



City of Caldwell's Proposal for American Rescue Plan Funding September 2021

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City is working to develop a plan to allocate funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act. The goal is to use funding in a manner that will respond to the most urgent needs of the city.

This coronavirus stimulus package includes funding for support for individuals in isolation or quarantine and other prevention measures, support for the essential local government workers who have been on the front-line of the pandemic, much needed broadband and water/sewer infrastructure within the city, and other public health assistance.

**City of Caldwell's Appropriation
of the American Rescue Plan**

\$12,481,887

*The City of Caldwell is identified as a Metropolitan city with a population below 250,000 residents which received more than \$5 million in SLFRF Funding.

ELIGIBLE USES

This coronavirus stimulus package includes funding for expenditures that fall within the following four major categories:

1. Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts: Recipients may use SLFRF award funds related to public health, public services that assist businesses and individuals that have experienced Negative Economic Impact, and programs to service the disproportionately Impacted Areas within the city.
2. Premium Pay: Recipients may provide premium pay retrospectively for work performed at any time since the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Such premium pay must be “in addition to” wages and remuneration already received and the obligation to provide such pay must not have been incurred by the recipient prior to March 3, 2021.
3. Revenue Loss: Treasury’s Interim Final Rule gives recipients broad latitude to use funds for the provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue. While calculation of lost revenue begins with the recipient’s revenue in the last full fiscal year prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency and includes the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020. – **According to City of Caldwell’s Calculation no revenue loss was recognized.**
4. Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband: Recipients may use SLFRF award funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband.
5. Administrative Costs: Recipients may use funds for administering the SLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements. Further, costs must be reasonable and allocable as outline in 2 CFR 200.404 and 2 CFO 200.405.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Local government must certify that it needs federal assistance, and
- That the local government will use the funds for the designated purposes defined under the bill.
- Fifty (50) percent of the city funds were delivered in June 2021, the other fifty (50) percent will be received in 2022.
- Eligible costs must be incurred during the period that begins March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, and as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026.
- Recipients must implement robust internal controls and effective monitoring to ensure compliance with the Cost Principles in line with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E.
- Recipients must develop and implement policies and procedures to determine and monitor implementation of criteria for determining eligibility of funds.
- Any purchase of equipment or real property with these funds must be consistent with Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D.
- Interim report required by August 31, 2021 and a Project and Expenditure Report will be required thereafter 30 days after the end of each quarter.

CALDWELL'S PROPOSED CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUND USE

The City of Caldwell continues to consider allowable opportunities for use of the 12,481,887 allocated to the City. Options considered would benefit citizens throughout the City to provide immediate and future opportunities to ensure mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In considering opportunities, the City seeks to respond with measures that are within the guidance of the provisions of funding:

- To improve City of Caldwell infrastructure, which includes but is not limited to water and sewer in accordance with CWSRF and DWSRF Guidelines, including cybersecurity needs to protect Water or Sewer Infrastructure.
- To provide support for individuals in isolation and/or quarantine.
- To provide prevention measures by purchasing PPE, cleaning services.
- To provide capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs to implement COVID-19 tactics.
- To provide funding for those whose jobs are essential in responding to the public health emergency.
- To evaluate the provision of broadband infrastructure throughout the City and possibly provide broadband in many, if not all, public facilities and public sites.
- To provide public health services within the community as identified to assist with providing equality among the unserved and underserved.