# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

**City Council Meeting**
**May 10, 2022**

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# Key Takeaways

- The requested funding far exceeded the amount allocated to the City
- Federal guidelines have been updated and are continuing to be interpreted.
- Robust evaluation and scoring process based on council approved categories and criteria
- Staff evaluation process and feedback from City Council led to the recommendations

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# Timeline

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| April - June 2021 | U.S Treasury Department issued interim guidance for ARPA funding<br><br>City Council highlighted ARPA funding as a priority for FY 21 - 22 |
| July - August 2021 | Evaluated potential funding needs, post newly created job for recruitment |
| July 27, 2021 | Held a work session with Council about progress and initial funding recommendations |
| August 24, 2021 | Council approved category allocation and RFP process plans |

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| September 27, 2021 | City of Asheville RFP posted to apply for ARPA funding |
| October 13, 2021 | Community Investment Meeting for interested applicants to learn more information about the RFP process |
| November 15, 2021 | Applications for funding due |
| November 2021 - December 2021 | Application review and evaluation |
| December 14, 2021<br><br>January 11, 2022 | Updates on progress at City Council meetings |

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| January 6, 2022 | Treasury Department released the Final Rule for use of ARPA funding with amendments continuing throughout the past few months |
| February 1 - 2, 2022 | Presentations from applicants to full council |
| February 2022 - March 2022 | Staff meetings with City Council members to provide any additional information and get feedback/input from council members. |
| April 25, 2022 | Council Work Session |
| May 10, 2022 | Council makes initial funding awards |

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# Recommended Allocations

| Proposal Title | Organization Name | Recommended Funding |
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| 71 COA Inclusive and Accessible Government | City of Asheville CAPE | $514,120 |
| 56 Community Engagement for Equitable Response | Young Men's Institute Cultural Center (YMICC) | $800,000 |
| 53 Southside Kitchen | We Give A Share, Inc | $90,000 |
| 31 Homeless Services Program | Eliada Homes, Inc. | $473,050 |
| 20 Litter & Cleanliness Program | City of Asheville | $500,000 |
| 28 HELP2Day | Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation | $143,128 |
| 30 Mobile Meals Expansion | Food Connection Inc | $221,676 |
| 47 Domestic Violence Intervention Program | SPARC Foundation | $153,483 |
| 49 Increasing Access to Affordable Housing | Thrive Asheville | $135,000 |
| 24 Modernization & upgrade Downtown restrooms | City of Asheville | $650,000 |
| 66 Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence Survivors | Helpmate | $2,000,000 |
| 43 Mountain Community Capital Fund Expansion | Mountain BizCapital, Inc. dba Mountain BizWorks | $1,293,000 |
| 42 Continuum of Victims' Services | The Mediation Center | $900,000 |
| 67 Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project | Homeward Bound of Western North Carolina | $999,900 |
| 65 Equity & Resiliency Thru Affordable Homeownership | Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity | $600,000 |
| 35 Clean-Energy Upgrades for Low-Income Housing | Green Built Alliance | $250,000 |
| 57 Transformation Village Housing for Women & Children | ABCCM | $999,900 |
| 44 Housing & Income Stability | Pisgah Legal Services | $1,000,000 |
| **18** | **Total $ of recommended funding in this resolution** | **$11,723,257** |

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# Proposed/Approved ARPA Budget

| Proposed / Approved ARPA Budget: | |
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| **Purpose** | **Amount** |
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| Emergency Non-Congregate Homeless Shelter | $3,446,212 |
| Public Portable Toilet/Handwashing Services | $90,000 |
| Homeward Bound Acquisition of the Days Inn | $2,000,000 |
| Parking Revenue Loss | $1,600,000 |
| ARPA Administrative Costs | $750,000 |
| Step Up on Second Street for Ramada Inn | $500,000 |
| **Total ARPA Budgeted To-Date** | **$8,386,212** |
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| **Total ARPA Award** | **$26,293,853** |
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| **Total ARPA Remaining** | **$17,907,641** |
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| **Less $6m hold back** | **$6,000,000** |
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| **Less recommendations/resolution 5/10/2022** | **$11,723,257** |
| | **$184,384** |

# Resolution

- Following up-to date guidance from the Treasury, State, Legal, management and staff, the resolution is to fund $**11,723,257** as eligible and allowable use of ARPA funds and follows the City's guiding principles

- Recommendation for **$6 Million** for revenue replacement funds (Hold funds) for upcoming potential projects that have been previously discussed

- Remaining funds for future awards from this RFP/other ARPA uses **$184,384**

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# Next Steps

- The City of Asheville is a sub-recipient of the ARPA monies and the successful RFP applicants in this resolution will become partners with COA to help achieve successful outcomes.

- Subrecipient/partner contracts issue schedule created. Project structure and relationships set up and kick off meeting scheduled.

- The sub recipients/partners information and progress will be monitored and added to the City of Asheville's quarterly reporting to the Treasury.

- The exacting reporting standards must be adhered to and provides an opportunity for collaboration, capacity building and learning together.

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