

American Rescue Plan Update

January 25, 2022



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- ARP was passed by the House on February 27, 2021, the Senate on March 6, 2021 and signed into law on March 11, 2021
- \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$362 billion in direct aid (not thru the state) for states and local governments (Subtitle M., Sec. 9901 of the Act)
 - Final guidance has not been released by the U.S. Treasury Department

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Uses of Funds
 - Respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts
 - Respond to workers performing essential work
 - Revenue replacement for the government
 - Investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure

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- Amount allocated to the City of Columbus/Muscogee County
 - City = \$40,456,205
 - County = \$38,025,833
 - TOTAL = \$78,482,038
- Amount received
 - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 7, 2021
 - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 14, 2021
 - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Balance to be distributed in 12 months

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Interim Final Rule (IFR) was released by the Treasury on May 17, 2021 and is open for comment until July 16, 2021
- IFR outlines eligible use categories and other restrictions on the use of funds under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
- Eligible costs must be incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026
- Financial reporting will be required on a quarterly basis and records must be maintained for five years after all funds have been expended
- Final Rule was released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022 and becomes effective April 1, 2022 which allows for more flexibility and a wider range of uses

ARP Funding Status

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,530,030 original, \$18,413,960.10 revised
- Trucks (RFP to be advertised) = \$12,589,630 original, \$11,476,560.10 revised
 - Transferred \$1,116,069.90 to Cameras
- 120,000 Carts approved by City Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,940,400



ARP Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
 - Authorization to purchase – Sept. 14, 2021
 - Delivery anticipated June 2022
- Community Safeguard Programs to include Cure Violence (\$500,000), Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$250,000), and Cameras (\$250,000 original, \$2,660,756.90 revised) = \$1,000,000 original, \$3,410,756.90 revised
 - Increased Camera allocation by \$1,294,687 from Premium Pay excess
 - Increased Camera allocation by \$1,116,069.90 from Garbage Collection



ARP Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
 - \$884k for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center
 - RFP is in process. Bids due Nov. 10th for a contractor to install fiber for facilities to include the Public Safety Building, Fire Stations, Jail and other Facilities
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,559,470.84
 - Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Recovery = \$2,476,843.95
 - General Fund Revenue Recovery = \$1,082,626.89
- Premium Pay for Public Safety and Other Essential Employees = \$5,000,000 original budget, \$3,705,313 spent
 - Paid to all eligible employees on Oct. 15th
 - Transfer balance to Cameras \$1,294,687

ARP Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000
 - Application was released January 11th
- Nonprofit Grants = \$1,000,000
 - Application was released January 11th
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$850,000
 - Application was released January 11th
- Administration = \$201,518.16 (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
 - Project Financial Analyst is on board
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Application Deadline: October 31, 2021
- Award Date: January 30, 2022
- Allowable Uses:
 - Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
 - Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- \$875 Million available, \$14.6 Billion requested

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Eligible Applicants
 - State Agencies
 - County/City Governments
 - Special Districts
 - Industry Trade Associations
 - Business Organizations
 - Trade/Professional Organizations
 - Non-Profit Organizations
- CCG Applications
 - Stormwater Infrastructure (as related to combined sewer)
 - Broadband Infrastructure
 - Small Business Grant Program

QUESTIONS

