

Executive Summary

Fourth Plain for All is a community-driven process to identify, prioritize, and implement a community vision that will improve conditions and expand opportunities for central Vancouver neighborhoods. Fourth Plain for All seeks to address impacts from COVID-19 as well as long-standing disparities to foster a more prosperous and resilient community that thrives into the future.

The Fourth Plain community has experienced long-standing social, economic, and health needs. However, the COVID-19 pandemic worsened these inequities, impacting the area's employment, housing, mental health and childcare needs, and more.

This effort is supported by federal funding awarded to the City of Vancouver from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a federal program to address public health and economic impacts caused or made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City received \$32.6 million and 75% of the funds (approximately \$25 million) are dedicated to the Fourth Plain area. This funding is a once in a generation opportunity to invest in and strengthen the Fourth Plain community. It specifically builds on recent investments from the City in this area and sets the stage for a sustained investment program.

Fourth Plain for All Vision Statement

Through continued investment, the people who live, work, and go to school in our community are healthy, safe, and have greater access to opportunities. Our ties to one another are strengthened through spaces to celebrate diverse cultures. People feel safe and are safe — whether walking, taking the bus, or visiting a park. Our neighborhoods are not only a local hub, but an international district that people love to visit — **a Fourth Plain For All.**

The Fourth Plain for All Investment Strategy summarizes previous initiatives and investments in the Fourth Plain area and details the Fourth Plain for All Investment Strategy to guide the next ten years of projects, programs, and initiatives to strengthen the Fourth Plain community. The table below highlights the ARPA-funded investments. However, the complete strategy includes more than 40 actions to guide investments in Housing, Community Building & Public Health, Parks & Public Space, Transportation & Safety, and Economic Development. In addition to ARPA-funded investments, this document also identifies community priorities that will advance through other funding sources.

Successful implementation of this strategy will require partnerships with local organizations to expand capacity and pursue new funding opportunities to sustain investments long-term. Close monitoring of investment impacts will also be important to make sure that the program is having the intended impacts and is helping the community invest energy and time in efforts that help advance the Fourth Plain for All Vision.

Fourth Plain for All Investment Strategy: ARPA-Funded Investments

Investment	Description	ARPA Funding
Housing	Supports new affordable housing developments and homeownership to build wealth in the community.	\$9,500,000
Community Building & Public Health	Support a comprehensive tutoring program with Vancouver Public Schools, a Fourth Plain Community Response Team for crisis intervention, and supports for childcare businesses to increase access to affordable childcare.	\$2,250,000
Parks & Public Space	Improves existing parks amenities, including major improvements and redesign of Bagley Community Park.	\$7,000,000
Transportation	Improves safety by providing traffic calming on neighborhood streets, lighting, and pedestrian infrastructure on neighborhood streets.	\$4,250,000
Economic Development	Supports small businesses and entrepreneurship and helps fund programming and operations of the Commons.	\$2,000,000