



# Overview of Federal Stimulus Funding

September 13, 2022

# Timeline of State COVID-19 Spending Actions

CARES Act Signed

March  
**20**

Congress Adopts ARPA  
weeks after GA Adjourns  
State Gets \$4.3 b SLRF  
and \$222 m. capital proj.

March  
**21**

GA Adopts budget, allocates  
remaining \$1.2 b SLRF

July  
**21**

June  
**22**

SS1 Budget Allocates \$1.8  
billion state CRF Funding

SS2 Budget Allocates  
\$3.1 b ARPA funding



# Major Questions

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- How much money did Virginia receive?
  - What portion comes with discretion as to usage?
- How much funding went directly to school divisions?
- How much did local governments receive?
- Is the funding being disbursed and used in a timely fashion?
- Should some of the funding be redeployed by the General Assembly in the 2023 Session based on a reevaluation of needs?



# Virginia's Share of State and Local Funding from CRF

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- The Commonwealth received \$3.1 billion in federal CRF funds that could ONLY be used for items directly related to COVID-19 response
  - Could not be used to backfill revenue shortfalls, and had to be spent by December 30, 2021
- Of the total, \$1.29 billion was set aside for Virginia's localities per federal distribution requirements
- The remainder – about \$1.89 billion – was allocated by the General Assembly
  - Largest expenditures were PPE, testing, unemployment assistance, mortgage and utility relief, business assistance and school re-opening costs



# Virginia's Share of State and Local Funding from ARPA

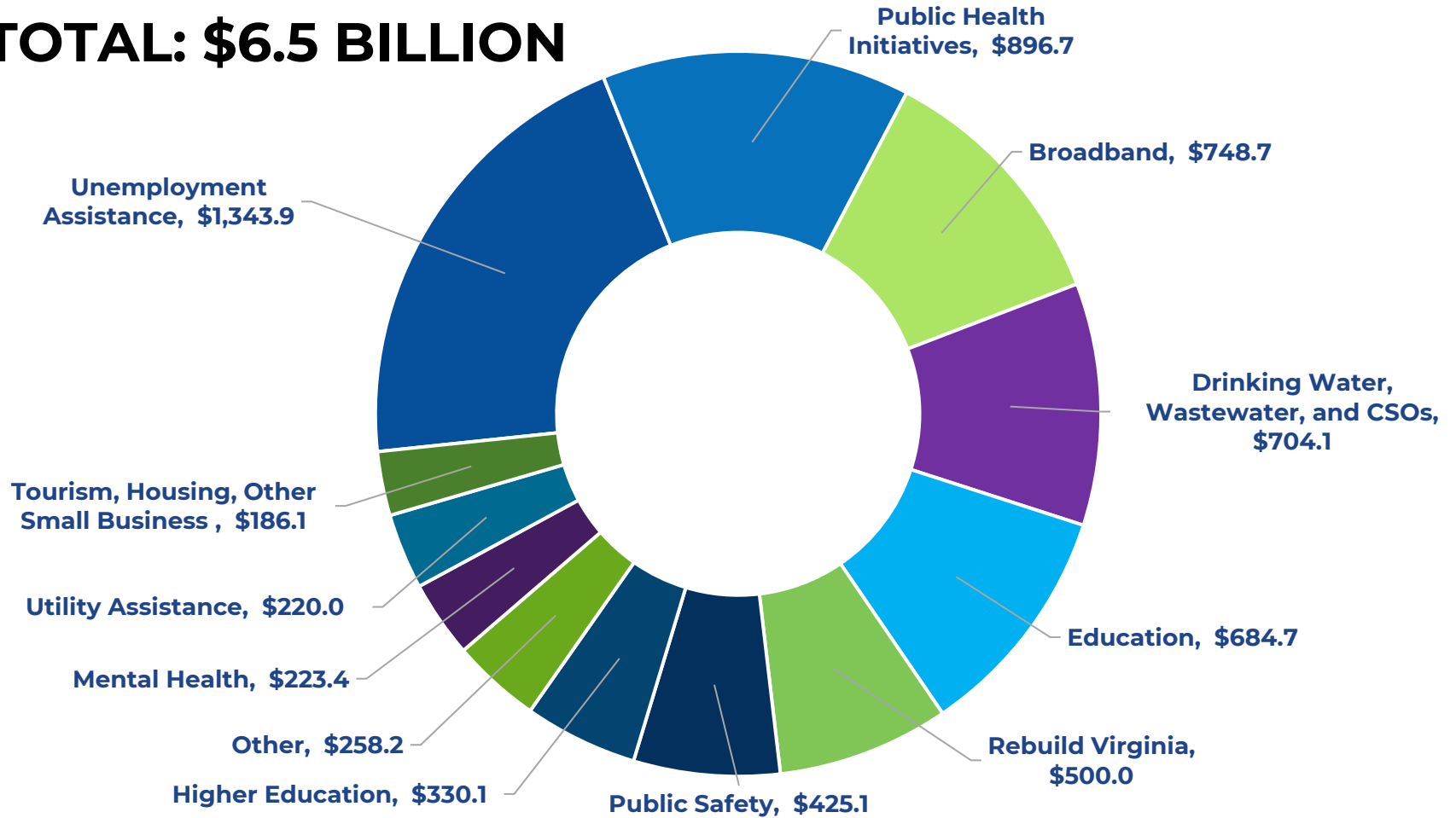
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- Total of more than \$7.4 billion for Virginia and its localities
  - \$4.29 billion to the Commonwealth
  - \$2.91 billion to Virginia' localities
    - \$618 million to metro cities (direct allocation)
    - \$1.66 billion to counties (direct allocation)
    - \$634 million to other non-counties ("non-entitlement" localities – towns with less than 50k population)
  - \$221.7 million for the State Capital Projects Fund
    - Virginia dedicated total amount to support broadband



# State Discretionary COVID-19 Federal Funds Appropriations by Category (\$ in millions)

**TOTAL: \$6.5 BILLION**



Notes: Includes Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds, and Capital Projects Funds. Reflects select administrative actions for the Rebuild Virginia and unemployment assistance that were not captured in any budget. Excludes CRF resources directed to localities. Other includes funding for food access, substance use disorder, health care safety net, community violence prevention, parks, elections, language access and reporting initiatives and projects.



# How is Spending Being Tracked?

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- Item 486 of the budget included \$500,000 each year to support the Department of Account's cost of supporting ARPA reporting requirements
- A separate appropriation of \$600,000 in the first year was provided to the Secretary of Finance to expand oversight of executive branch agency SLFRF expenditures
- Language in Item 137, B. 31, requires each school division to report to DOE on obligated and unobligated amounts, planned uses and timing for the use of remaining amounts no later than September 2022 and September 2023
- Joe Flores, with the Department of Accounts and Kent Dickey with DOE are here today to provide the first such update
- Is it time to do a post-mortem/mid-stream review of how the funding is flowing and how the decisions were made?

