



# CITY OF SANTA FE

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## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Leveraging State and  
Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds for Human  
Services

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# ARPA BACKGROUND

- The City received \$15 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding.
- In April 2022 the Governing Body approved 16 projects funded with ARPA dollars. The 16 projects fall into four investment priority categories which were determined through a community engagement process.
- Today's focus will be on human services projects deployed through the City's Youth & Family Services Division.

INVESTMENT PRIORITY	APPROVED ARPA ALLOCATION
Community Health & Safety	\$6,900,000 (46%)
Economic Health	\$4,300,000 (28%)
Public Infrastructure	\$1,700,000 (11%)
Children & Youth Support Services	\$1,150,000 (8%)
Administrative Expenses	\$999,631 (7%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,049,631</b>

# VOICE FROM THE PUBLIC

## 1. Community Survey

- 10 minute online survey, English and Spanish
- Open from Oct-Nov 2021, to residents 18+
- 1,040 survey responses, 15% received in Spanish, 85% in English

## 2. Community Listening Session

- October 2021
- Translation service available
- 90 minute session
- 15 participants

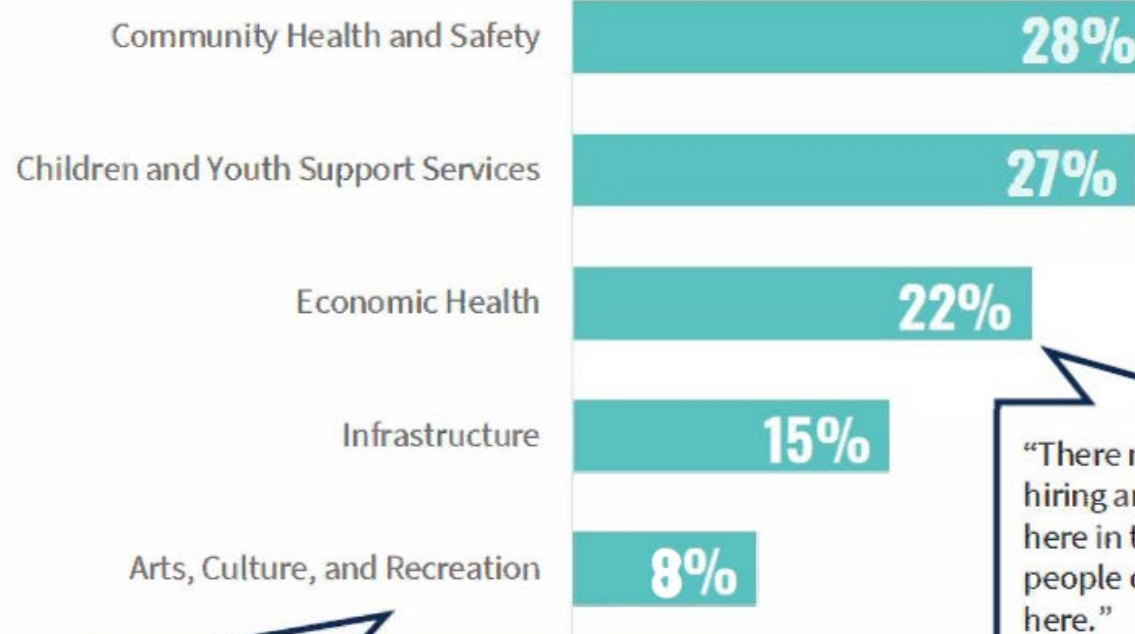
## 3. Petitions from the Floor

- Captured during City Council meetings on October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Residents were asked to share ideas for ARPA funding.
- In total 17 community members ideas were captured



Community Health and Safety, Children and Youth Support Services, and Economic Health were the 3 areas that respondents felt needed the most funding allocation.

“The Southside community needs help; there have been lots of evictions. Folks are struggling to pay rent, especially those working in the tourism industry. It is especially hard for undocumented or non-English speakers. Many of the resources are not made available for low income, Spanish speakers.” –Community Listening Session Attendee



“We can do more to support and educate a robust early childhood workforce.”  
–Community Listening Session Attendee

“There needs to be more focus on hiring and training people from here in the community. Then people can afford to stay and live here.”  
–Community Listening Session Attendee

“I love the open spaces that Santa Fe has; so many parks and so much nature.”  
–Community Listening Session Attendee

# PRIORITY PROJECTS

EARLY  
CHILD CARE  
CHILD CARE

Early Childcare

Homeless Services

Community + Youth Violence

Cash Assistance

Administration

COMMUNITY AND  
YOUTH VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION

# SLFRF-ARPA FUNDS

## Community Partnerships.

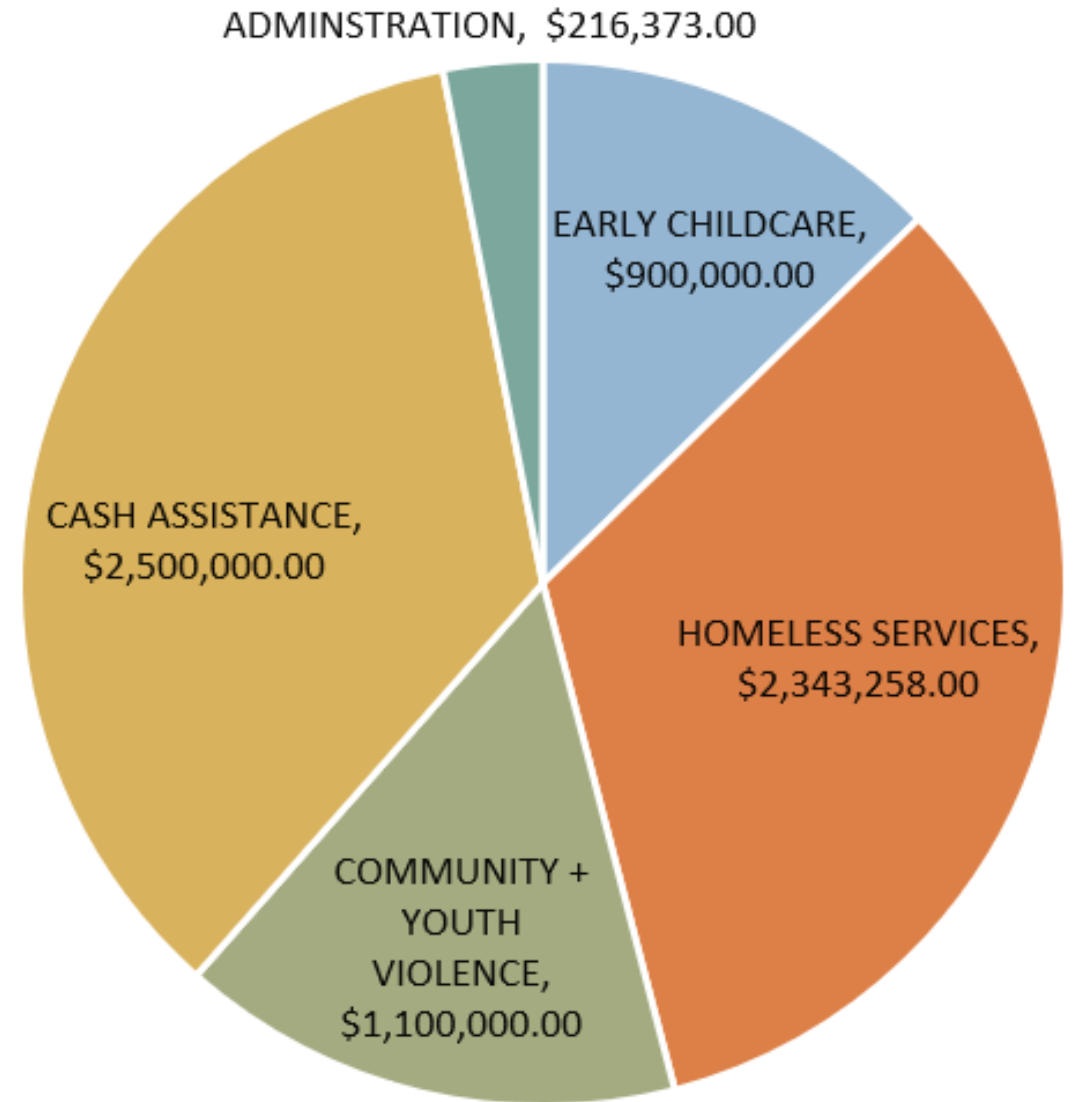
ARPA funding covers a total of 24 contractors working to address some of the city's most pressing issues.

## New and Innovative Programming.

- Direct Cash Assistance.
- Work-based learning programming.
- Micro-Communities.
- Pre-Apprentice/Apprentice Programming.
- Youth Violence Interruption Pilot Project.
- Domestic Violence Response Team.

## New Partnerships.

- Office of Economic Development + SFPS - Work-based learning
- Santa Fe Police Department – Youth Gun Violence + Domestic Violence



**Total YFSD Allocation: \$7,059,631.00**

# IMPACT OF SLFR-ARPA FUNDS

## Early Childcare

- SFCC Partnership – APRENDE Program
- Students enroll as pre-apprentice, earn a certificate, join an apprenticeship, and earn an associates degree.
- 65 Pre-Apprentices and 38 Apprentices enrolled since Fall 2022.
- 812 children were served by the program
  - 50% identified as black, indigenous or people of color.
  - 46% from low-income households
  - 35% dual language speakers
- Classes are offered in English and Spanish
- Students are paired with mentor teachers
- Students earn a stipend in the program to support their ability to attend college.
- 3 students earned Associates Degrees, 28 students earned a certificate

# IMPACT OF SLFR-ARPA FUNDS

## Homeless Services

- Piloted the city's first low barrier non-congregate 10 unit micro-community site, that allows for couples, and pets.
- Successfully housed 10 chronically homeless residents into a permanent housing solution.
- Expanded Street Outreach Services from 1 worker to now 6 workers (all positions hired as of March 2025), who will work with individuals living on the street.

# IMPACT OF SLFR-ARPA FUNDS

## Community + Youth Violence

- Hired and trained a Domestic Violence Response Specialist to join PD in responding to PD domestic violence calls.
- 26 safety plans via community contractors have been executed for survivors of domestic violence since December 2024
- Began the provider Multi Disciplinary Taskforce (MDT) working with our funded agencies to support care coordination for survivors of domestic violence.
- 400+ seniors/juniors have participated in the SFPS work based learning program since it started.
- 300+ youth have been involved in various violence intervention/prevention classes since December 2024 through prevention based educational contracts.



# IMPACT OF SLFR-ARPA FUNDS

## Cash Assistance

- 1050 constituents have received direct cash assistance from ARPA funding.
- Funding has been used to support back rent and utility payments, catching up on car payments, covering medications and groceries, paying for childcare and other basic needs.
- 90 SFCC student parents have been funded through the second year of the MGI program.
- UNM is on contract to conduct an evaluation of all ARPA cash assistance programs.

# INVESTING TODAY, TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

These investments are just the beginning of our strategy to uplift youth, families, and underserved communities.

In the coming months, we will focus on tracking and measuring success, ensuring we see real impact in education, employment, and family well-being..

Our goal is to ensure ARPA funds create lasting, transformational change for Santa Fe's families and youth.

These programs are designed to lift people up, create new opportunities, and build resilience for future generations.

We look forward to continued discussions with the Governing Body as we roll out these investments.

**WE CAN DO INCREDIBLE  
THINGS WITH A LARGE  
FLEXIBLE ALLOCATION OF  
PUBLIC FUNDING.**

**THANK YOU!**