City of Oakland

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2024 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The City of Oakland committed its allocation from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to revenue replacement. All funds were utilized prior to June 30, 2023. The City's finances are supported by many economically sensitive revenues which experienced severe declines during the pandemic. In order to assure the City's continued ability to meet the needs of its residents, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund revenues were used to address pandemic revenue losses and support general governmental services.

Uses of Funds

The City of Oakland's adopted budget prioritizes many of the same values cited by the US Treasury in its guidance on State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Guiding principles for the City of Oakland's budget include

- Advancing racial equity by ensuring service impacts create a net benefit for historically under-invested, low-income communities of color;
- Preserving services and staffing by minimizing service reductions, restoring vacancies, and preventing layoffs; and
- Protecting the City's long-term financial health by addressing unfunded retirement liabilities and deferred maintenance, maintaining positive credit ratings, and not adding new ongoing liabilities without new ongoing revenues.

Oakland's City Council has also approved policy and budget priorities based on the values of equity, transparency, and effectiveness:

- Affordable housing and homelessness solutions;
- Public safety and violence prevention;
- Good jobs and vibrant economy; and
- Clean, healthy, sustainable neighborhoods.

The City of Oakland's commitment of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to replace revenue losses experienced during the pandemic extended these principles and priorities to its use of these critical federal funds.

In addition to State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds the City of Oakland has also received ARPA funding for Emergency Rental Assistance and, as a subrecipient to the State of California, from the Homekey Program. These funds have been targeted to homelessness prevention through rent relief programs and to the acquisition of affordable housing.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Equity is an explicit guiding principle for the City of Oakland's budget development process and all policy proposals are reviewed with an equity lens. Detailed descriptions of policy adjustments and related equity impacts in Oakland's FY 2023-25 Adopted Policy Budget can be found online at: https://stories.opengov.com/oaklandca/published/PKZAhRRv1

Community Engagement

Oakland's budget process prioritizes public input and community engagement. Details on this process can be found online at: https://stories.opengov.com/oaklandca/published/PKZAhRRv1.

Labor Practices

The City of Oakland has a long track record of strong relations with its labor partners but did not use ARPA funds for infrastructure.

Use of Evidence

The City of Oakland did not use ARPA funds for evidence-based interventions and/or projects.

Performance Report

The Revenue Replacement project will be assessed on the basis of its support for general governmental services and impacts on the City's fiscal sustainability. No new activities or metrics were proposed as all funds were used to replace revenue losses experienced during the pandemic.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Revenue Replacement Project

Project 1: Revenue Replacement, FYE 6/30/24

FY24 funding amount: \$0

Cumulative funding through 6/30/24: \$188,081,700

Cumulative and anticipated funding through 6/30/25: \$188,081,700

Project Expenditure Category: 6, Revenue replacement

Project overview

Funds were used to replace general governmental revenues

Use of Evidence

Not applicable