

Detroit Future Fund

Community Update Guide



July 23, 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act



What is it?

A \$1.9 trillion federal stimulus bill signed into law in March 2021 to combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. State and local governments receive money directly to fix budget shortfalls and invest in their communities.

What does it mean for Detroit?

Detroit is receiving the 5th largest amount of any city in America: \$826 Million



→ \$413 Million received this June 2021

→ \$413 Million in May/June 2022

→ **Must be fully committed by 2024, or goes back to federal government**

Detroit Future Fund Community Outreach



Community Input from May 25th-June 29th

65

Public Meetings

3,838

Meeting Participants

411

Community Meeting Responses

739

Online Survey Responses

Detroiters Help Decide Priority for Funding



- **More money for housing/Senior home repair**
- **Traffic enforcement/Community based gun violence intervention initiatives**
- **Support for the Disability Community**
- **Mental Health Support**
- **Recreation Center Funding**



Detroiters attend Detroit Future Fund meeting

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What will the money be used for?

Offsetting budget shortfalls through 2024:

- *City Services and Infrastructure - \$250.2 million to maintain city services; Offset revenue shortfall; and Investments in IT and cybersecurity infrastructure*

New Investments to Address Negative Impacts Caused by Covid:

- **The Detroit's Future Fund**- to rebuild neighborhoods and invest in residents, technology, homes, and small businesses
 - Includes Match Funding - *\$30 million to leverage additional grant funding, such as Mental Health and Home Repairs*

What can't we use it for?

1. Pension fund payments
2. Paying off debt
3. Paying for pre-COVID obligations

Where the Detroit Future Fund Will be Spent

City Council Approved



Neighborhoods \$168.5 million

- Vacant property cleanouts and Alley activation
- Grants to block clubs and neighborhood associations; Neighborhood sign; Community-driven expenditures: 7 projects located in each Council District and 2 for Citywide projects
- Community Health Corps and Targeted employment and wraparound services, including community-based gun violence intervention initiatives
- Addressing the elimination of commercial and industrial blight through demolition, remediation, and land reuse

Where the Detroit Future Fund Will be Spent

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Housing \$67 million

- Home repairs to seniors, low income, and disabled community
- Create a city locator service to find affordable housing and provide financial and legal counseling services
- Foreclosure and homelessness prevention outreach and housing initiatives; credit repair and restoration initiatives; down payment assistance; Veterans' housing programs, including home repairs

Jobs \$105 million

- Skills for Life Employment (Work and Education); Intergenerational mentoring and senior employment; and IT jobs and careers access



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Public Safety \$50 million

- Traffic enforcement; Gun violence initiatives; DPD Training facility improvements and EMS bays at firehouses



Parks and Recreation \$71 million

- Green initiatives; Parks; Walking paths; Joe Louis Greenway; Streetscape; and Arts & Cultural investments
- New or expanded improvements for recreation centers



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Digital Divide \$45 million

- Devices; Internet access; Technology support initiatives



Small Business \$40 million

- Landlord support; Small business recovery programs, including interest reduction and credit support programs; Small business capacity building; Development stimulus programs; and Corridor investments



SKILLS FOR LIFE

SUMMARY

A paid work-paid training program serving 1200 Detroiters over 3 years. Participants work 3 days removing blight within the City of Detroit and train for 2 days in the educational or career training best suited for their needs and interests. The City of Detroit General Services Department provides the jobs, and Detroit at Work and its community partners will provide career services, barrier removal, mentoring, training and job placement

WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT BLIGHTED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

- Alley Cleanup
(including large debris removal using heavy equipment)
- Corridor Blight Removal
- Painting of Abandoned Commercial Buildings



Some roles require use of heavy equipment.

Work includes fence removal, commercial painting, removing large debris, etc.

GOALS

- Expand and Accelerate City's Blight Removal
- Remove primary barrier to higher education level: Time and Money
- Create Pathway to Middle Class Careers

WHY NOW

- Once-in-a-lifetime chance for Detroiters to gain meaningful work experience and earn necessary credentials while performing work the City needs
- Build long-term talent pipeline for unmet employer demand
- Post-secondary credential essential for coming economy

HOW IT WORKS

- Get hired by the City: \$12-\$14/hr starting
- Paid high school completion/GED
- Paid training leading to job placement at \$15+/hr
- Career planning & job placement
- Wraparound services
- Career readiness training for job placement after City job ends

Skills for Life Begins Fall 2021 Tell Us You Are Interested



YOUR JOB SEARCH
STARTS HERE



<https://detroitatwork.com/skillsforlife>



OR

(313) 962 – WORK (9675)

We will be in touch about upcoming Zoom informational sessions on the program.

Community Meetings in August



- City Wide Meeting- Monday August 2nd @ 5:30
- D5 Meeting- Tuesday August 10th @ 5:30
- D2 Meeting- Tuesday August 10th @ 6:00
- D6 Meeting –Thursday August 19th @ 4:00
- D3/4 Meeting- Tuesday August 24th @ 5:00
- D7 Meeting- Wednesday August 25th @ 5:00
- D1 Meeting- Thursday August 26th @ 5:30