery Strategy to mitigate racial impacts of the COVID- 19 recession; and, to prevent economic disparities from growing.	\$ 250,000	
		Subtotal	\$ 500,000	

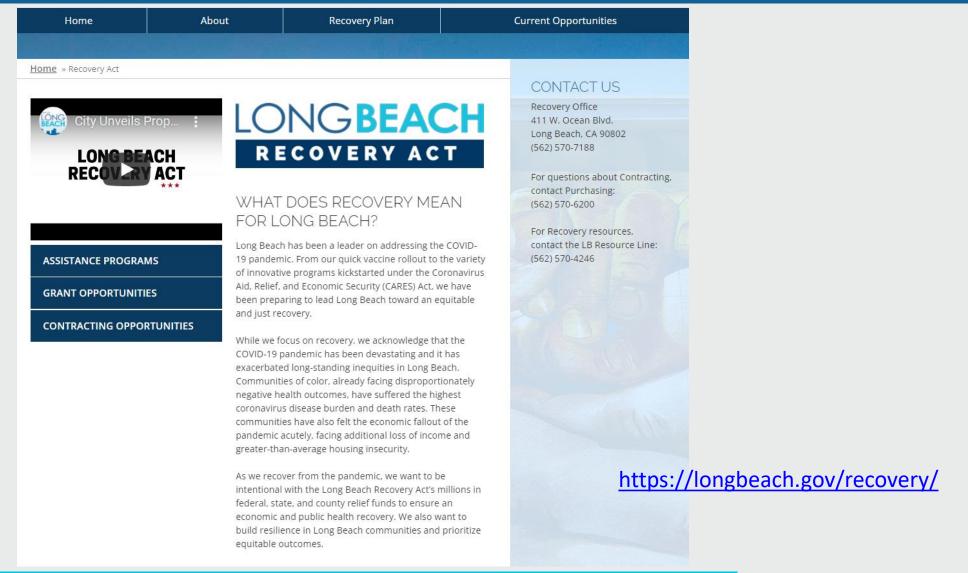


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		ECONOMIC STABILITY			
ED	Direct Income Pilot Program	Program providing direct income to help the Long Beach community meet basic needs and increase the potential for economic stability and advancement.	44	1,600,000	
		Subtotal	\$	1,600,000	
		TRANSIT PILOT			
PW	Micro and Public Transit Pilot Program	Provide micro-transit and micro-mobility transportation options to/from business districts to support economic recovery.	\$	1,600,000	
		Subtotal	\$	1,600,000	
	AIRPORT OPERATIONS				
AP	Airport Operations	Provide rent relief to concessionaires at the Airport and fund a portion of operating and other essential Airport expenses through Fiscal Year 2022.	\$	15,131,261	
		Subtotal	\$	15,131,261	
ECON	ECONOMIC RECOVERY TOTAL				
		Total	\$	64,011,261	

Recovery Act Website



Economic Development Programs

Phase I: Live Now!

Support Programs (\$17.5M)

- ✓ BizCare Program (Call Center, Pop-ups, and Outreach Team)
- ✓ Clean City Corridor Cleanup Coordination
- ✓ COVID-19 Testing & Tracing Support
- ✓ WorkLB: On-Demand Workers
- ✓ Storefront Reopening Grants
- ✓ Visitor Attraction & Hospitality
- ✓ Inclusive Procurement (via FM)

Phase II: Launching Soon (Q1/Q2)!

Direct Grants (\$20.5M)

- ✓ Restaurants, Bars & Breweries
- ✓ Fitness & Personal Services
- ✓ Other Businesses
- ✓ Non-profit Administrative Support
- ✓ Fee Waivers: Business/Non-profits
- ✓ Business Supporting Organization Technical Assistance
- ✓ Citywide Small Business Navigators
- ✓ Business Improvement Districts

Economic Inclusion (\$7.6M)

- ✓ Guaranteed Income Pilot Program (RFP process underway)
- ✓ Bridge the Divide: Residential and Commercial Connectivity (RFP process underway)
- ✓ Economic Empowerment Zones (multiple RFP launching soon)
- ✓ Economic Innovation Districts (multiple RFP launching soon)
- ✓ Inclusive Business Navigators



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Phase III: Launching Q3 & Q4

Direct Grants (\$20.5M)

- ✓ Customer Activation to Reopen Local Business and Activate Consumer Spending
- ✓ Eviction Protection: Commercial Tenant and Landlord Support
- ✓ Expedited Permitting (via DV)
- ✓ Arts & Culture Organization Grants

Economic Inclusion (\$7.6M)

- ✓ Diverse Business Council
- ✓ Service Worker Protection
- ✓ Youth Workforce Hero Program
- ✓ PLA Community Outreach
- ✓ Economic Empowerment Zones
- ✓ Economic Empowerment Fund Development
- ✓ Economic Recovery Studies and Community Reporting

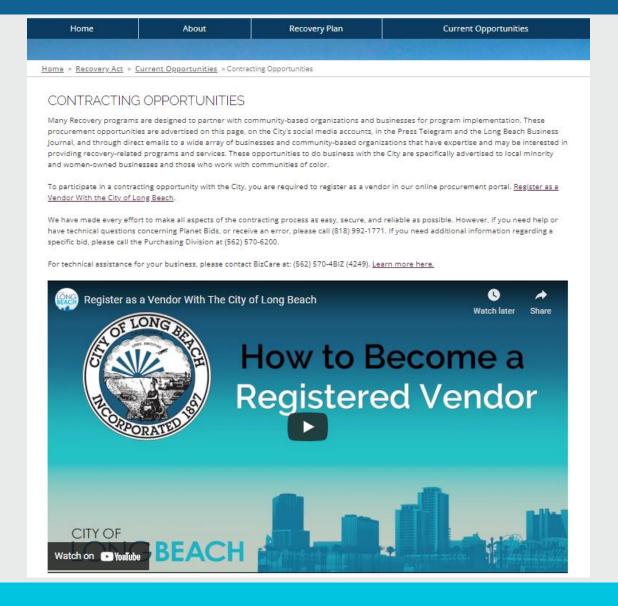


Economic Development Programs

City Council Questions:

- ARPA Compliance: timing for some programs or procurements may fall under Federal guidelines.
- Financial Reporting: information on year-end expenditures were reported in Financial Management year-end report.
- **Program Expenditures:** will be reported in the upcoming bi-annual LBRA memo (TFF) which will be published in April.
- **Progress Reports**: updated information is available on the City Recovery website: www.longbeach.gov/recovery, under the "Recovery Plan" tab.
- Procurement Forecast: local businesses and non-profits may find information about anticipated opportunities, timing, and how to submit bids at: www.longbeach.gov/recovery/opportunities/contracting-opportunities

Procurement Opportunities



Next Steps

Key Activities: March 2022

- Inclusive Business Outreach: Launched
- Business Technical Assistance: RFP Open (multiple)
- Direct Grants: Online Application Open!
- BID Grants: Finalizing Grant Agreements (multiple)
- Bridge the Divide: RFP Open (multiple)
- Economic Empowerment Zones: RFP Open (multiple)
- Economic Innovation Districts: RFP Open (multiple)
- Guaranteed Income Pilot Program: RFP Open

Recommendation

Thank You

