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When asked to defend a massive spending agenda, President Biden said:

***“What would they have me cut? What would they have me leave out?”***

We are glad you asked, Mr. President.

### **The \$164 Million Cart Before the Horse**

A whopping \$164 million in Biden bailout bill funding is going to the city of Providence, RI. The city must have made a strong case for why it needs such funding, right?

Actually, [“officials at City Hall say they intend to convene a task force this summer to help determine how to spend most of the money.”](#) Well...how timely. Nothing like putting a \$164 million cart before the horse.

Nevertheless, at least now they have that task force to restore order to this process, right?

Except, **“before the task force has even convened**, the City Council... approved an ordinance to **spend \$42 million of the funds now...** including **\$4 million** to build a new ‘gateway’ to Roger Williams Park that would include a visitors’ center, bathrooms, bike share, a recreational plaza and green space.”

Because, nothing combats a pandemic like a good park bike share and visitors' center, right?

Stay tuned for more.

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Source: *“Here’s how Providence plans to spend \$42 million of Biden relief money,”* WPRI 12 News, June 25, 2021, <https://www.wpri.com/news/local-news/providence/heres-how-providence-plans-to-spend-42-million-of-biden-relief-money/>