

CITY OF CAMAS

MARCH 7, 2022

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STATUS

WHAT IS ARPA?

ARPA was signed into law
on March 11, 2021

Provides direct relief to all
municipalities with \$350
billion for the Coronavirus
State and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds.

HOW WILL CAMAS RECEIVE THE CLFRF FUNDS? AND HOW MUCH?

Through the State of Washington but unlike CRF funds, the aid to Camas is protected from state or county interference by statutes and penalties

**Camas as a City of a population below 50,000 was allocated per capita calculation of \$6,816,235
First Tranche \$3,408,118 in June 2021 and Second in June, 2022**

WHO DECIDES HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED?

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- City Council appropriates the funds with:
 - US Treasury Guidance (with updates)
 - Staff Proposals
 - Public Engagement
 - Balancing Act and Camas Engage



US TREASURY GUIDANCE

AS OF JANUARY 6, 2022 - FINAL GUIDANCE ISSUED, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022

FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS USES

**Public Health
Emergency/Negative
Impacts**

**Premium Pay for
essential workers in
COVID-19**

Revenue Loss

**Water, Sewer or
Broadband
Infrastructure**

THE FINAL RULE

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- Expands and simplifies the “Replace Lost Revenue” category
 - Adds a standard allowance for revenue loss, allowing the City to select a standard amount of revenue loss, not to exceed \$10 million vs the calculation of the elaborate formula outlined in the final rule. Think income tax standard exemption.
 - This category allows the broadest eligibility for expenditures of recovery of funds, namely the provision of any traditional government services.
 - Greater simplicity with regard to reporting, compliance with federal rules and single audit considerations
 - Saves staff time in reporting and tracking.

RESPONDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

COVID-19 – broad range of services

- Vaccination programs
- Support such as medical care, testing, tracing contract tracing, access to healthcare, etc
- Public communication efforts
- Support in congregate living facilities
- Ventilation improvements in congregate settings
- Adaptions to public buildings to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics
- Vaccine incentive programs

More restrictive public health payroll payments

NEGATIVE IMPACTS - HOUSEHOLDS



- Assistance to Households
 - Food Assistance
 - Rent or Mortgage
 - Utility Assistance
 - Counseling and Legal Aid for Prevent Eviction or Homelessness
 - Cash Assistance
 - Emergency Assistance for Burials
 - Home Repairs
 - Weatherization
 - Internet Access or Digital Literacy Assistance
 - Job Training

NEGATIVE IMPACTS – CITIES, SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFITS



- Cities, Small Business and Nonprofits
 - Loans or grants to mitigate financial hardships
 - Supporting payroll and benefit costs
 - Costs to retain employees
 - Rent, mortgage or utilities costs
 - Loans, grants or in-kind assistance for prevention and mitigation
 - Enabling social distancing
 - Enhanced cleaning efforts, barriers, partitions
 - COVID-19 vaccinations, testing or contact tracing
 - Technical assistance, counseling or other services to support business planning needs

NEGATIVE IMPACTS – TRAVEL, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY



Aid to tourism, travel and hospitality industries should respond to negative economic impacts of the pandemic

- Aid to support reopening
- Planned expansion or upgrade to tourism, travel and hospitality facilities delayed due to the pandemic
- More difficult to document

NEGATIVE IMPACTS - COMMUNITIES WITH DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS FROM COVID-19



- Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health such as:
 - Community violence
 - Community health workers
- Building stronger neighborhoods and communities such as:
 - Supporting housing for homelessness
 - Affordable housing
- Addressing education disparities exacerbated by COVID-19 such as:
 - Early learning services
 - Increase support to schools for tutoring and afterschool programs
- Promoting health childhood environments such as:
 - Childcare
 - Programs for families with young children

NEGATIVE IMPACTS – BACK TO WORK INCENTIVES AND PUBLIC JOB PROGRAMS



- Incentives include:
 - Vaccination incentive programs
 - Job training or other efforts to accelerate rehiring
 - Reduce unemployment such as childcare assistance, transportation assistance, and incentives for newly employed workers
- Public Jobs Programs include:
 - Public job programs with schools
 - Subsidized employment combined education and on-the-job training
 - Job training to accelerate rehiring or address unemployment due to the pandemic

NEGATIVE IMPACTS – IMPROVING OUTDOOR SPACES



- Outdoor spaces such as parks and public plazas can be addressed if one of the following are addressed:
 - QCTs which Camas does not have
 - Stronger neighborhoods and communities
 - Assistance to small businesses
 - Increased use of parks during pandemic resulting in damage or increased maintenance needs

PREMIUM PAY TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

THE CITY DOES
NOT QUALIFY
BASED ON THE
CURRENT
GUIDANCE.

REVENUE LOSS TO CAMAS

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- Standard Allowance
 - Council w

WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Drinking Water project examples
 - Treatment
 - Transmission including lead service line replacement
 - Source rehabilitation
 - Storage
 - New system development
- Clean Water project examples
 - Construction of treatment works
 - Nonpoint source pollution management
 - Stormwater systems
 - Water conservation
 - Watershed pilot projects
 - Energy efficiency treatment works
 - Security measures at treatment works
 - Technical assistance to ensure compliance with Clean Water Act
 - Stormwater projects must have a water quality benefit

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

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- Projects must be designed to service unserved or underserved households and businesses to supply minimum level of broadband
 - Modernization of cybersecurity including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure of government services.

OTHER USES

Mental health services and substance abuse disorder services

- Community-based mental health and substance use disorder programs
- School-based social-emotional support and other mental health services

Road repairs and upgrades directly related to an eligible water or sewer project

Build or upgrade broadband connections to schools and libraries

Interest earning may be used to defray the administrative expenses of the City's ARPA program

Funds may be used to support effective management and oversight of the program such as legal, regulatory and other requirements.

STAFF IDEAS



RECOMMENDED PROCESS

Standard Deduction

- April 4th Workshop
- April 18th Resolution

Open Community Ideas

- May 2-13

Staff Packages

- Review Compliance
- Council Preview

Public Engagement

- In Person (Events)
- Online
- Public Hearing

Budget Supplemental

- Late Summer

QUESTIONS

