

Jefferson Parish Government  
**Recovery Plan Performance Report**

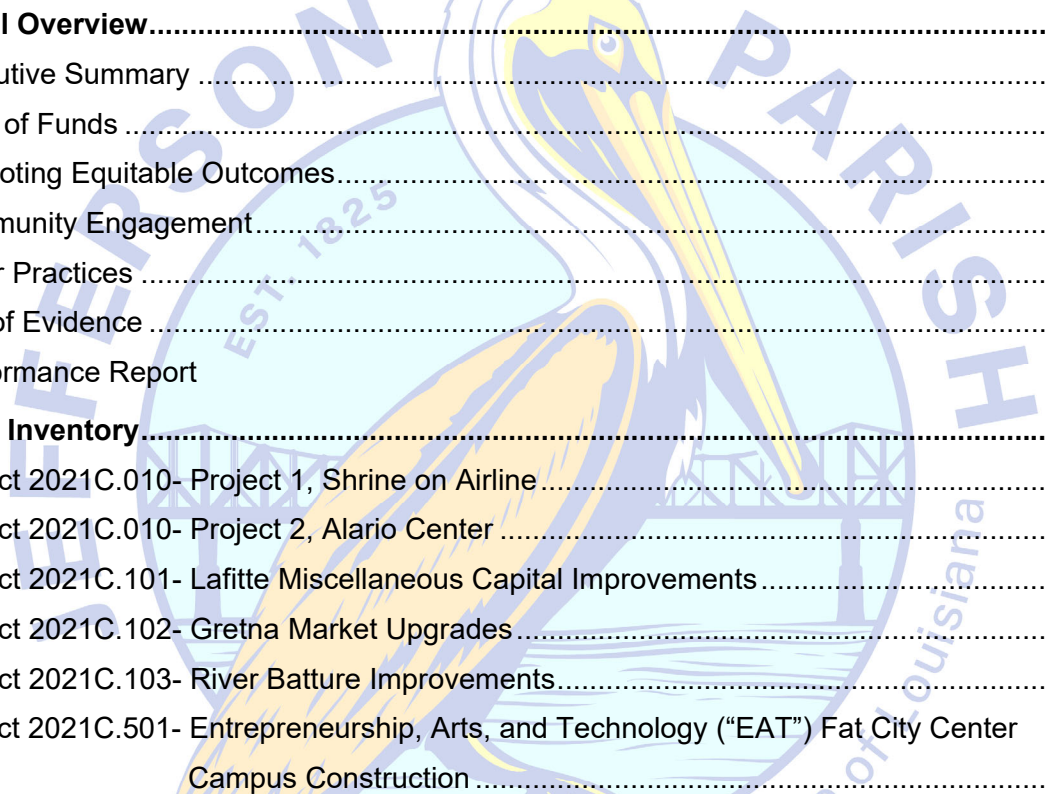
The seal of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a pelican with its wings spread, perched on a bridge. The bridge spans across a body of water. The text "JEFFERSON" is written in an arc across the top, and "PARISH" is written in an arc across the bottom. In the center of the seal, it says "EST. 1825". At the bottom of the seal, it says "State of Louisiana".

**Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal  
Recovery Funds**

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022  
Performance Report

**Jefferson Parish Government**  
**2022 Recovery Plan**

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Executive Summary**

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Jefferson Parish has been awarded and has received \$84,006,695 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF herein). Overall, it is the intention of the Jefferson Parish Council (the Council) to use these funds to assist the citizens of Jefferson Parish to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic through expanding existing governmental service capacity through pay-go capital projects, and economic recovery projects. The Council has budgeted \$20M of the LFRF for two unspecified projects, and divided the remaining \$64M across the Parish's five council districts as well as \$1M for each of the two at large members to distribute. The funds will be used for activities as outlined in the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances Article VII. Sec. 2-886- *Council District Improvement/Assistance funds*.

### **Uses of Funds**

As noted in the Executive Summary, the Jefferson Parish LFRF funds have been appropriated for use as Council District Improvement/Assistance Funds. The Council will be using these funds to replace lost revenues from the pandemic to expand existing governmental infrastructure, improve government service delivery, and aid in the economic recovery. Uses of the funds will be determined by each individual council member, as adopted by the Council.

### **Promoting equitable outcomes**

Jefferson Parish is committed to the use of LFRF funds to promote equitable outcomes. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Jefferson Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 137857 creating a 16 member American Rescue Plan Task Force (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force was to advise the Jefferson Parish Council as to the use of these funds in accordance with ARPA, LFRF and US Treasury Guidance. The Task Force membership included members of civic organizations, the business community, and other community-oriented entities.

### **Community Engagement**

The 16-member Task Force referenced in the previous section was created with Community Engagement in mind and is composed of members of civic associations, business leaders, and public servants as follows:

1. Two member appointments by the Parish President
2. One member appointment made by each Councilmember (Jefferson Parish has 5 district and 2 at large councilmembers)
3. The Executive Director of the Jefferson Business Council or his designee
4. The President of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce or his designee
5. The President of the Civic League of East Jefferson or his designee
6. The President of the West Jefferson Civic Coalition or his designee

7. Director of the Jefferson Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO) or his designee
8. The Executive Director of the Jefferson Finance Authority or her designee
9. The Executive Director of the Metairie Business Development District or his designee

Meetings of the Task Force were Public, and subject to the Louisiana Open Meetings Laws. The Task Force submitted its recommendations to the Council on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The Task Force report is located on the Jefferson Parish website [American Rescue Plan Task Force \(jeffparish.net\)](http://jeffparish.net)

### **Labor Practices**

Infrastructure projects will be undertaken in compliance with Jefferson Parish's procurement policies and State of Louisiana's public bid law.

### **Use of Evidence**

This section is not presently applicable as Jefferson Parish has not to date allocated any of the LFRF funds to evidenced-based interventions or programs where evidenced based evaluations are applicable.

### **Performance Report**

At this time all of the Parish's projects are budgeted to either pay-go capital projects under the Revenue Replacement expenditure category, or payments to municipalities for the same. As such our performance measurement will be based on the completion of these construction projects in a timely manner.

### **Project Inventory**

Project 2021C.010: Project 1- Shrine on Airline

Funding amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

#### Project Overview

- *Project has not been formalized at this time, however has been budgeted by the Council.*
- *Project 1 is supported by a CEA with the State of Louisiana to make modifications to the Shrine on Airline, a baseball field owned by the State of Louisiana, and located on land owned by Jefferson Parish, in order to bring the facility back into commerce. The facility is currently not in regular use and is used during rugby season by a Professional Rugby team.*
- *Timeline for the project is indeterminate at this time as the details of the project are on-going.*

### Performance Report

- *Key performance indicators will be determined once the project is finalized and moves forward. Likely indicators will be, completion of planning/design, issuance of construction contract, percent complete of construction, and accepting contract as completed.*

Project 2021C.020: Project 2- Alario Center

Funding amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

### Project Overview

- *Project has not been formalized at this time, however has been budgeted by the Council.*
- *Project 2 will be for maintenance and building improvements to the Alario Center which is a Parish operated event center, that is owned by the State of Louisiana. Funding for the Alario Center was severely impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The facility is also used as a staging area for personnel and equipment during disaster events, and was utilized as a Covid-19 testing and vaccination site for most of 2020 and 2021.*
- *Timeline for the project is indeterminate as the details of the project are on-going.*

### Performance Report

- *Key performance indicators will be determined once the project is finalized and moves forward. Likely indicators will be, completion of planning/design, issuance of construction contract, percent complete of construction, and accepting contract as completed.*

Project 2021C.101: Lafitte Misc. Cap Improvements

Funding amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

### Project Overview

- *Project is for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jean Lafitte, an incorporated municipality in Jefferson Parish, to provide the town with \$1,000,000 for various capital improvements to the town's infrastructure. Improvements include sidewalks, storage facilities, construction of a wetland education center, and improvements to festival grounds.*
- *The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jean Lafitte has a start date of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021, and an end date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.*

### Performance Report

- *The Subrecipient agreement between the Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte has been approved via Council resolution with signature of the Council Chairperson and the Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte.*
- *Performance will be measured by the percentage of funds expended as well as the completion of individual projects.*

Project 2021C.102: Gretna Market Upgrades

Funding amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

Project Overview

- *Project is for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Gretna, an incorporated municipality in Jefferson Parish, to provide the City with \$500,000 for various improvements to the Gretna Marketplace area. The Marketplace area is an open-air market located in downtown Gretna, which is used to host various events including farmer's markets and craft shows. Improvements include updating lighting for energy efficiency, improving patio covers to include roll down doors, and improving sidewalk.*
- *Timeline for the project is not determinable at this time as the agreement has not yet been finalized.*

Performance Report

- *The Subrecipient agreement between Jefferson Parish and the City of Gretna has been approved via Council resolution with signature of the Council Chairperson and the Mayor of the City of Gretna.*
- *Performance will be measured by the percentage of funds expended and the completion status of construction.*

Project 2021C.103: River Batture Improvements

Funding amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

Project Overview

- *Project is for improvements to the River Batture on the West Bank of the Mississippi River adjacent to downtown City of Gretna. The current funding is for the planning and design costs. Once the design phase is completed, the project will receive additional funding from the LFRF allocated by the Council to Council District No. 1.*
- *Timeline for the project is not determinable at this time as this is just the first step of the project. Once the full scope of the improvements is finalized, a timeline can be established.*

Performance Report

- *Key performance indicators will be determined once the project is finalized and moves forward. Likely indicators will be, completion of planning/design, issuance of construction contract, percent complete of construction, and accepting contract as completed.*

Project 2021C.501: EAT (Entrepreneurship, Arts, and Technology) Fat City Center Campus Construction

Funding amount: \$12,400,4000

Project Expenditure Category: EC-6.1, Revenue Replacement

Project Overview

- *Project is for the pay-go construction of a multipurpose building which will be focused on nurturing entrepreneurship, arts and technology. The building will provide flexible meeting spaces and host business centric organizations such as the Jefferson Economic Development Commission, the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, and Jefferson Business Council. The building will also house an E-branch of the Parish's library.*
- *Timeline for the project is under consideration during this first step of the Project. Once the full scope of the improvements is finalized, a timeline will be established.*

Performance Report

- *The project is currently in design phase. Future performance indicators will include completion of planning/design, issuance of construction contract, percent complete of construction, and accepting contract as completed.*

