American Rescue Plan Act Funding Process Update

December 14, 2021

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Presentation Overview

- Review of ARPA timeline and funding
- Evaluation Process Update
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

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Key Takeaways

- The requested funding far exceeds the amount allocated to the City

- Staff is continuing to review the RFP responses through the end of the year

- Robust evaluation and scoring process based on council approved categories and criteria

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Timeline

- September 14, 2021: Council approved category allocation
- September 2: Open RFP process to community
- November 15, 2021: Due date for proposals
- Nov - Dec 2021: RFP review and staff scoring
- January 11, 2021: Update to City Council

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ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds Goals

- Support state, local, and tribal governments in:
  - Responding to economic and public health impacts of COVID-19
  - Containing impacts on communities, residents, and businesses
  - Laying foundation for a strong and equitable recovery

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Allowable Uses

- Public Health Uses
- Negative Economic Impacts
- Additional Pay for Essential Workers
- Revenue Losses
- Investments in Infrastructure
- Crime Response and Prevention

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Council Approved Categories

- Affordable housing
- Caring for Aging Residents
- Homelessness services
- Small business recovery
- Food systems
- City infrastructure
- Domestic violence prevention and assistance
- Community communication
- Climate change
- Workforce development

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Approved/Tentative Fiscal Recovery Funds

Approved/Pending Funding:			
Purpose	Amount		Notes
Emergency Non-Congregate Homeless Shelter	$3,446,212		Includes $556,000 pending vote tonight
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	$1,500,000		Pending vote tonight
Total ARPA Budgeted to Date	**$9,386,212**		
Total ARPA Award	**$26,293,853**		
Total ARPA Remaining	**$16,907,641**		

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Evaluation Process

a. Number of responses received
    i. 70 total for $64,728,534
        - Significant amount of responses in the Workforce Development Category
b. Scoring Criteria based on council approved categories
    i. Equitable Community Impact - 40%
    ii. Project Plan and Evaluation - 40%
    iii. Organization's Qualifications - 20%
c. Criteria created for objective evaluation, same process for internal and external applications
d. Evaluation team
    i. 27 staff evaluators:
        - Representatives from 13 Departments/Divisions
        - Diverse job level: Department Directors, Senior Firefighter, Transportation Supervisor, Administrative Assistants

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Next Steps

- Continued staff evaluation process
- Initiate council review and decision making process

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