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

**KEY INVESTMENTS**

- **$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.

- **$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.

- **$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.

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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
Essential hazard pay for eligible City workers that worked onsite during the pandemic.
Approved by City Council in June 2021.

Mental Health Counseling
Provide mental health counseling to persons and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and gun violence.

Rehab & Upgrades to Public Parks
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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program
Allocate funds to continue vaccinating Trenton residents and prepare booster clinics for those who have already received the first round(s) of the vaccine.

Youth Violence Prevention Programming
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
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 programing 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.

Trenton Public Works Buildings $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.

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
Update 911 emergency telecommunication and radio equipment.

Olden Avenue Water Main Replacement $4,000,000
Replace 1.8 miles of 16-inch water main in Ewing Township starting Fall 2022

West Trenton Community Center $500,000
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Briggs Branch Library $200,000
Make extensive repairs and replace the roof, HVAC system, and windows and floors.
City Revenue Replacement

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

Trenton Animal Shelter

Provide a COVID-safe environment for an increased number of workers by installing two office trailers, which will include plumbing and electrical work.

City Hall

Update aging elevators and ventilation in City Hall.

Retrofitting Public Waste Vehicles

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

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

Improvements to ventilation systems and HVAC replacement.

Animal Control Services

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

Downtown Lighting
Update lighting in downtown business district.

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

Converting UEZ Loans to Grants
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.
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