

Purpose

- Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021
- Project Categories & Examples
- Next Steps

Introduction of the Act

- March 11, 2021 President signed the ARPA of 2021
 - \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package aimed to help the country's economy return to pre-COVID strength.
- May 10, 2021 U.S. Department of the Treasury
 - Announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established ARPA
 - \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments.
 - Issued an Interim Final Rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund & Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Reporting

- Interim Report: submit by August 31, 2021
 - Include a recipient's expenditures by category at the summary level from the date of award to July 31, 2021
- Quarterly Reports: submit by October 31, 2021
 - Cover one calendar quarter and must be submitted to the Treasury within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter

City's Allocation Amounts

| Category | Amount | |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| Metro City | \$22,533,427 | |
| County | <u>26,126,991</u> | |
| Total | \$48,660,418 | |

Local governments should expect to receive funds in two tranches, with 50% provided in June, 2021 and the balance delivered twelve (12) months later.

ARAP Funding Categories

- Allows for revenue recovery
 - Flexible money that could be used for a broad range of projects and initiatives
- Expenses eligible under CARES Act are generally still allowable
- ARPA guidelines identify four primary funding categories:
 - Water and Sewer Infrastructure
 - Broadband Infrastructure
 - Public Health Needs
 - Behavioral Healthcare Needs

Revenue Recovery

- \$25,564,155 current estimate for 12 months ended December 31, 2020
 - Recipients are permitted to calculate the extent of reduction in revenue as of four points in time:
 - December 31, 2020
 - December 31, 2021
 - December 31, 2022
 - December 31, 2023

 Recognizes that some recipients may experience lagged effects of the pandemic

CARES Act Funding

- COVID Salaries & Leave
- Hazard Pay
- Business Support
- Online Transaction Efforts
- Individual & Community Assistance
- Supplies & Equipment to Support COVID Response
- Community Partners Responding to COVID
- Vaccine Clinic

Eligible Uses of Funds ~ Water & Sewer Infrastructure ~

Categories

- Sewer infrastructure
- Projects that address the impacts of climate change
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Resiliency projects
- Drinking water infrastructure
- Deadlines
 - Funds obligated by December 31, 2024
 - Project completion by December 31, 2026

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Examples of Possible Projects

- Water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure upgrades
- Buckroe Beach Replenishment
- Pump station upgrades

Eligible Uses of Funds ~ Broadband ~

Categories

- Investments in areas lacking a wireline connection that delivers minimum speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload
- Assist households internet access or digital literacy
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

Deadlines

- Funds obligated by December 31, 2024
- Project completion by December 31, 2026

Broadband Infrastructure Examples of Possible Projects

- Cybersecurity upgrades
- Extend broadband access to underserved areas of the City

Eligible Uses of Funds ~ Public Health Needs ~

| Categories | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Vaccination programs | Isolation or quarantine | | |
| Medical expenses | PPE purchases | | |
| Testing | Contact tracing | | |
| Enhancement of healthcare capacity | Public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring for variants) | | |
| Enforcement of public health orders | Public communication efforts | | |
| Support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services | Support for prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities and schools | | |
| Enhancement of public health data | Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs | | |
| Ventilation improvements in key settings like healthcare facilities | | | |

Public Health Needs Examples of Possible Projects

- Vaccine clinics
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Point of Sale Systems for the Coliseum & Convention Center

Eligible Uses of Funds ~ Behavioral Healthcare ~

Categories

- Mental health treatment
- Substance misuse treatment
- Hotlines or warmlines
- Crisis intervention
- Other behavioral health services
- Services or outreach to promote access to health and social services

Behavioral Healthcare Examples of Possible Projects

- Youth violence prevention efforts
- Credible messengers and community liaisons
- Critical resource hotline for families

Opportunities to Consider

- Respond to COVID Pandemic & impacts on the community
- Increase future financial flexibility
 - Use some portion of revenue recovery funds to increase "pay-go" capital projects
- Enhanced infrastructure maintenance
- Transformational projects

Questions

- What projects should be included on the list for consideration?
- Is there additional information that is desired from the staff?

Additional ARPA Fund Sources

| Department | Description | Amount |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Hampton City Schools | Learning, loss; prevention and mitigation strategies (safely operate schools); student academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and other items to address the impact of COVID-19 | \$54,800,634.28 |
| Housing and Neighborhood Services Division – Community Development Department | Funds can be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling; and the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | 1,954,965.00 |
| | Total | \$56,755,599.28 |

Next Steps

- Continue to monitor federal guidance on use of funds
- Public input and feedback
- Reengage the Council with public feedback and any additional information requested
- Ranking of projects by Council

Discussion and Questions

