

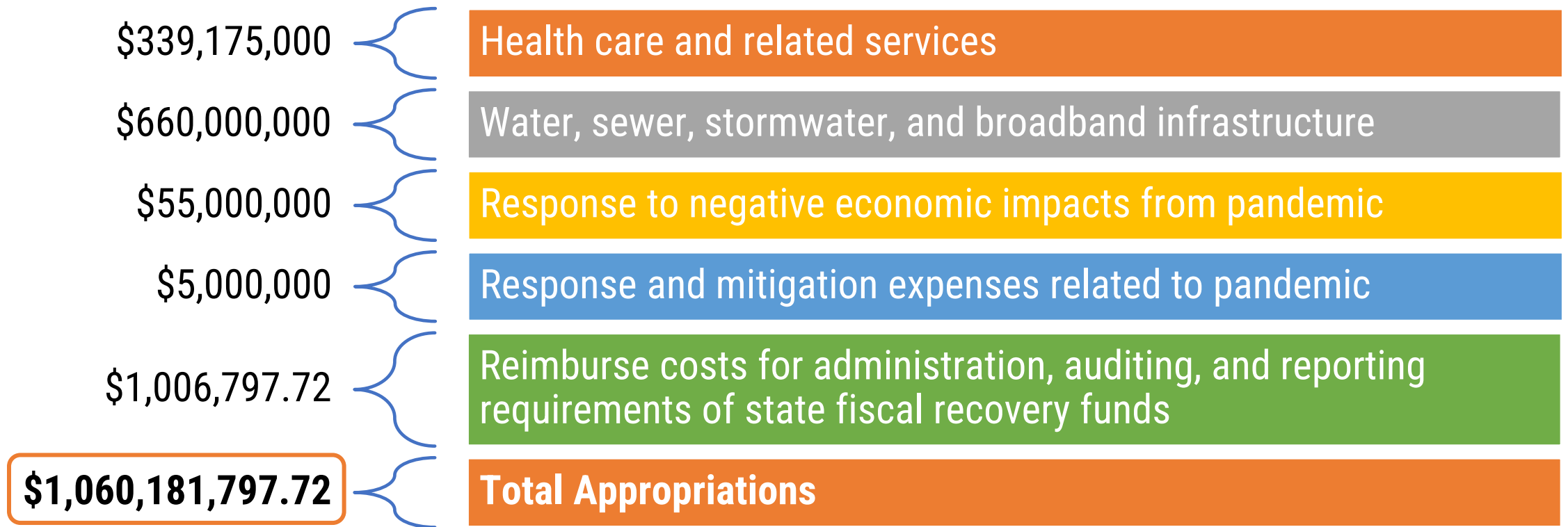
**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
(ACT 2023-1)**

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# APPROPRIATIONS IN ACT 2023-1



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# HEALTH CARE AND RELATED SERVICES

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Up to \$339,175,000 shall be used to support the delivery of health care and related services to Alabama citizens related to coronavirus pandemic, of which:

# HEALTH CARE AND RELATED SERVICES

- \$200,000,000 to be used to reimburse hospitals and nursing homes
  - \$100,000,000 allocated for hospitals
  - \$100,000,000 allocated for nursing homes
  - Funds delegated through Alabama Health Research and Education Foundation, Inc. and Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation
- \$5,000,000 to be used to reimburse veterans' hospitals
  - Funds may be delegated through Department of Veterans' Affairs
- \$40,000,000 to be used to reimburse State Employees' Insurance Board for COVID-related expenses
- \$40,000,000 to be used to reimburse Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Board for COVID-related expenses

# HEALTH CARE AND RELATED SERVICES

- \$25,000,000 to be used to support mental health programs and services
  - Funds may be delegated through Department of Mental Health and Department of Veterans' Affairs
- \$9,000,000 to be used to facilitate expansion and use of telemedicine
  - Facilitation and expansion of healthcare specializations in rural and community hospitals
  - Utilization of telemedicine delivery systems in rural and educational settings
  - Funds may be delegated through Department of Public Health or any other health care provider
- \$20,000,000 to be used to assist with voluntary clinical trial and health care research program
  - To enable greater access to personalized medicine for Alabama citizens
- \$175,000 to be used to reimburse expenses related to coronavirus vaccine voucher programs for public university students

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# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

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Up to \$660,000,000 shall be used for eligible water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure investments, of which:

# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- \$260,000,000 used to support improvement and expansion of broadband network access, and for modernization of cybersecurity and new broadband infrastructure for existing state agencies/entities
  - Funds may be delegated through Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs' Alabama Digital Expansion Division and Office of Information Technology
  - Alabama Digital Expansion Authority shall submit bi-annual reports to Governor and Legislature
    - Describe status of projects undertaken with funds from division
    - First report due by June 30, 2023
    - Subsequent reports due by January 1 and July 1 of each year until projects completed
- \$400,000,000 used to improve access to clean water
  - Through investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects
  - \$395,000,000 allocated to Department of Environmental Management for various projects (explained on slides 9 through 11)
  - \$5,000,000 delegated through Department of Public Health to provide grants for wastewater improvements (explained on slide 12)

# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- \$195,000,000 provided as grants to water and sewer systems for high-need projects
  - Available for Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State or Revolving Fund or Drinker Water State Revolving Fund
  - High-need projects selected from project requests submitted by public water and sewer systems – **no matching fund requirement**
  - Priority given to projects located in counties that did not have projects approved for funding in 2022
  - Other projects awarded based on ranking system established by Department of Environmental Management



# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- \$100,000,000 provided as matching grants for investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects
  - Eligible projects include Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects, stormwater projects, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund projects, and drinking water projects to support increased population
  - Projects awarded based on ranking system
    - Includes factor for water and sewer needs of growing communities
  - Department of Environmental Management **may establish matching requirements** for grant recipients
    - Consideration with ability to pay
  - Matching funds may be provided from Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds, in kind contributions, or any other source of funds made available for this purpose

# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- \$100,000,000 provided as state-wide matching grants for investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects
  - Eligible projects include Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects, stormwater projects, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund projects, and drinking water projects to support increased population
  - Projects awarded based on ranking system
    - Includes factor for water and sewer needs of growing communities
  - Department of Environmental Management **shall require matching funds from grant participants**
    - Thirty-five percent (35%) or more
  - Matching funds may be provided from Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds, or any other source of funds made available for this purpose

# WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- \$5,000,000 delegated with Department of Public Health
  - Provide grants for wastewater improvements
  - Through engineered septic system program in Alabama Black Belt areas of:
    - Low population density
    - Rural poverty
    - Soils with poor perc characteristics
  - Areas are found to have discharge of raw sewage onto ground due to:
    - Utilization of straight pipes
    - Failing septic systems
    - Similar circumstances

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# RESPONSE TO NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT

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Up to \$55,000,000 shall be used for eligible programs or services in response to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency, of which:

# RESPONSE TO NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Programs/services eligible for funding include:
  - Food assistance through food banks
  - Programs that provide services to child-welfare involved families
  - Programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence
  - Programs that provide services for senior citizens
  - Programs that provide services for mental health disorders and behavioral analysis
  - Programs that support long-term housing security
  - Programs that provide summer learning opportunities or athletic programs or services to school-aged children
- Funds delegated through memorandum to any state agency/association/provider of eligible programs/services

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# RESPONSE AND MITIGATION SERVICES

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Up to \$5,000,000 shall be used for response and mitigation expenses related to coronavirus pandemic, which shall be used to reimburse Alabama Department of Labor for expense of conducting hearings related to receipt and use of coronavirus unemployment benefits

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# REIMBURSE COSTS

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Up to \$1,006,797.72 shall be used to reimburse costs for administration, auditing, and reporting requirements of state fiscal recovery funds

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# OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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- Delegates/subrecipients of funds must comply with federal reporting requirements
  - Delegates/subrecipients of funds to provide information as requested by Department of Finance
  - State agencies administering grant program for fund shall not deny applications on technical deficiencies alone
    - Must first offer assistance to applicant before denial
  - Co-chairs of Joint Legislative Oversight Committee have authority to:
    - Request and receive reports from Department of Finance
    - Request and receive supplemental information/data from Department of Finance or any administering agency
      - Information/data related to implementation of programs funded in act
  - Department of Finance to provide copy of all expenditure reports required to Legislature



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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