

# 8.16.2021 Joint Council- Budget Committee Meeting

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) investment options review from staff report and next steps preview (10 mins)
- Discussion of options (45 mins)
- Summarize initial guidance to staff (5 mins)

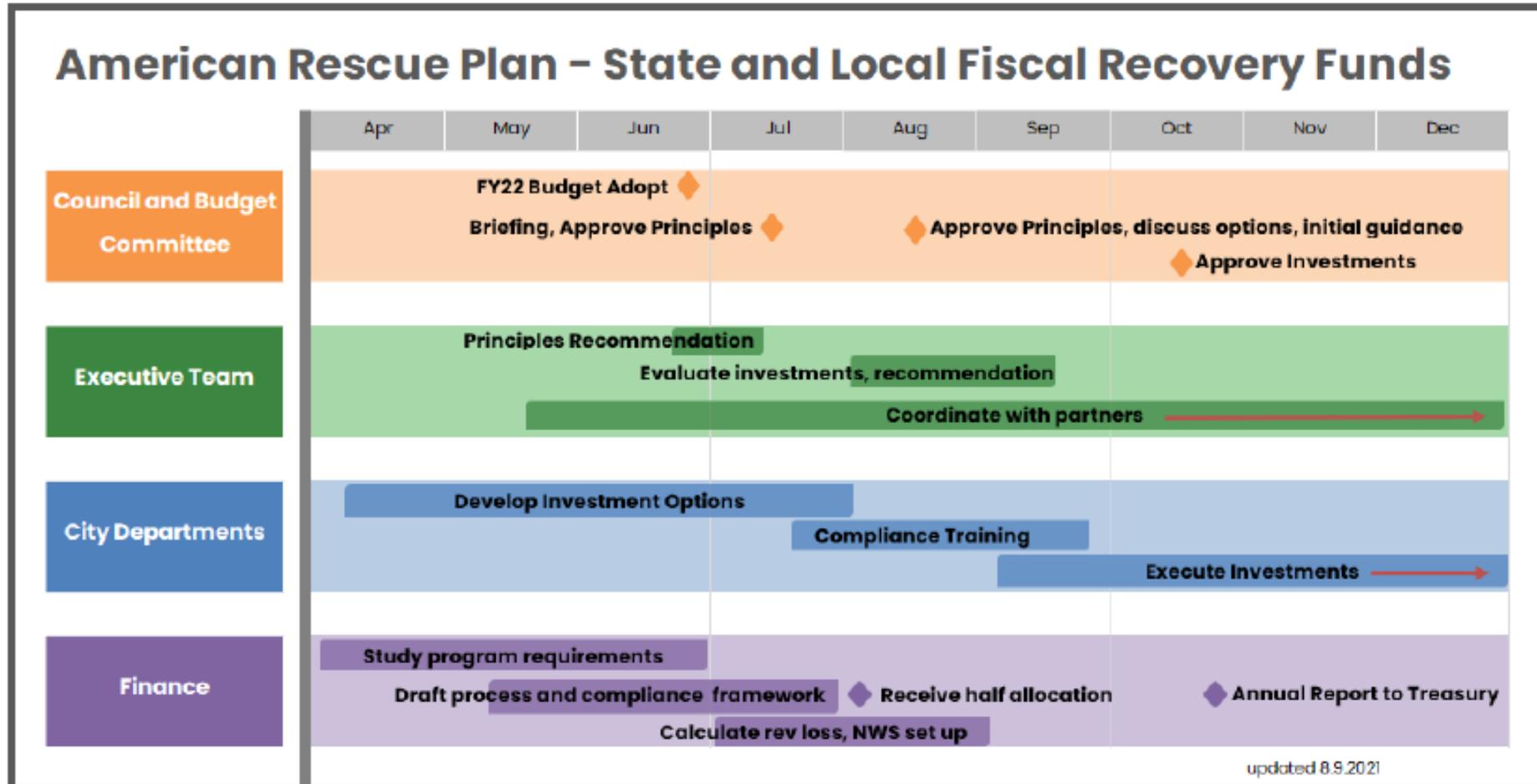
# SLFRF next steps

8/16/2021 – Initial Discussions, ID any additional information or work needed

10/12/2021 – Decisions on projects to pursue

10/15/2021 – First year's Report to Treasury Department due

# SLFRF Roadmap (updated)



# SLFRF Eligible Expenses

Four categories of eligible uses:

- *To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;*
- *To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;*
- *For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and*
- *To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

Section 603(c)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act

# SLFRF Prohibited Uses

- **Contributions to pension funds**

Compliance rules clarify that to the extent staffing costs are eligible expenses, the pension costs associated with that labor is allowable

- **Contributions to rainy day funds, financial reserves, legal settlements**

- **Outstanding debt payments**

- **Offset tax cuts**

- **General infrastructure spending outside of broadband, water and sewer**

Rules clarify that governmental services provided by lost revenue dollars can be allocated to other infrastructure outlays

- **Matching funds unless allowed by the federal program**

# Considerations for your discussion:

Should it be confirmed that the revenue loss is a large number, how would that impact your thinking on investments in new programming?

Are there any projects/expenditure categories that have clear support that the group would like to give the green light to staff to begin action on tonight? Any such expenditure would be included in the first report to the Treasury Department.

There is no need to identify use for the entire amount – saving an unassigned portion for the future or other conditions are perfectly reasonable conclusions.

Any other questions on projects noted in the staff report prior to starting your discussions?