

# American Rescue Plan Update

August 22, 2023



# 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)

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- 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 Phase 1
  - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 7, 2021
  - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 14, 2021
  - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Amount received Phase 2
  - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 9, 2022
  - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 16, 2022
  - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Total Expended = \$36,754,106.77
- Total Encumbered = \$16,768,057.15
- Balance = \$24,959,874.08

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- 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 became effective April 1, 2022 which allows for more flexibility and a wider range of uses

# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,699,145
- Trucks = \$12,869,195
  - Cab/Chassis on order
  - Trucks are being delivered
- 120,000 Carts approved by Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,830,000
  - Carts delivered.

**COMPLETE**



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,099,517
  - Delivered



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Community Safeguard Programs
  - Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$350,000)
    - \$218,219.85 Paid to date
  - Cure Violence (\$500,000)
    - \$200,000 Paid to date
  - Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
    - \$2,660,756.90 Paid to date, Balance encumbered

**COMPLETE**



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
  - \$884k for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center completed
  - Fire Station 12 almost complete. Liberty Theatre, Northside Rec Center, Fire Station 3, Edgewood Sr. Center and Lakebottom Park in progress. Parking garages are under review.
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,550,000 +
  - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Recovery = \$2,476,843.95
  - General Fund Fund 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. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Transfer balance to Cameras \$1,294,687

# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000 (Exhausted with current applications)
- Nonprofit Grants = \$1,000,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$750,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
  - Application was received January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Close portal for application submission
  - Utilize balance of funds in all 3 categories to satisfy applications under review
- 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, \$131,156.06 Paid to date

# ARP Phase 2



# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Community Assistance Programs focused in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)**  
**\$12.0 million** - At least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income
  - Affordable Housing \$3 million (RFP Released)
  - Utility Assistance Program \$2 million (Contract with Enrichment Services executed. All appointments filled thru Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program \$2 million (RFP Under Development)
  - Handicap Access Program \$1 million (RFP Under Development)
  - Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1,147,155
  - Mental Health Training/Intervention \$750k, \$152,654.10 encumbered
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$750k
  - Community Safeguard Program \$400k Poverty Reduction Initiative (Agreement with United Way executed.)
  - \*Family Connection \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)
    - 4 Navigators to start Sept. 6, 2023.

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- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**
  - Gun Buy-back Program \$300k
  - Mobile Command Vehicle \$1,350,286, Vehicle ordered
  - Police Dept. IBIS \$350k, Encumbered \$350k
  - Ambulances \$1.6 million, Encumbered \$1,545,600
- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1 million**

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- **Facility Improvements \$4.85 million**
  - Civic Center HVAC \$2.25 million
  - Trade Center HVAC \$2.25 million
  - Liberty Theater HVAC \$350k
- **Land Acquisition Cemetery \$200k** (Property options under review)
- **Administration \$478,655.87**

# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**
  - CCGTV Upgrades \$500k (Quote under review)
  - Cyber Security \$1.5 million, Expended \$882k, Encumbered \$618k
  - Family Connection \$500k (Community Assistance Program)
    - 4 Navigators to start Sept. 6, 2023
  - Public Safety Capital \$7,615,312.88
    - CPD Pursuit Vehicles \$3,056,125.15
    - Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles \$1,715,364.69
    - Fire Apparatus \$2,843,823.04, Encumbered \$2,794,027
- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,564,906.41**
  - Expended \$4,585,449.31, Encumbered \$1,979,457.10

# State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Awarded \$4,000,000 to continue the Small Business/Non-Profit Grant Program
  - \$3,000,000 Small Business, revised to \$3,650,000
    - 43 / \$1,498,215.87 paid to date
    - 41 pending final approval or requested additional information
  - \$1,000,000 Non-Profits, revised to \$350,000
    - 3 / \$71,579.09 paid to date
    - 8 pending final approval or requested additional information
  - Completion anticipated by September 30, 2023



QUESTIONS

