




# Staff-Recommended Five Year Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

January 12, 2022

# Development of the Staff-Recommended Plan

- The City of Takoma Park has been allocated \$17.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds to spend on eligible projects.
- Staff worked hard during the fall of 2021 using principles of priority-based budgeting (PPB) to select projects for the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan. Eligible uses for the funds include:
  - *Respond to the COVID19 public health emergency*
  - *Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency on households and local businesses*
  - *Replace lost public sector revenue*
  - *Provide premium pay for essential workers*
  - *Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure*

# Planning for a Recovered, Resilient Takoma Park

- Short-term: ARPA funds should be used for *economic recovery*, provide immediate aid for vulnerable residents and businesses and facilitate their recovery from the pandemic.
  - Long-term: ARPA can be used for *community resiliency*– making systemic improvements for residents, businesses, and the City government that will have transformative, long-lasting impacts.
  - ARPA funds are *one-time funds*, so should be targeted to one-time expenditures to protect the fiscal health of the City.
  - ARPA funds should advance *City Council's Strategic Priorities* and *equity for all residents*.
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# Recovery and Resiliency

## Staff Spending Plan Goals

- Assist the City's most vulnerable residents and businesses
  - Invest in City facilities and public infrastructure as community anchors
  - Support City operations, workforce, and fiscal stability
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# Assisting Vulnerable Residents - \$6,632,243

- **Emergency Assistance to Households and Businesses**
  - **Eviction Prevention - \$500,000**
  - **Grants for Small Businesses - \$150,000**
  - **Scholarships for Recreation Programs - \$500,000**
  - **Mental Health Crisis Counselors - \$600,000**
  - **Social Services Partnerships - \$1,200,000**

# Assisting Vulnerable Residents - \$6,632,243

- Closing the Digital Divide
  - Wi-Fi Hotspot and Laptop Lending Program - \$14,000
  - Municipal Broadband - \$568,243
- Housing Rehabilitation and Utility Assistance
  - Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Fund - \$1,500,000
  - Utility Assistance - \$1,000,000
- Economic Development
  - Workforce Development - \$100,000
  - Takoma-Langley Crossroads Business Incubator - \$500,000

# Investing in Community Anchors - \$4,800,000

- City Facilities
  - Library Expansion - \$2,000,000
  - Recreation Department Redevelopment - \$350,000
  - Community Center Atrium Fill -In and Dispatch Renovation - \$1,200,000
- Public Infrastructure
  - Maple Avenue Complete Street - \$1,000,000
  - Takoma Branch Stream Restoration - \$250,000

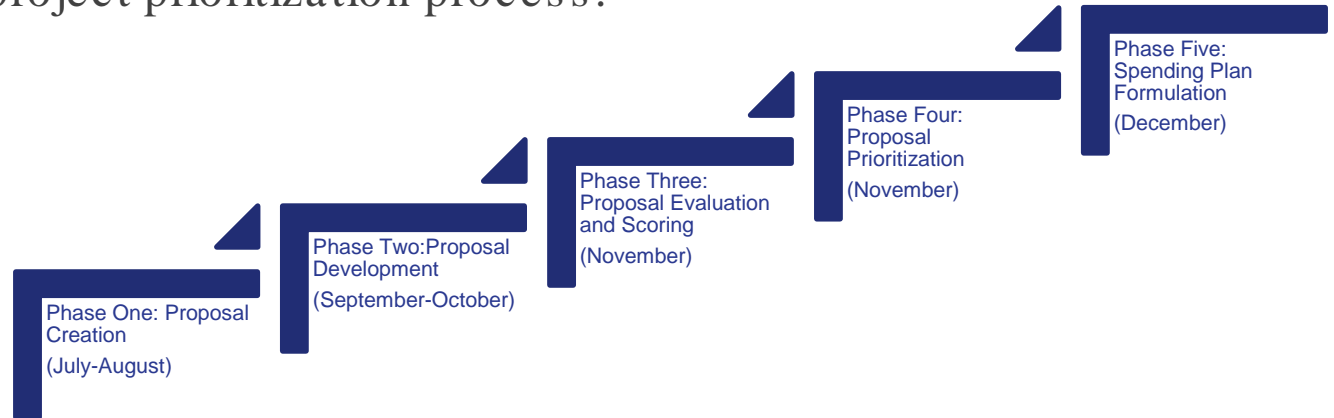
# Supporting City Operations, Workforce, and Fiscal Stability (\$2,062,857)

- Workforce Support
  - Premium Pay for Frontline Workers - \$272,000
- Fiscal Stability
  - Contingency Amount - \$1,501, 857
  - Financial Software Upgrade and Interactive Budget Platform - \$289,000
  - Revenue Loss Reimbursement - \$ TBD



# Recovery and Resiliency Goals

- 50% of the projects selected for the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan are focused on direct investment in vulnerable communities.
- 50% of the projects invest in capital improvements, public infrastructure investments, operational support, and fiscal sustainability.
- Staff selected projects through a six-months needs assessment, project evaluation, and project prioritization process.



# ARPA Proposal Scoring Matrix



	Alignment with Council Priorities*	Resident Impact	Equity Impact**	Internal Impact	Cost & Complexity	Outcome Measurement	Alternatives
0	Does not align	Impacts less than 25% of our population	No urgency or impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project has negative impacts on the City's ability to deliver services to residents	\$2M+ May be complex	Project lacks data and evidence to support outcomes	Clear Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships
2	Aligns with 1 or more Council Priority Goal	Impacts between 25% and 75% of our population, and to a high degree	Some urgency and impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project doesn't impact normal service delivery positively or negatively	\$500,000 to \$2M Some complexity anticipated	Project is evidence-based but lacks data identifying City need	Some Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships
4	Aligns with 1 or more Council Priority Goal, and Prior Strategic Planning Efforts	Impacts more than 75% of our population, and to a high degree	High urgency and impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project has a transformational impact on City operations, including positive secondary effects	\$0 to \$500,000 Minimal in complexity	Project is evidenced based & data driven	No Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships

\*The City's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, Housing & Community Development Strategic Plan, and Reimagining Public Safety Recommendations should be referenced during scoring.

\*\*Refer to the [Takoma Park Data Explorer](#). Vulnerable groups in the City include renters, women, and people of color. Also keep in mind the City's [Racial Equity Initiative](#).

# Previously Approved ARPA Allocations

## ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

ARPA Funding Use	Council Action	2021	2022	2023-2026	TOTAL
Revenue Loss Reimbursement	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ 1,191,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,191,900
Façade Improvement Grant	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Document Management Platform	FY22 Adopted Budget	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
IT Software Analyst	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 580,000
ARPA Manager	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 875,000
Payroll and Accounting Specialist	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 550,000
Emergency Rental Assistance	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Food Insecurity RFP	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Community Engagement	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ 18,000	\$ 82,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATED</b>					<b>\$ 3,904,900</b>
<b>TOTAL REMAINING OUT OF \$17.4 MILLION</b>		<b>\$ 13,495,100</b>			

# For more information, visit the City's new ARPA webpage



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## ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT)

### ARPA Funding Available to the City of Takoma Park

The **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021** (referred to herein as "ARPA") was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and appropriates \$1.9 trillion to States and other jurisdictions to help Americans recover from the public health crisis and economic crisis caused by COVID-19. As a part of ARPA, a total of \$350 billion will be delivered to states, local and Tribal governments through the **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (SLFRF) program. These funds are to be used over the next five years to support their response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 public health emergency. SLFRF are intended to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among local governments, support populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and lay the groundwork for an equitable economic recovery.

The City of Takoma Park has been allocated \$17.4 million in SLFRF which is distributed by the State of Maryland in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (grantor of ARPA/SLFRF). In 2021, \$3.9 million in ARPA funds were budgeted by the City Council for emergency rental assistance, food security, community engagement, administrative staffing, administrative oversight, and revenue loss reimbursement. City Council will

### Staff-Recommended ARPA Spending Plan

Based on a six-month needs assessment, project review and project prioritization process, staff have identified 20 projects that are being recommended to the City of Takoma Park City Council utilizing ARPA/SLFRF in the amount of \$13,495,100. The Staff-Recommended [ARPA Spending Plan \(Spending Plan\)](#) will be presented to City Council on January 12 during regular session. The Staff-Recommended Spending Plan is also available to the public for review and comment.

In developing the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan, staff took into consideration Council priorities, previous City planning documents, data on residents' needs, guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department (grantor), community feedback, and organizational needs. Staff recommendations include the following areas of investment:

- \$6.6 million to directly assist the City's most vulnerable residents and businesses
- \$4.8 million to renovate city facilities and improve public infrastructure as community anchors
- \$2 million to support city operations, workforce, and fiscal stability

## Upcoming Opportunities for Public Comment on ARPA Spending

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Community Meeting 6:00-8:00PM

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Council Work Session on ARPA

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on ARPA and Council Work Session

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Reading Ordinance

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Second Reading Ordinance

Have questions or comments on  
the ARPA spending plan?

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