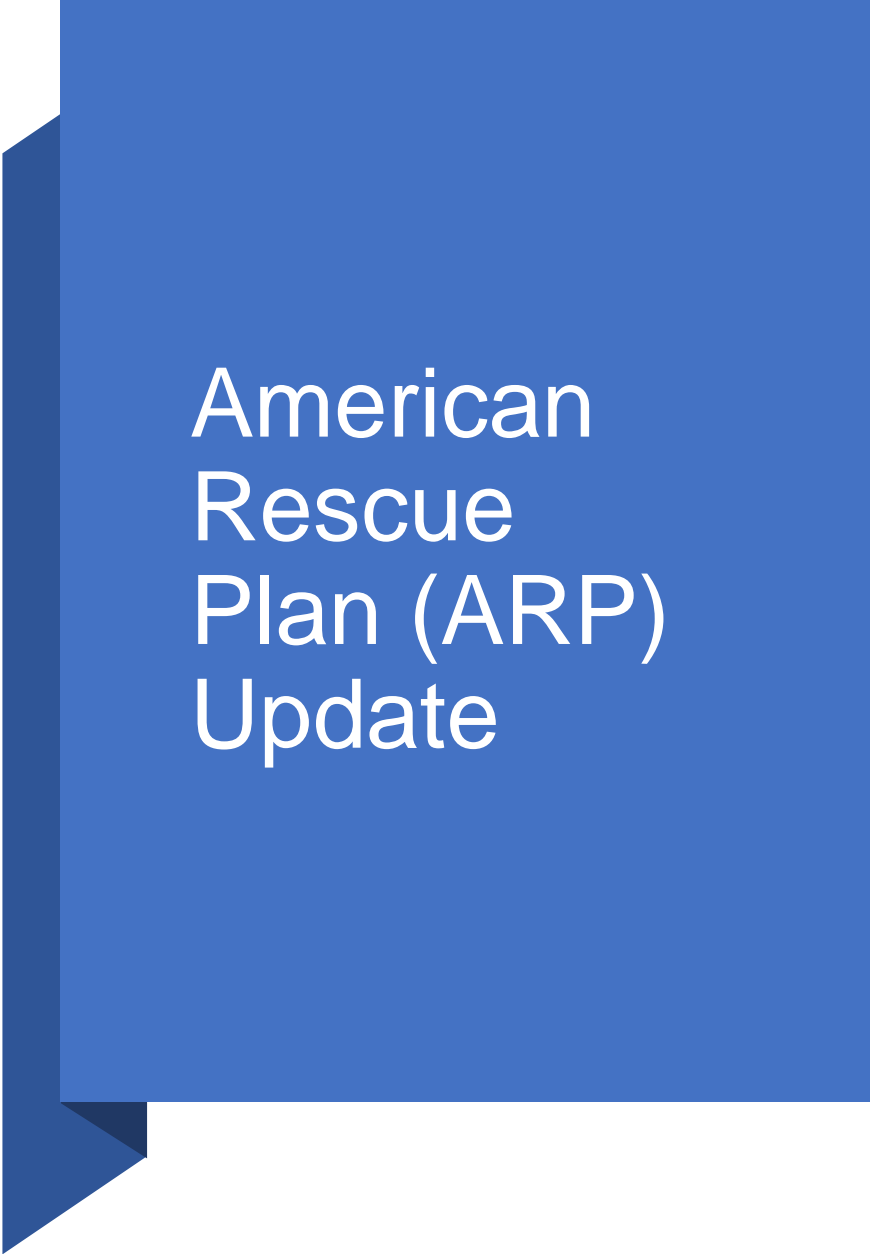


WDACS ARP Projects

Update to LA County Workforce Development Board
September 24, 2021





American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update

What has the County
approved for Workforce?

Process Updates

Next Steps

What has been approved?

ALLOCATION	PROGRAM
\$20M	PANDEMIC RECOVERY RAPID REEMPLOYMENT Support individuals and businesses in economic recovery by targeting industries and workers most impacted by the economic crisis. Strategies include subsidized employment and other resources such as 90% on-the-job training to incentivize hiring. Helping dislocated workers regain employment quickly and in better jobs will be the goal of this effort. Equity is key and targeted populations include women, youth, persons/youth experiencing homelessness, English language learners, justice-involved, low-income/disadvantaged communities.
\$9M	HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS Focus on helping dislocated workers and workers in low-wage, low-skilled jobs that are often most susceptible to economic crises, into occupations and industries that offer long-term career pathways with family sustaining wages . WDACS will expand existing programs and build new pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships in health care, advanced manufacturing, green and renewable energy, film and digital media, early care and education (ECE) social and human services, information technology, among other key sectors.
\$5M	YOUTH@WORK WDACS will enhance its Youth@Work/ CYBP programs by increasing participation hours for up to 480 hours. This allows for a more meaningful engagement for the youth and the hosting employer. Opportunity Youth (e.g., foster care youth, homeless youth) will be the targeted youth populations.
\$2M	FAIR CHANCE Expand educational efforts targeted at the business sector to increase employment of justice-involved individuals, while also providing incentives to employers. WDACS will use its existing infrastructure and contracts to expand this program. This includes Probation, ODR, DCBA, our AJCC network, DCBA, LACDA, Probation, ODR, Sheriff's Department, our Workforce Board partners, CEO HI, LACDA, DPSS and our network of Social Enterprises/community partners.

What has been approved?

ALLOCATION	PROGRAM
\$2.6M	CAREERS FOR A CAUSE (C4C) C4C is an eight-week training program aimed at preparing individuals for entry-level positions within the social services industry while tackling the homeless crisis.
\$1M	WORKER EQUITY FUND (WEF): Provide financial, technical, housing, and social service resources to participants, focused on those with significant barriers to employment, to ensure their success while they are enrolled in rapid re-training and high road training programs. Wraparound supports while in training could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stipends for individuals while in training; • Childcare; • Mentoring and other case management supports; and • Housing support • Support to address the digital divide • Collaboration with DPSS, LAHSA and CBO/FBOs
\$500K	SAFER AT WORK/PPE to Small Businesses Safer at Work is a public education campaign to improve compliance with public health orders. It targets businesses, employees and consumers. In addition, the PPE for Small Business Program provides much needed PPE to micro and small enterprises and critical information on health orders.

Process

County vetting and approval of all projects

Equity focus to be reviewed by the County's Office of Anti-Racism, Diversity & Inclusion (ARDI)

Current federal contracting guidance requires competitive bidding; sole-sourcing is very limited

Next Steps

Refinement of programs – Input and suggestions are critical

Procurements & Program Implementation

Other direct ARP Economic Development Agency grant opportunities

- Good Jobs Challenge
- Build Back Better Challenge
- Economic Adjustment Assistance

Infrastructure-related federal funding

Internal Capacity