

# COBURG CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORTS

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## TOPIC: American Recovery Funds

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**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**  
Staff Direction

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**CITY COUNCIL GOAL**  
Responsible Fiscal Stewardship

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### BACKGROUND

As shared with Council in prior reports:

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan. The Plan, also referred to as the Covid-19 Stimulus Package was a 1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill intended to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. Specifically, the bill provides funding for a wide range of programs directed at a state, local and private employment level. One important part of the bill provides that funds be directly issued to local government agencies in every state.

The guidance for how these funds may be spent has went through multiple updates, and may go through more changes over the next year. However, at this time there are focus areas for spending as listed below.

The City received the first installment of these funds on August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$129,864. These funds have been placed in savings. This is the first installment. We will receive the second installment in the late spring of 2022 for the same amount. This is approximately \$20,000 more than initially projected as we had updated population figures released by Portland State. The funds need to be spent by December 31, 2024.

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### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (Copy attached of expanded table)

1. Public Health
2. Negative Economic Impacts

3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
  4. Premium Pay
  5. Infrastructure
  6. Revenue Replacement
  7. Administrative – Expenses and Transferable Funds
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## **USES THAT MEET THE GOALS AND WORKPLAN OF THE CITY**

Staff have considered how the funds could be spent at the City and previously provided the council a list. An updated recommendation is as follows for funds in the current fiscal year:

- Design/Engineering of Public Works Shop - \$50,000
  - Bike Kiosk – Council has already allocated \$15,000
  - Coburg Chamber – Council has already allocated \$15,000
  - Main Streets/Economic Development/Downtown Beautification- \$20,000
  - Improve Citizen Communications – Equipment for virtual meetings installed in Council Chamber - \$20,000 – this would allocate what the City has already had to pay out
  - Broadband Planning/Feasibility - \$10,000
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## **BUDGET**

The City may move the funds through a budget transfer or supplemental budget. Some projects have already been budgeted in this fiscal year and therefore there is might not be budget changes required. The funds will simply be applied to the project. An example would be the design of the Public Works Shop.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Ultimately, it will be up to the City Council to decide the most urgent and useful application of these funds. Council may give staff direction to apply the funds as recommended, or may ask to apply them in a different way. Council direction will be placed in a resolution which will come back in January, 2022, if the Council is ready to allocate the funds at this time.

Allocation for the funds to be received in the next fiscal year can be discussed at Council retreat and recorded in the budget for fiscal year 2023.

If the Council is comfortable with the staff recommendation, then we will come back with a resolution in January for allocating the ARPA funds in this fiscal year.

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