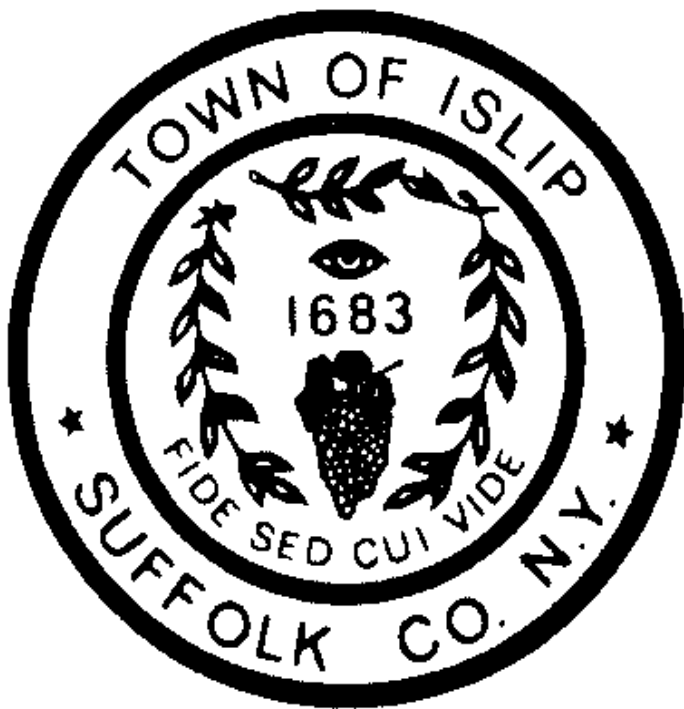


# Town of Islip, New York Interim Recovery Plan



## **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

2021 Report

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**Town of Islip  
2021 Recovery Plan**

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Executive Summary**

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), or Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. The focus of the SLFRF is to fight the pandemic and support businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts, maintain vital public services, and build an equitable recovery by supporting long-term growth and opportunity in communities.

The SLFRF is designed to deliver \$47.6 million to the Town of Islip (Town or Town of Islip), in two tranches, one year apart, of \$23.8 million each, to support the immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery. The funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

The Town received its first \$23.8 million allocation on August 18, 2021. This resource will help the Town meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger and more equitable economy. To date,<sup>1</sup> Town has not allocated or expended SLFRF funding. The Town is currently finalizing the SLFRF appropriations. This Interim Recovery Plan Report provides the public and Treasury an initial snapshot of how Town is proposing Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to effectively address local needs and preparing SLFRF projects.<sup>2</sup> Once Town's SLFRF appropriations have been finalized, more information will be available on the intended uses of the funds and key outcome goals will be identified.

### **Uses of Funds**

SLFRF provide the eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the county recovers. Within the categories of eligible uses, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.

The Islip Town Board has focused upon the following expenditure categories as part of the first allocation of \$23.8 million:

#### **1. Negative Economic Impacts –**

Pursuant to the Interim Final Rule, Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to assist households or populations, preferably those most disproportionately impacted, by the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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<sup>1</sup> Town was instructed to submit a Recovery Plan with information pertaining to projects that were approved or authorized for release by December 31, 2021. Thus, this Recovery Plan reflects the planning and implementation work Town completed prior to December 31, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> This Recovery Plan Report will be posted on the Town's website (<https://www.islipny.gov/>).

Specific categories of potential use include:

### **Small Business and Non-Profit Support**

Small businesses and non-profits throughout the Town of Islip faced severe challenges due to the pandemic resulting from shutdowns, decrease in revenue, and increased costs. Fiscal Recovery Funds will be allocated to address negative economic impacts in these sectors. To support businesses in weathering the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Town plans to provide assistance targeted specifically to small businesses and non-profits impacted by the pandemic. Town is currently in the process of developing how Fiscal Recovery Funds will be allocated to make grants to eligible businesses and organizations as part of the Town's rebuilding effort. Town's ARPA COVID Relief Task Force will establish program guidelines for funding and marketing this opportunity through mailings, area chambers of commerce, and community groups.

### 2. Premium Pay

Premium pay may be provided retroactively for work performed at any time since January 27, 2020. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Town would like to utilize a portion of SLFRF funding to provide a premium payment to essential eligible workers that are key to efforts to recover from the pandemic and serving Town residents. Town's ARPA COVID Relief Task Force is currently in the process of defining criterions to assist in identifying eligible workers who fall within the Interim Final Rule's definition of "essential worker."

### 3. Water, Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure

The Town and Suffolk County have expressed interest in the creation of sewer infrastructure on Carlton Avenue in the downtown area of Central Islip. The project is considered a critical infrastructure initiative for the continued revitalization and economic development of Central Islip. Currently, this project is in the planning stages and will require execution of an intermunicipal agreement between Town of Islip and Suffolk County.

### 4. Revenue Replacement

The Town has calculated its Revenue Loss to be approximately \$23.5 million between fiscal years 2019 and 2020, based upon the Town's 2019 and 2020 Audited Financial Statements.<sup>3</sup>

Sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the American Rescue Plan Act provide recipients with broad latitude to use the Fiscal Recovery Funds for provisions of government service, as defined under the Census Bureau's concept of "General Revenue from Own Sources" in the Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances. Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded

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<sup>3</sup> The Town utilized the US Treasury's Template, and followed all guidance in the Interim Final Rule and the Treasury's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) as of July 19, 2021, including the Appendix regarding eligible Revenues to include and exclude in the calculation.

building of infrastructure including roads; modernization of cybersecurity (including hardware, software, and protection to critical infrastructure); health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police; fire and other public safety services.

Town's preliminary plans propose allocation of SLFRF funding towards town-wide park repairs and/or improvements. The Town of Islip, like many other governments, witnessed a significant increase in Park usage during the COVID-19 pandemic. Investments in Town parks, public beaches and other outdoor recreation spaces will promote healthier living environments and outdoor recreation and socialization to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Town is currently in the process of compiling a list of potential park projects and estimating proposed costs, duration, approximate time of completion associated with SLFRF funded repairs and/or improvements.

### **Promoting equitable outcomes**

The Town is currently assessing the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and how to best utilize Fiscal Recovery Funds to achieve its goal to promote equitable outcomes and direct action towards low to moderate income areas. In planning the future use of Fiscal Recovery Funds, Town intends to provide impacted communities with improved outdoor facilities (such as parks, turf fields, playground equipment, etc.) in order to promote healthier living, outdoor recreation, and socialization to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, infrastructure improvements and small business and non-profit grant programs. Town intends to design SLFRF funded programs with equity at the center, highly target investment, focus outreach to individuals and household living in qualified census tracts and/or experienced disparities and structural barriers to personal and professional growth that have adversely impacted their quality of life.

### **Community Engagement**

Town of Islip will incorporate substantial community engagement into planning for the allocation of SLFRF funding. This community engagement includes public hearings, outreach through social media networks and targeted community mailings to Town of Islip residents.

All allocations of Fiscal Recovery Funds by the Town will be made pursuant to Town Board Resolution. All resolutions, public hearings, and public notices are advertised on the Town website and in local newspapers prior to the public meeting. At Town Board Meetings, residents are afforded an opportunity to comment on matters before the Town Board during the public comment portion of the public meeting. All Town Board Meetings are live streamed through the Town's website and accessible thereafter on the Town's YouTube platform. Furthermore, all Town Board meetings are broadcasted on a dedicated Government and Education cable television channel, with multiple viewing times.

Additionally, the Town and each Town Councilmember maintain active social media pages and routinely inform and engage with Town residents on a wide variety of town related issues.. Town's social media extends to the following platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. In addition to social networking outreach, Town residents are encouraged to stay informed and up

to date on important news, alerts and by signing up for our E-Alerts on the Town's website (<https://islipny.gov/notify-me>).

The Town tries to make all reasonable accommodations to assist citizens, such as alternative formats, sign language, translations, interpretators, closed captioning/subtitling, review of accommodation requests outside of our ADA plan.

### **Labor Practices**

Federal and State labor standards will be followed for all ARPA funds including ensuring that prevailing wages are paid, New York State WICKS Law followed, and Davis Bacon Wage standards are adopted. Additional required labor standards will be incorporated into each investment area as part of the planning process. Compliance with all required labor standards will be monitored by Town of Islip administration staff.

### **Use of Evidence**

The Town will seek to apply evidence-based data as appropriate in all programs undertaken with SLFRF funding and may engage an expert consulting firm to assist if needed. The Town has yet to allocate any SLFRF funding to any such project, but is in the process of identifying and preparing SLFRF funding projects to be considered by the Town Board.

## Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

This section is not applicable, as the Town has not finalized SLFRF allocations prior to the close of the period covered by this report.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
<b>1</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Public Health</b>		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
<b>2</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts</b>		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
<b>3</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, & Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
<b>4</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Premium Pay</b>		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
<b>5</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Infrastructure</b>		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection & conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Storm water		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
<b>6</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement</b>		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
<b>7</b>	<b>Administrative and Other</b>		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to NEUs (States & Territories only)		



### **Project Inventory**

This section is not applicable, as the Town has not allocated Fiscal Recovery Funds or finalized SLFRF funding projects prior to the close of period covered by this report. Further research, vetting, and approval from the Town Board will be obtained prior to any expenditures.

### **Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)**

This section is not applicable, as this provision of the ARPA fiscal recovery funds applies only to States.