

American Rescue Plan Update

March 28, 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)

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

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- 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

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- 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 = \$19,530,030 original, \$18,413,960.10 revised
- Trucks = \$12,589,630 original, \$11,476,560.10 revised
 - Transferred \$1,116,069.90 to Cameras
 - Cab/Chassis on order
 - Anticipated delivery June/July 2023
- 120,000 Carts approved by City Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,940,000
 - Carts have been ordered.

COMPLETE



ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
 - Delivered



ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- 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
- Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$250,000)
 - \$51,249.18 Paid to date
- Cure Violence (\$500,000)
 - \$200,000 Paid to date
- Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
 - \$2,500,762.13 Paid to date, Balance encumbered

ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
 - \$884k for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center
 - Bid awarded for a contractor to install fiber for facilities to include the Public Safety Building, Fire Stations, Jail and other Facilities
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,559,414.84
 - 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 for 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 11th
 - 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, \$94,209.44 Paid to date
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Awarded \$4,000,000 to continue the Small Business/Non-Profit Grant Program
 - \$3,000,000 Small Business
 - \$1,000,000 Non-Profits
- Contract executed with the state
- Revised criteria developed
- State approved of the program guidelines
- Portal was opened on October 31, 2022

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
 - Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program \$2 million
 - Utility Assistance Program \$2 million
 - Handicap Access Program \$1 million
 - Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1.5 million
 - Mental Health Training/Intervention \$500k
 - Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$1 million
 - Community Safeguard Program \$500k (Examples are Cure Violence, United Way Poverty Czar, etc.)
 - *Family Connection \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**
 - Gun Buy-back Program \$300k
 - Mobile Command Vehicle \$850k
 - Police Dept. IBIS \$350k
 - Ambulances \$1.6 million
- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1 million**

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Facility Improvements \$4.85 million**
 - Civic Center HVAC
 - Trade Center HVAC
 - Liberty Theater HVAC
- **Land Acquisition Cemetery \$200k**
- **Administration \$478,655.87**

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**
 - CCGTV Upgrades \$500k
 - Cyber Security \$1.5 million
 - Family Connection \$500k (Community Assistance Program)
 - Public Safety Capital (Pursuit Vehicles, Fire Apparatus) \$7,615,312.88
- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,758,752.55**
- **Balance of Garbage Trucks \$1,238,297.70** (Used to advance the Phase 1 Camera Program)

QUESTIONS





COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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REINVESTMENT
ARP PROJECTS

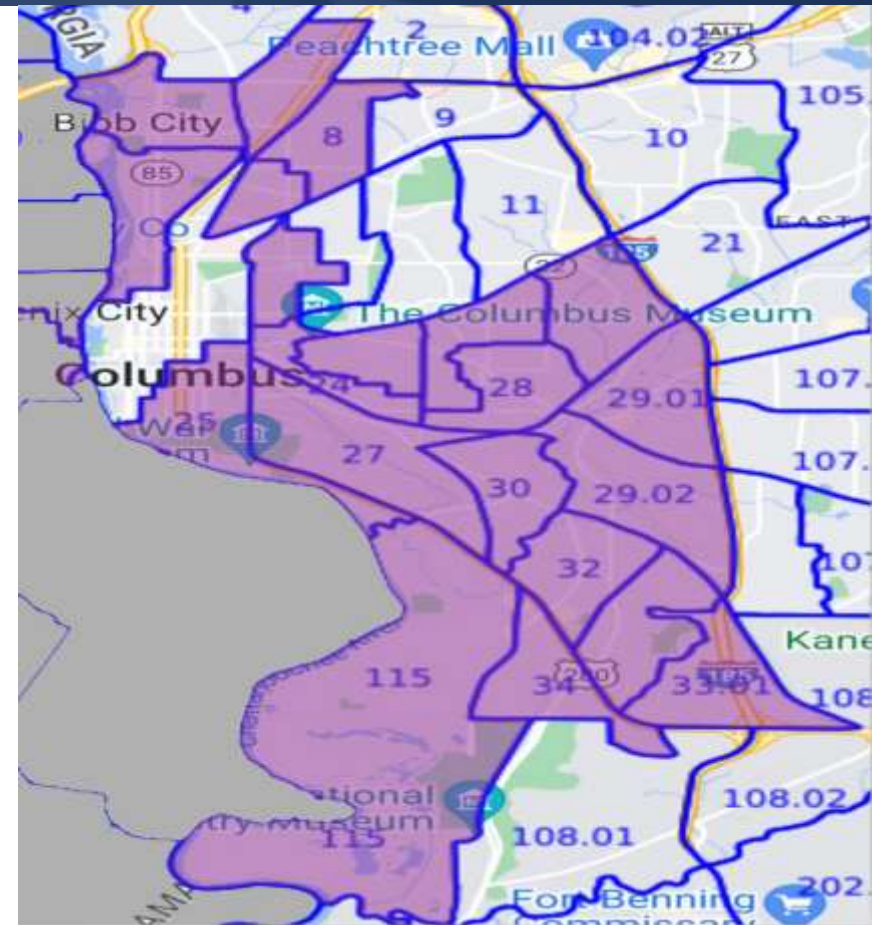


Community Reinvestment

QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACTS (QCT'S)

QCT's

Qualified Census Tracts (QCT) are a common, readily accessible, and geographically granular method of identifying communities with a large proportion of low-income residents.

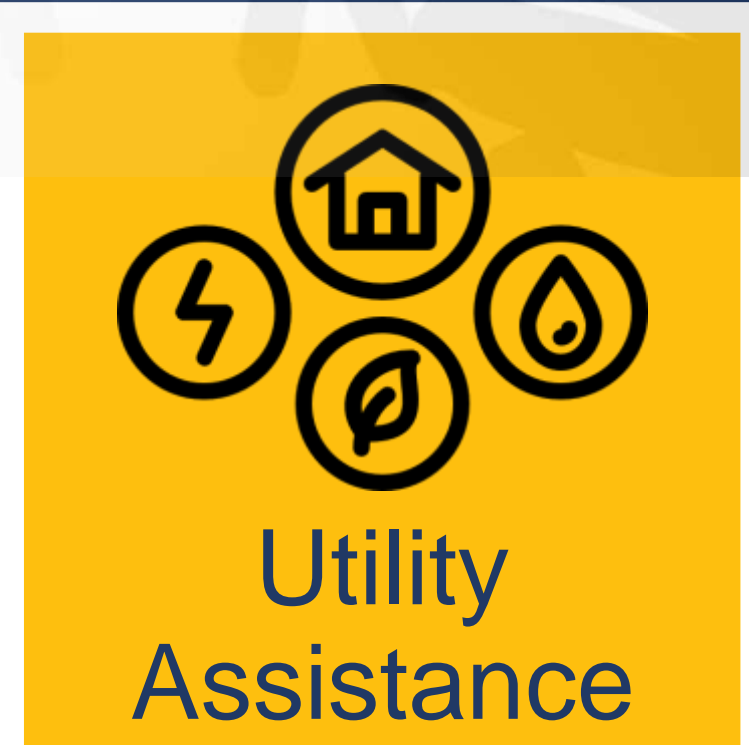


Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Response to a crisis in our community – Families living at or above the federal poverty level are economically insecure. At times, they must choose which basic needs they will fulfill for their family.

This program intends to temporarily alleviate the cost burden lower income households experience with rising utility costs.

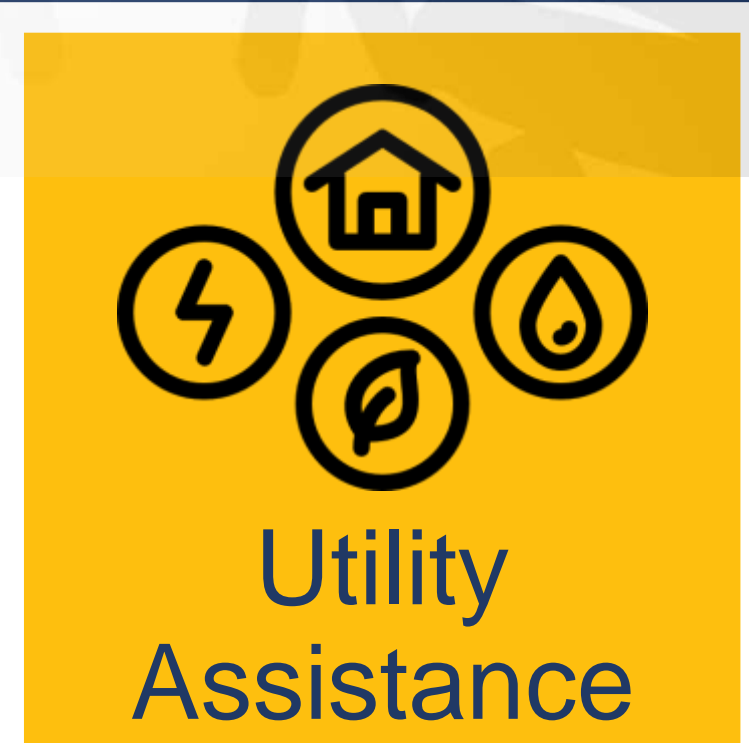


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ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance Budget

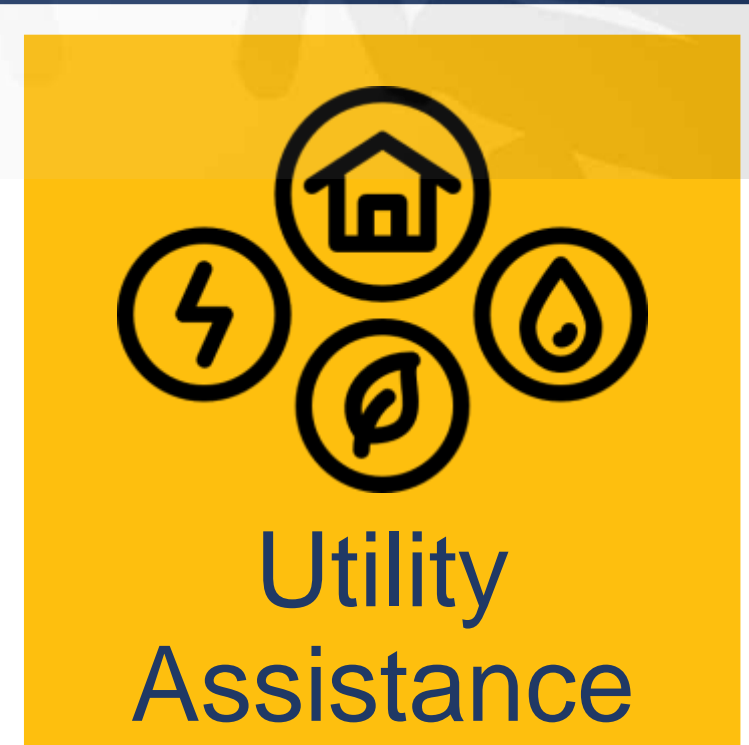
- Admin \$100,000
- Direct Client Benefit \$1,400,000



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Enrichment Services administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is designed "to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes, that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs." This assistance targets the costs of heating and cooling in residential dwellings.



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01 Utility Assistance

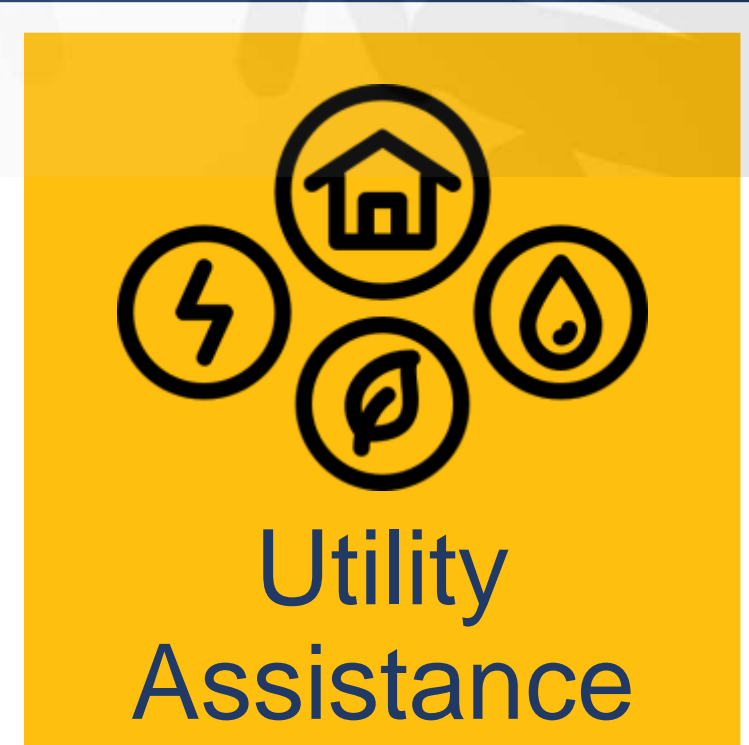
With the additional ARP funds, Enrichment Services will be able to expand assistance to cover electric, gas and water for Muscogee county residents.



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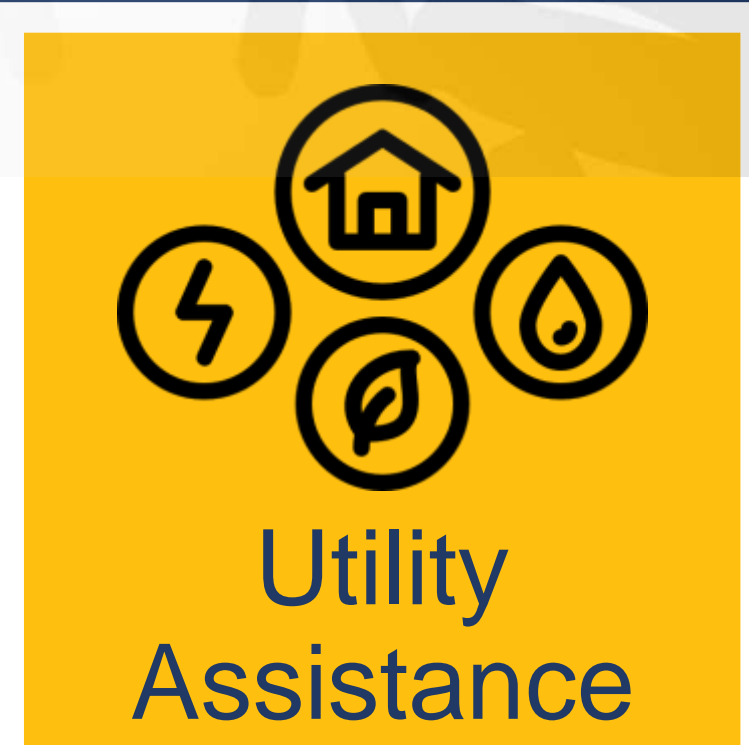
Enrichment Services receives \$1 Million for LIHEAP to serve 8 counties including Muscogee County. Half of the funds, or \$500,000, serves Muscogee county and the other half is shared among the 7 other counties serving a total of over 6,000 customers across the region.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

To be qualified for state funds issued through Enrichment Services LIHEAP, the family's income must be less than or equal to 60% of the State of GA median income for a Georgia family. ARP Utility Assistance funds will expand the program by allowing family's income to be 80% or less of the State of GA median income for a Georgia family.



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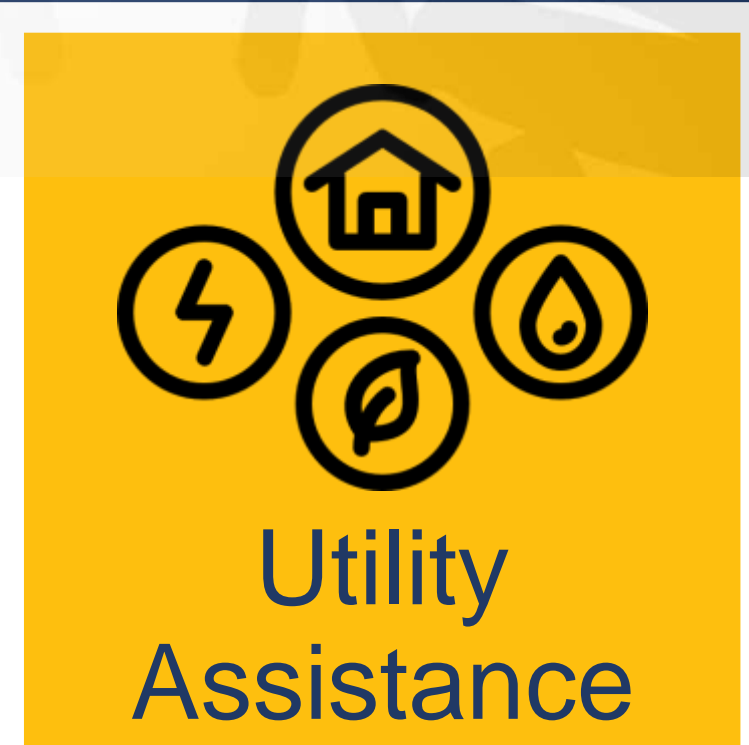
Household Size	60 % State Median Income (Current EA Income Limit)	80 % State Median Income (Expanded EA Income Limit)
1 Person	\$28,058	\$37,411
2 Persons	\$36,690	\$48,920
3 Persons	\$45,324	\$60,432
4 Persons	\$53,957	\$71,943
5 Persons	\$62,591	\$83,455
6 Persons	\$71,224	\$94,965
7 Persons	\$72,842	\$97,123
8 Persons	\$74,461	\$99,281
9 Persons	\$76,080	\$101,440
10 Persons	\$77,698	\$103,597



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance Timeline

- **March 2023**, Create Marketing Material, Program Overviews, Written Agreements
- **April 11, 2023**, City Council Approval, MARKET THE PROGRAM
- **May 1, 2023**, Open applications
- **December 31, 2023**, or until all funding exhausted



Community Reinvestment

ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab

Response to a crisis in our community – an aging affordable housing stock and the growing number of people who, because of age, disability, or lack of resources, live in substandard housing.

The Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program provides for essential repairs necessary to abate an identified condition(s).



Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment

ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab Budget

- ARP Program Coordinator \$150,000
- Certified Inspector \$150,000
- Program Expenses \$2,200,000



Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab

Example Of Repairs Could Include:

- Roofs
- Critical systems including HVAC, water heaters, water pumps, and related systems
- Doors/windows
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- ADA Accessibility Upgrades



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ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab

Household Size	80 % State Median Income (Expanded EA Income Limit)
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ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab Timeline

- **March-April 2023, Finalize program and hire ARP Program Coordinator**
- **June 2023, Create Marketing material and issue R.F.Q.**
- **July 2023, Finalize list of qualified contractors (including certified inspector)**
- **August 2023, Open applications**



Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

Response to a crisis in our community – the demand for housing considered affordable is intense.

This program intends to develop solutions for those who need affordable housing by taking a blended approach.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing Budget

- Development Budget \$2,700,000
- Developer Fee \$300,000



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

This project is designed to produce affordable housing units, particularly for those with lower incomes.

Options Could include:

- Rental Housing Development
- Homeownership Development



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

With the implementation of ARP funds into a developing capital stack, the City will be able to continue to work through partners to provide additional affordable housing units to our residents.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

To Accomplish the project, we are suggesting the issuance of a RFP to include at minimum the listed items below:

- Will the New Units have Income Restrictions and/or Set-Asides for residents within the Proposed Project?
- Does the Proposed Project include a layering of funding sources to better disperse the incurred burden of development costs?



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing Timeline

- **April 2023**, Approve Implementation (Council), Create RFP
- **End of June 2023**, Approval of Project
- **July 1, 2023**, Develop and Execute written agreement
- **June 30, 2024**, All funding exhausted



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS



Utility
Assistance



Rehab



Affordable
Housing

Questions or Comments?