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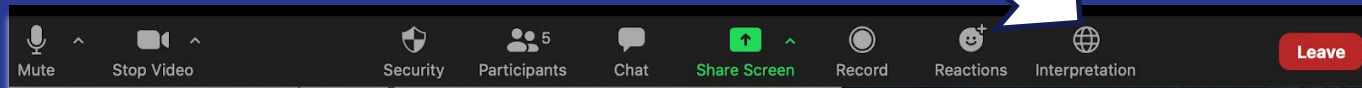
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# Staff-Recommended Five Year Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Virtual Community Meeting  
January 18, 2022



What is the American Rescue  
Plan Act and how can the funds  
be used in Takoma Park?

# What is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?

The **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)** provides grant funds, **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR Funds)** to States and other local jurisdictions to help Americans recover from the public health crisis and economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

**ARPA Funds** 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.

**ARPA Funds** must be used within a five-year period: 2021 – 2026.

The City of Takoma Park will receive \$17.4 million total in SLFR Funds. The first tranche, \$8.7 million, was received in July 2021. The second tranche will be paid in July 2022.

# How can ARPA Funds be used by the City of Takoma Park?

## *FOUR CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE USES FOR ARPA*

1. To respond to **the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts** .
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by **providing premium pay to eligible workers** , or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work.
3. For the provision of **government services** that were curtailed during the COVID-19 public health emergency due to decreases in revenue and to avoid cuts.
4. To make necessary **investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure** .

# ARPA Category 1. Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts

- Programs and services that provide assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits and address disparities in public health exacerbated by the pandemic. For example:
  - ❖ Rent & Mortgage Payments
  - ❖ Affordable housing development
  - ❖ Utility Assistance
  - ❖ Capital Expenditures that support COVID-19 public health or economic recovery efforts
  - ❖ Support public health expenditures
  - ❖ Behavioral health services
  - ❖ Loans and grants to small businesses
  - ❖ Job training
  - ❖ Rehabilitation of commercial properties/façade improvements

# ARPA Category 2. Premium Pay

- Funds may be used to provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Provide grants to employers with eligible workers performing essential work.

For example:

- ❖ Emergency Responders
- ❖ Medical Testing
- ❖ Public Health
- ❖ Staff at nursing homes, hospitals and home care settings
- ❖ Farm workers, grocery store workers
- ❖ Janitors and sanitation workers
- ❖ Truck drivers
- ❖ Childcare workers, educators, and other school staff



## ARPA Category 3: Revenue Loss

- Funds can be used for the provision of government services to replace budget shortfalls that may have occurred during the pandemic.
- To avoid cuts to government services.
- To enable governments to continue to provide valuable services.

## ARPA Category 4: Infrastructure

- Water and sewer (improve water quality, improve wastewater treatment, replace lead service lines, stormwater management, etc.)
- Green infrastructure projects that support stormwater system resiliency.
- Broadband Infrastructure: Projects designed to provide services meeting adequate speeds, increase affordability, and are provided to unserved and underserved households and businesses.



# Development of the Staff- Recommended Spending Plan

# Development of the Staff-Recommended Plan

- During the fall of 2021, Department Directors worked hard to design ARPA-eligible projects that addressed community needs. They generated a database of project proposals that reflected ideas suggested by Councilmembers, residents, non-profits, and other stakeholders.
- Staff evaluated and prioritized more than 40 projects using a priority-based budgeting (PPB) scoring process.
- 19 of the top-ranked projects were selected for the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan.
- Selected projects advance the Takoma Park City Council Strategic Priorities and focus on one-time investments.

# 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*.

# 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](#).

# A Recovered, Resilient Takoma Park

## Staff Spending Plan Key Areas

- 50% - Assist the City's most vulnerable residents and businesses
- 36% - Invest in City facilities and public infrastructure
- 14% - Support City operations, workforce, and fiscal stability



# 19 Staff-Recommended Projects by Department

# Housing and Community Development

## Emergency Assistance to Vulnerable Households and Businesses

- **Eviction Prevention - \$500,000**
- **Grants for Small Businesses - \$150,000**

## Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Upgrades

- **Multi-Family Housing Rehabilitation - \$1,500,000**
- **Energy Efficiency Upgrades - \$1,000,000**



# Housing and Community Development

## Economic Development

- **Workforce Development - \$100,000**
- **Takoma-Langley Crossroads Business Incubator - \$500,000**

## Investing in Infrastructure

- **Maple Avenue Complete Street - \$1,000,000**





# Takoma Park Library

## Improving City Facilities

- **Library Expansion - \$2,000,000**

## Closing the Digital Divide

- **Wi-Fi Hotspot and Laptop Lending Program - \$14,000**
- **Municipal Broadband - \$568,243**

# Public Works

## Improving City Facilities

- **Community Center Atrium Fill-In and Dispatch Renovation - \$1,200,000**

## Investing in Infrastructure

- **Takoma Branch Stream Restoration - \$250,000**

# Recreation

## Improving City Facilities

- **Recreation Center Improvement - \$350,000**

## Assisting Vulnerable Residents

- **Scholarships for Recreation Programs - \$500,000**

# Police

## Assisting Vulnerable Residents

- **Mental Health Counselors Pilot - \$600,000**

# City Administration

## Assisting Vulnerable Residents

- **Social Services Partnerships - \$1,200,000**



# City Administration

## Human Resources and Finance

### Workforce Support

- **Premium Pay for Frontline Workers - \$272,000**

### Fiscal Stability

- **Contingency Amount/Future Projects - \$1,501, 857**
- **Financial Software Upgrade and Interactive Budget Platform - \$289,000**

# 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	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Food Insecurity RFP	FY22 July Budget Amendment	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 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>			

To complete the feedback survey and 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> – ARPA Budget Reconciliation Session

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

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Second Reading Ordinance