



Trenton's current American Rescue Plan Proposal covers \$71.69 million in direct federal aid.

## KEY INVESTMENTS

### Building Youth and Neighborhood Resilience

**\$20.94 million** to improve the health and well-being of Trenton residents, students and employees, including \$8 million in hazard pay for eligible City workers who were active throughout the pandemic, \$1.75 million to expand mental health services, \$2 million in rehabilitation and upgrades to public parks and \$2 million toward a COVID-19 vaccine booster program.

### Transforming Aging Infrastructure

**\$35.12 million** to fund much-needed investments in city infrastructure, including \$4 million to replace the water main on Olden Avenue, \$4 million for updates to Trenton Public Works facilities, \$4 million for improvements to the Trenton Free Public Library, and \$4 million to replace the Trenton Police Department 911 and radio system.

### Investing in Local Jobs and Businesses

**\$15.63 million** to improve job training and business support programs, including a \$5 million local venture capital fund, \$4 million in expanded Urban Enterprise Zone support for local businesses, and more than \$6.5 million in new internship and job training programs.

## DIRECT U.S. TREASURY GUIDANCE

The guidance offers wide latitude to support public health initiatives and resources, including COVID-19 mitigation and containment, medical expenses, and behavioral and mental health services. This also includes capital investments in public facilities to meet operational requirements related to the pandemic. Municipalities are also empowered to address negative economic impacts for individuals, households, small businesses, and non-profits, especially in low-income and socially vulnerable communities.

## What's New as of October 2021

The following items have been **added**, **revised**, or **removed** based on emergent needs and City Council and community input.

### **Mental Health Counseling**

**\$1,750,000**

Provide mental health counseling to residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and gun violence.

### **Rehab & Upgrades to Public Parks**

**\$1,909,000**

Sweeping improvements to City parks and youth recreation in all four wards. Funds will be used for repairs and improvements, including new batting cages and bleachers. *Related resolution to go before Council Oct. 5.*

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program**

**\$2,000,000**

Continue vaccinating Trenton residents and support booster clinics for those who have already received the first round(s) of the vaccine.

### **TPD 911 System & Radio Replacement**

**\$4,000,000**

Enhance public safety by updating 911 emergency telecommunication and radio equipment. The current system is completely outdated.

### **Olden Ave. Water Main Replacement**

**\$4,000,000**

Replace 1.8 miles of 16-inch water main in Ewing Township starting Fall 2022. *Approved by City Council September 2021.*

### **West Trenton Community Center**

**\$500,000**

Make structural repairs to building used by a non-profit that provides food services and youth and community programs.

### **Briggs Branch Library**

**\$200,000**

Make extensive repairs and replace the roof, HVAC system, and windows and floors.

### **City Revenue Replacement**

**\$7,000,000**

Replace City revenue lost due to COVID-19 in order to support continued government services at zero percent tax rate increase.

**Trenton Animal Shelter****\$200,000**

Provide a COVID-safe environment for additional workers by installing two office trailers.

**Trenton Free Public Library****\$4,000,000**

Increased from \$500,000 allocated in the original plan. Additional funding needed for HVAC replacement, a new roof, and major exterior and interior structural repairs.

**Homeowner Support****\$15,000,000**

Direct \$500 payment to each Trenton household has been tabled for now based on mixed public and City Council feedback.

***\*Trenton Water Works Billing*****\$6,000,000**

Make up for loss of uncollected water bills due to COVID-19.

***\*Make Up Lost Kiosk Revenue*****\$1,000,000**

Estimated loss of parking tax and meter/kiosk revenue due to COVID-19.

*\*Both of the above items were folded into an eligible ARP spending category - replacement of lost revenue - under federal guidelines (see 'City Revenue Replacement' above).*

# Trenton American Rescue Plan Proposal Version 2

The updated plan now outlining \$71.69 million in ARP spending. Items from the June 2021 spending proposal, as well as the previously-mentioned changes, are included below.

## ***Build Youth and Neighborhood Resilience***

**\$20.94 million** to improve the health and well-being of Trenton residents, students and employees.

### **Hazard Pay**

**\$8,000,000**

Essential hazard pay for eligible City workers that worked onsite during the pandemic.

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### **Youth Violence Prevention Programming**

**\$500,000**

Recruit "take it to the streets" neighborhood counselors to intervene with at-risk youth in high crime areas of City where there is elevated potential for gang and other criminal activity.

### **Upgrades to Roebling Wireworks Building**

**\$1,500,000**

Investments for indoor vaccinations and post-Covid recreational events, including replacement of broken windows, an upgraded HVAC system for year-round activities, an additional entrance for access, and an industrial kitchen for recreational classes and catering activities.

## **Youth Arts Programming** **\$510,000**

Expand recreational programming including digital music and sound engineering, musical instrument lessons, vocal coaching, dance, chess, martial arts, and creative writing.

## **Youth Sports Programming** **\$500,000**

Recreational programming for City youth with expanded team sports tournaments and clinics.

## **West Side Plaza** **\$2,000,000**

Renovate West Side Plaza Center to create a permanent vaccine site, women's health center, and children's science library.

## **Broadband Services** **\$1,000,000**

Phase 1 of a plan to offer free WiFi to every Trenton resident and business.

## **Fight The Blight** **\$250,000**

Allocation of additional resources to identify vacant and abandoned properties that need rehabilitation and upkeep. Program coordinators will work with prisoner reentry, Trenton Youth and other community engagement groups to address urban blight. Funds will target local contractors, and the program will also seek community non-profit partners to help implement the program's goals.

## **Book Mobile** **\$350,000**

Mobile library unit would bring library services, including digital resources, to all four wards of the city.

## **Aqua Mural** **\$100,000**

Empower student artists to create an aqua mural around the TWW Filtration Plant that will also serve as an iconic image for the Capital City.

## **Passage Theatre: Hedgepeth-Williams Story** **\$25,000**

Theatre artists will work with 8th grade students to create a show about the history of Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School, while teaching them applicable theatrical skills and techniques. The program will serve 25 students.

**Photography & Videography Grants** **\$50,000**

Expanded grants to photographers and videographers to document City youth programs and accomplishments.

**Disseminating Information** **\$500,000**

Boost awareness of ARP programs to ensure eligible residents take advantage of the benefits.

***Transform Aging Infrastructure***

**\$35.12 million** to counter COVID-19 budget shortfalls that have prevented much-needed investments in city infrastructure.

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Increased from \$500,000 allocated in the original plan. Additional funding needed for HVAC replacement, a new roof, and major exterior and interior structural repairs.

**Trenton Free Public Library** **\$4,000,000**

Improvements to ventilation systems and HVAC replacement, a new roof, masonry repairs to its exterior, and rehabilitation to many of its interior spaces.

**911 System/Radio Replacement** **\$4,000,000**

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## **City Hall** **\$2,000,000**

Update aging elevators and ventilation in City Hall.

## **Retrofitting Public Waste Vehicles** **\$100,000**

Retrofit sanitation trucks to improve ventilation, install plexiglass dividers that separate the driver from the passenger in the cab area, change air filters once a month, order disinfectant for trucks, purchase face shields for sanitation throwers, and attach durable hand sanitizer dispensers in each sanitation truck.

## **Trenton Municipal Courts** **\$500,000**

Update aging facility for spacing and distance needs to include new carpeting, and ventilation, new gallery seating, updated lighting, and new paint.

## **Trenton Police Station HQ** **\$1,000,000**

Improvements to ventilation systems and HVAC replacement.

## **Animal Control Services** **\$4,000,000**

Due to record number of citizens turning in adopted pets to Animal Control, it was necessary to expand Animal Control services. In addition, with an expanded facility, the City would partner with academic institutions to offer veterinarian tech services and basic vet care. The facility would employ returning citizens, and students would earn vet tech credits. Internships will be available to high school students interested in veterinary sciences.

## **Trenton Fire Department** **\$500,000**

Replace self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Current gear is entering final years of acceptable NFPA Standards and must be updated.

## **Improve Access to Youth Dental Care** **\$120,000**

Trenton-based dental health care services for at-risk youth in the City.

## **Downtown Lighting** **\$2,000,000**

Update lighting in downtown business district.

## **Historic Site HVAC Systems** **\$1,000,000**

Various grants to City's historic sites that suffered loss of tourism revenue due to COVID, as well as improvements to ventilation & HVAC systems.

# ***Investing In Local Jobs & Businesses***

**\$15.63 million** to improve job training and business support programs.

## **Youth Development & Career Opportunities** **\$3,120,000**

Design and implement a City-wide youth engagement program to provide youth ages 14-18 with job readiness resources, structured employment, training, and career exploration opportunities.

## **Trenton Central High School Internships** **\$1,755,000**

Provide paid, local internships for high school students in areas including: STEM, Health, Trenton Water Works, Restaurant/Hospitality, & Visual Performance. This program will expand early learning and career development programs.

## **Adult Job Training** **\$1,755,000**

Like the aforementioned Youth Development and Career Opportunities, similar services will be offered to adults seeking job training.

## **Converting UEZ Loans to Grants** **\$2,000,000**

Converting UEZ loan program to forgivable grants for business losses due to COVID-19.



**Loans & Grants For Small Businesses****\$2,000,000**

Expand Loan/Grant program for additional small businesses to address losses due to COVID-19.

**Venture Capital Fund****\$5,000,000**

Create Venture Capital Fund to assess and support new entrepreneurial businesses in the City. Applicants would pitch business ideas and proposals evaluated upon best business practices. Successful business proposals would be supported and incubated in designated City areas. The Fund would partner with local business non-profits.

## Approved Expenditures to Date

<b>Hazard Pay</b> – June 2021	\$8,000,000
<b>Olden Avenue Water Main Replacement</b> – September 2021	\$4,000,000

## Upcoming Project Resolutions

<b>Rehab &amp; Upgrades to Public Parks</b>	\$1,909,000
<b>Mental Health Counseling</b>	\$1,750,000
<b>Trenton Public Works Facilities Improvements</b>	\$4,000,000