

Proposed ARPA Budget (7/1/2023 – 12/31/2024)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was Congress' response to the debilitating Covid-19 disease, an ailment that wrought havoc on millions of lives and virtually every community across the United States. Broadly speaking, the initial aims of the legislation was to address the COVID-19 public health challenges; negative economic impacts including sustaining small businesses and reviving tourism and the arts; addressing water & sewer and other infrastructure issues; providing broadband infrastructure investment; and - of great importance to municipalities – providing lost tax revenue replacement.

The Town of Berwyn Heights (BH) was awarded \$2,6M in ARPA funding. Since BH's award is under 10 million dollars, Congress, through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, allows great latitude for the spending of the ARPA funds. To date, Berwyn Heights has used some of its award to: 1) provide emergency relief to residents and businesses; 2) provide Performance Pay to all BH staff; 3) offer grant support to local non-profits for MH; 4) offer funding to local non-profits to provide housing and food assistance to residents; 5) offer local non-profits funding to provide education support to students who have fallen academically; and 6) developed assistance to homes that suffered flooding and stormwater damage.

For the eighteen months period beginning July 1, 2023, the Mayor and Council will continue to fund projects that will benefit the residents and community of Berwyn Heights. Presently there is \$2,533,462 remaining in ARPA funding. In addition to what is listed above, other initiatives include:

a. Purchasing a police Station (Includes renovations)	\$1,000,000
b. Providing possible seed money for long-term (capital) stormwater mitigation	\$ 250,000
c. Purchase services for a stormwater consultant/engineer	\$ 80,000
d. Provide stormwater mitigation and flood gate assistance to residents	\$ 175,000
e. Hiring a Community Outreach Worker	\$ 90,000
f. Purchasing a pick-up truck and a multi-use construction vehicle ("Dingo")	\$ 130,000
g. Partnering with the UMD/School of Public Health	\$ 50,000
h. Purchasing two police vehicles	\$ 121,600
i. Purchase ArcGIS Software	\$ 25,000
j. <i>Amount Yet-To-Be-Determined</i>	\$ 611,862
TOTAL	\$2,533,4642