

Appendix I: Proposed ARPA SFRF Spending

The Economic Progress Institute has detailed elsewhere the flow of approximately \$2.5 billion in American Relief Plan Act funds received by Rhode Island (<http://www.economicprogressri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ARP-Flow-Chart-FINAL.pdf>). Some of these funds go directly to local governments or flow through the state to various agencies (with targeted uses). When people speak of \$1.13 billion in ARPA funds, they are referring to that portion designated as State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRFs) and subject to allocation as part of the state budget process. These funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026, the midpoint of FY2027. It is this pool of money that the Governor is proposing to spend between FY2022 and FY2027, although the current budget proposals do not actually include spending for FY2024 and later. Table A1 shows how the Governor proposes spending the \$1.13 billion in SFRF.

Table A1: Proposed Overall Spending of ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year (July through June)	Proposed Amount
FY2022	\$178.4 million
FY2023	\$430.9 million
FY2024	\$278.6 million
FY2025	\$167.7 million
FY2026	\$43.1 million
FY2027	\$15.3 million
Total	\$1.13 billion

Table A2 shows the ARPA SFRF allocations approved and enacted in January 2022 and the additional ARPA SFRF allocations proposed in the revised FY2022 budget.

Table A2: Proposed ARPA SFRF Spending in FY2022

Program	FY2022 Spending Enacted in January 2022 Supplemental Budget Bill	FY2022 Spending Proposed in Governor's Revised FY2022 Budget Bill
Affordable Housing Development (Commerce)	\$15.0 million	
Homelessness Assistance (Commerce)	\$1.5 million	
Site Acquisition	\$12.0 million	
Office of Housing and Community Development (Commerce)	\$0.5 million	
Small Business Financial/Technical Assistance (Commerce)	\$32.0 million	
Hospitality/Event/Tourism Assistance (Commerce)	\$13.0 million	
Broadband Planning/Mapping (Commerce)	\$0.5 million	
Pediatric Primary Care (EOHHS)	\$7.5 million	
Early Intervention (EOHHS)	\$5.5 million	
Stabilization of Direct Care Staff (DCYF)	\$12.5 million	
Child Care Support (DHS)	\$19.0 million	
Ongoing COVID Pandemic Response (Dept. of Admin.)		\$50.0 million
Convention Center Assistance (Dept. of Admin.)		\$8.4 million
Auto-Enrollment for Qualified Health Plans (Dept. of Admin.)		\$0.5 million
RI Bridges Eligibility Extension Functionality (DHS & EOHHS)		\$0.5 million
Total	\$119.0 million	\$59.4 million

Table A3 shows the proposed ARPA spending for 2023 and overall for several proposals highlighted in this summary.

Table A3: Proposed ARPA SFRF Spending on Specific Programs		
Program	Proposed FY2023 Spending	Proposed Total Spending FY2022 - FY2027
Higher Education Academies	\$6.5 million	\$22.5 million
Minority Business Accelerator	\$1.5 million	\$10.0 million

The FY2023 budget would make use of \$81.5M in ARPA relief funds as part of \$250M in spending on housing from FY2022 through FY2027, as detailed in Table A4.

Table A4: Proposed ARPA SFRF Spending on Housing		
Program	Proposed FY2023 Spending	Proposed Total Spending FY2022 - FY2027*
for RI Housing to develop affordable housing units	\$20.0 million	\$90.0 million
to help eligible first-time home buyers with up to \$17,500 for making down payments	\$15.0 million	\$50.0 million
for RI Housing to undertake community revitalization by repairing homes and acquiring and redeveloping blighted properties	\$15.0 million	\$25.0 million
for increasing the housing supply for families earning up to 20% above the area median income level; such housing is often called workforce housing rather than affordable housing	\$12.0 million	\$20.0 million
to provide housing stability services for people making a transition from homelessness or prison to housing	\$7.0 million	\$21.5 million
for funding homelessness infrastructure , including acquiring or building permanent or temporary shelters or other options and providing wrap-around services for people making use of such shelters or other housing so that people avoid returning to homelessness	\$5.0 million	\$5.0 million
for RI Housing to acquire properties (site acquisition) to redevelop into affordable housing	\$3.0 million	\$25.0 million
for an Affordable Housing Predevelopment Program to fund an increase in the capacity of housing developers to expand affordable housing production	\$2.5 million	\$10.0 million
to underwrite a comprehensive Statewide Housing Plan , including a needs assessment.	\$2.0 million	\$2.0 million
for OHCD Predevelopment and Capacity Building to fund staffing for the administration of affordable housing projects; these funds appear to support increased staffing at the Office of Housing and Community Development	\$0.5 million	\$1.5 million
Total	\$81.5 million	\$250.0 million
This includes funds appropriated in the Supplemental FY2022 Budget adopted in January 2022. See Table A2.		