



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

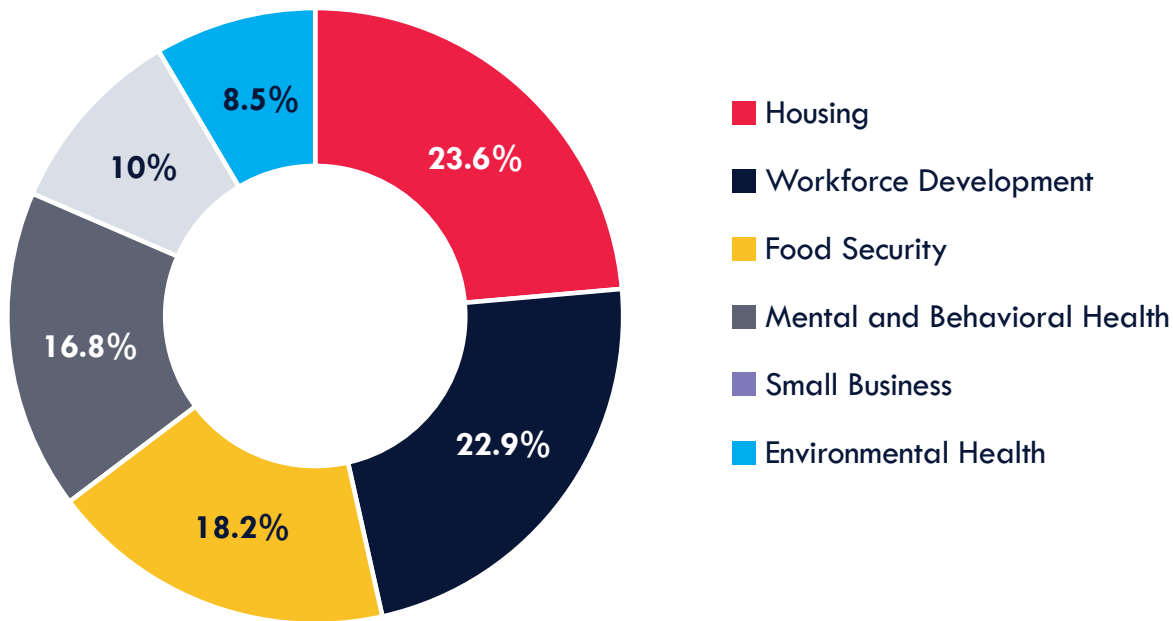
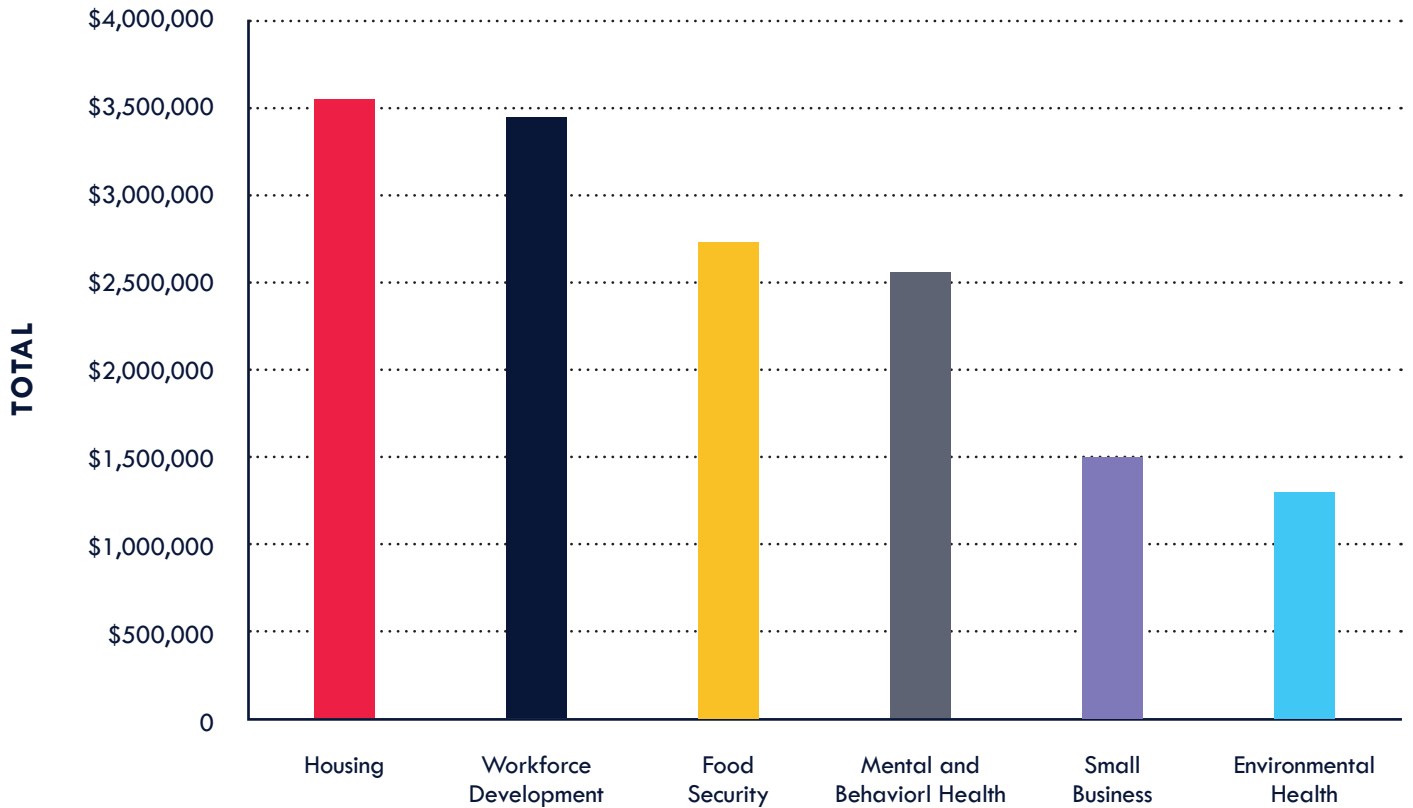
As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) signed by President Biden in March of 2021, the City of Chelsea will receive a total of approximately \$40 million in direct ARPA funding to assist in the recovery from COVID. The City will utilize approximately \$25 million of ARPA funding to cover “lost revenues” from COVID, and those funds will be used mostly for new capital improvement projects and for public health initiatives tied to the pandemic.

For the remaining \$15 million balance, the City in 2021 embarked on a robust community engagement process to determine spending priorities. The process was led by the ARPA Community Advisory Committee that consisted of 20 members: 2 City Councilors; 9 Executives from our active Community Based Organizations; and 9 unaffiliated residents. Supported by the Barr Foundation, the process is now being replicated by other communities throughout the state.

Over a period of almost 8 months, the ARPA Community Advisory Committee, assisted by the Department of Housing & Community Development and the City Manager’s Office, gathered information from the community through targeted topic meetings with community members, focus groups, a survey, key stakeholder interviews and one large town-hall style public meeting toward the end of the process. After evaluating all of this input, the Committee allocated the \$15 million among the following topic areas: affordable housing, food security, small business assistance, workforce development, behavioral health, and environmental investments. After final votes in March of 2022, the Committee recommended to the City that the remaining \$15 million in ARPA funds be allocated as follows:

CATEGORY	TOTAL (IN MILLION)	TOTAL (IN PERCENTAGE)
Housing	\$3.54	23.6%
Workforce Development	\$3.43	22.9%
Food Security	\$2.72	18.2%
Mental and Behavioral Health	\$2.52	16.8%
Small Business	\$1.5	10%
Environmental Health	\$1.29	8.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000,000.00</b>	

# Funding Allocation

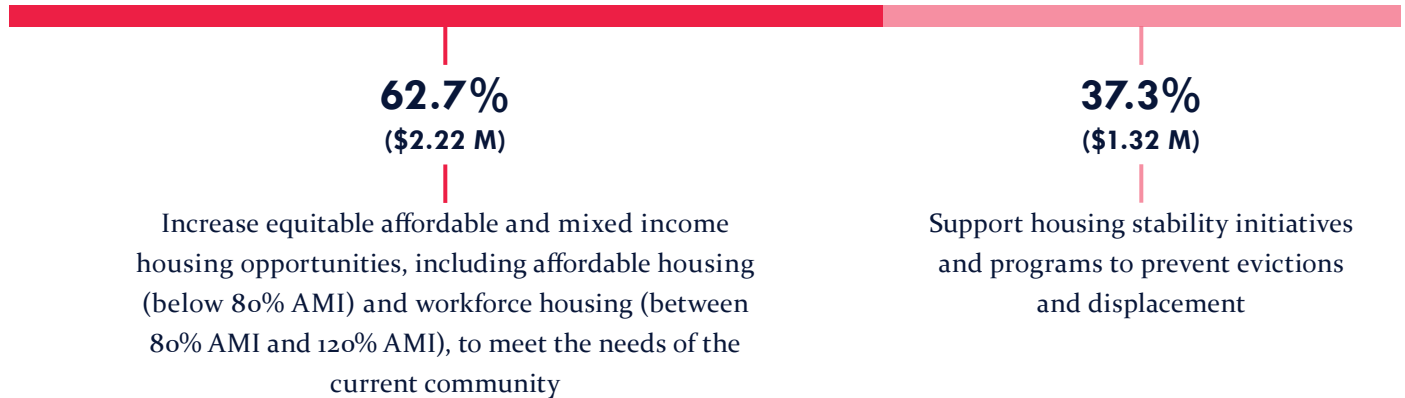


Over the course of the next few years, the City will oversee project and program development, implementation, outreach, and evaluation, focusing on projects that are consistent with the recommendations above utilizing ARPA funds. All ARPA funds must be encumbered by Dec. 31, 2024 and spent fully by Dec. 31, 2026.

# Funded Strategies and Investments

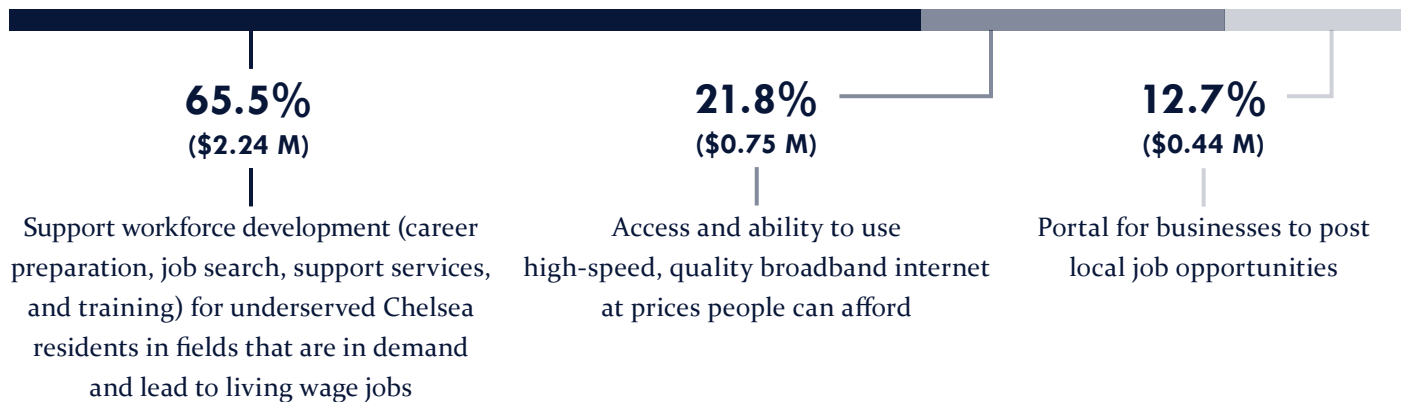
## HOUSING

**\$3.54 MILLION**



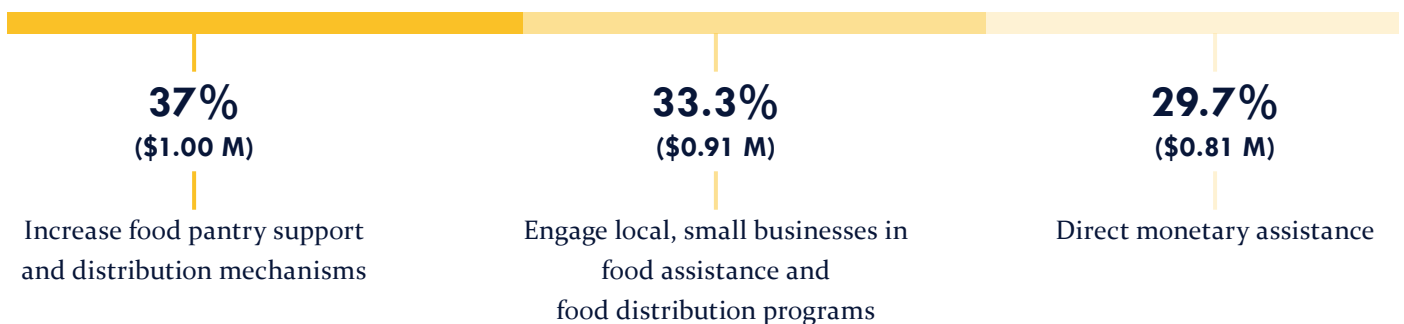
## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**\$3.43 MILLION**



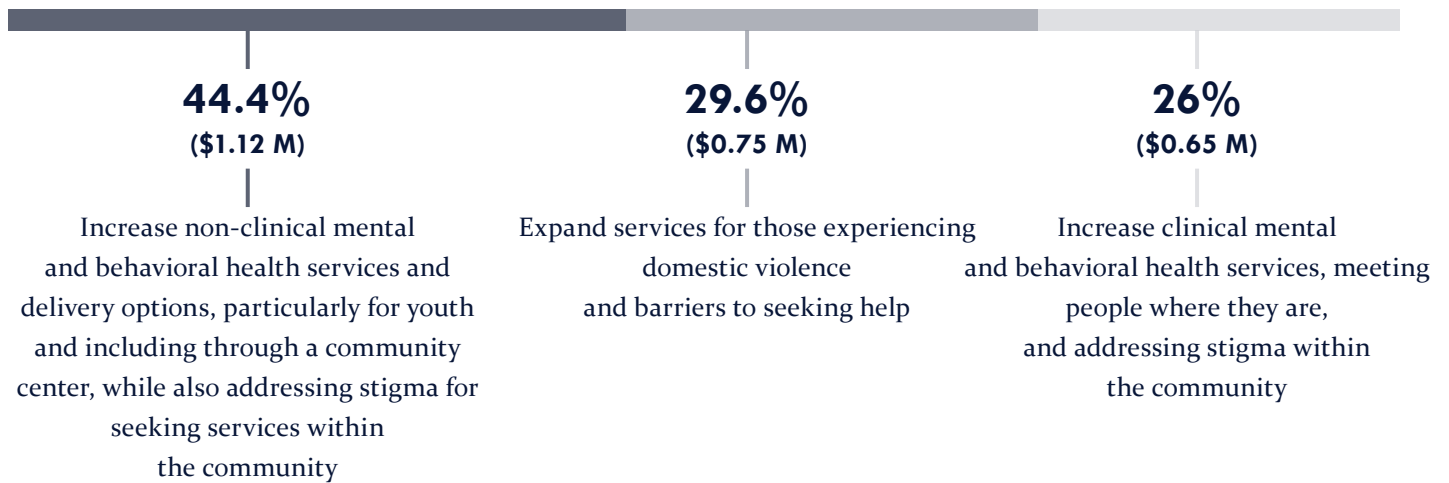
## FOOD SECURITY

**\$2.72 MILLION**



## MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**\$2.52 MILLION**



## SMALL BUSINESS

**\$1.5 MILLION**



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**\$1.29 MILLION**

