

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

District 20 Delegation
December 1, 2021



Thank you for your strong efforts on behalf of the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma Park community.

Congratulations to

- Del Moon appointment as Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee
- Del Charkoudian appointment as Chair of the Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee

Major Priorities

- Mitigating the impacts of the pandemic on residents, businesses and the City of Takoma Park
 - Del. Wilkins' Stable Homes Act /Just Cause Eviction – more important during pandemic.
 - Increasing the ability of renters to access legal counsel and emergency rental assistance that supports tenants, landlords, and property owners; and
 - Providing assistance to directly support residents, businesses, and local government that is simple to apply for and to access.



Major Priorities

- Increase access to affordable and energy efficient housing by:
 - Increasing funding for affordable housing and community development projects;
 - Requiring that the District Courts collect and share data related to evictions to improve programming and neighborhood development efforts;
 - Passing legislation shielding court records related to failure to pay rent judgements; and
 - Providing targets and resources to dramatically improve the energy efficiency of low- and middle-income housing and multifamily buildings.
 - Del. Charkoudian's Low and Middle Income Housing Energy Efficiency bill

Major Priorities

- Mitigating the impacts of climate change
 - Passing legislation establishing aggressive statewide targets for climate mitigation and providing resources and technical support to municipalities to reach these goals;
 - Facilitating greater use of zero-emission vehicles, public transit, and other de-carbonizing transportation strategies; and
 - Establishing environmental health as a human right.



Major Priorities

- Reimagining public safety
 - Thank you to Sen. Smith and Del. Moon for work last year. Upcoming session continue to enact reforms that support and hold police accountable, including at the municipal level;
 - Restoring trust between law enforcement and the immigrant community by overriding the veto of the Dignity Not Detention Act, sponsored by Sen. Will Smith; and
 - Increasing support for a behavioral health crisis system that increases the opportunity for intervention by health professionals and minimizes the presence of police. This is an area where the State must take leadership to ensure there is a comprehensive continuum of mental health care for our residents.

Other Priorities

- Encourage timely Purple Line construction and mitigation efforts – thank you to Del Wilkens for Purple Line small business funds;
- Continue efforts to meet Vision Zero goals for pedestrian safety;
 - Del. Moon's Speed and School Bus Monitoring Systems bill.
- Ensure that any legalization of cannabis utilizes revenue to invest in communities disproportionately impacted by the “war on drugs”; and
- Support efforts to consolidate election ballots.

COVID-19 City Data and Relief Efforts

- The economic disparities that existed in terms of employment, educational attainment, and wealth-building for Takoma Park's Black and Brown populations have been aggravated by the pandemic.
- Takoma Park's small businesses, particularly immigrant and minority-owned businesses, have also been hard hit by this public health crisis. Support from City as well as OTBA and CDA has helped and we have seen over 20 businesses open over the last year and a half.

COVID-19 City Data and Relief Efforts

- City of Takoma Park Housing Division
 - expansion of emergency financial assistance, including eviction prevention, prescription assistance, food support, utility disconnection prevention, and assistance with personal protective equipment
 - rental assistance program, as well as assistance with condominium fees and continued assistance to homeowners with non-federally backed mortgages
 - long hours helping families one-on-one

Previous ARPA Allocations

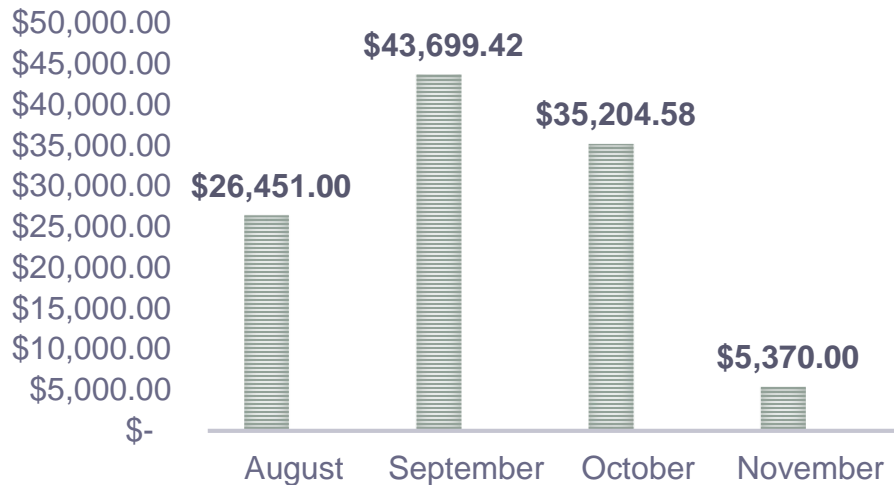
ARPA Funding Use	Council Action	FY22	Est. FY23-FY27
Revenue Loss Reimbursement	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ 1,191,900	TBD
Façade Improvement Grant	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ 8,000	TBD
Document Management Platform	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ 100,000	TBD
IT Software Developer	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 120,000	\$ 360,000
ARPA Coordinator	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 120,000	\$ 360,000
Payroll & Accounting Specialist	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 75,000	\$ 225,000
Emergency Rental Assistance	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 250,000	TBD
Food Insecurity RFP	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 250,000	TBD
Community Engagement	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 100,000	TBD
TOTAL ALLOCATED		\$ 2,214,900	\$ 945,000
TOTAL REMAINING OUT OF \$17.4 MILLION		\$	14,240,100

ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Data

Total as of 11/15/21: \$110,725

45% of \$250,000 Allotment

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE BY MONTH



Median Award	\$1,027
Average Award	\$2,700

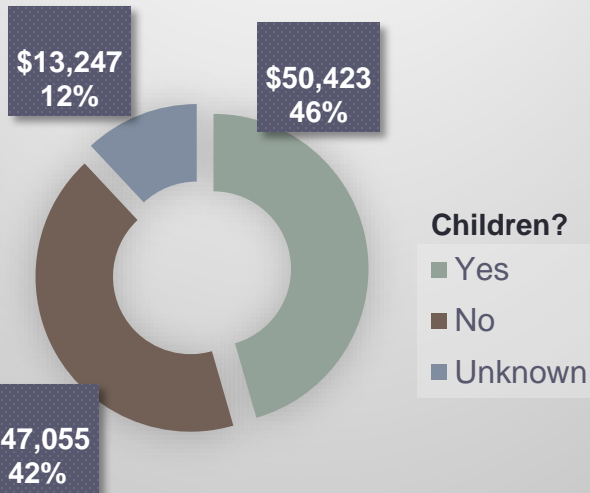
Ward	Unique Households Served	ARPA Assistance
2 & 3	4	\$ 5,668
4	12	\$ 63,134
5	7	\$ 15,447
6	4	\$ 26,475
Total	26	\$ 110,725

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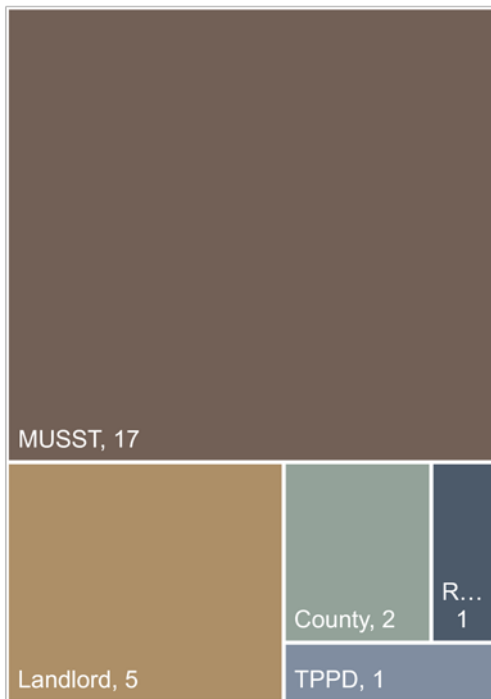
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Assistance by Households w/w Children

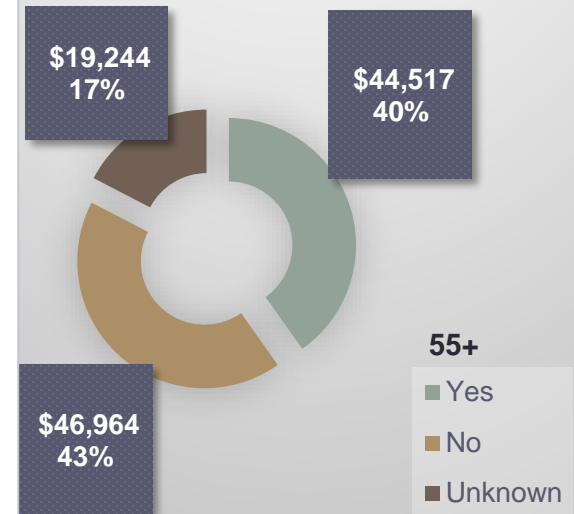


Referrals to Takoma Park

County Landlord MUSST
Resident TPPD



Assistance by Households by Senior Status





D-20 Joint Priority Hearing

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