



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 28, 2022 Agenda Item 8

### **Work Session**

Update on ARPA/SLFRF (American Rescue Plan Act/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) initiatives for Fiscal Year 2023

### **Recommended Council Action**

Receive Presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City Council approved the ARPA/SLFRF Budget on March 2, 2022, Ordinance No. 2022-3 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Budget for ARPA/SLFRF funded projects. The ARPA Manager and project directors will provide a presentation to update the City Council and the community of the current status and progress made by City staff since that time.

### **Council Priority**

Mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the Community and City Operations

A Livable Community for All

Fiscally Sustainable Government

Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

### **Environmental Considerations**

Multiple projects included in the ARPA Spending Plan have an environmental benefit to the City and further implement the Takoma Park Climate Action Plan goals.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Per federal guidance, the City has until 2024 to obligate or encumber the funds, and until the end of calendar year 2026 to fully spend down the funds. Any remaining balance of the \$17.4 million not spent by that date will be returned to the State of Maryland. ARPA funds are a one-time funding source and should not be spent on recurring costs that extend beyond 2026.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The American Rescue Plan act is designed to assist people who are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 through direct and indirect funding. In the development of the ARPA Spending Plan, City staff and Councilmembers ensured that a significant portion of ARPA funds would be dedicated to helping the City's most vulnerable residents.

The City's FY23 budget includes funds to address racial equity through six areas of the spending plan: affordable housing, social service partnerships, City operations, small business recovery, family resiliency programs and community anchors.

### **Attachments and Links**

[Takoma Park ARPA Webpage](#)