

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN UPDATE

August 24, 2021

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

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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
 - 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

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- 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

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- Department Requests
 - 332 Requests totaling \$108,272,539.12
- Initial Internal Review of the Requests
 - 77 Requests substantially met the IFR and are being evaluated, \$48,930,116.81
 - 60 Requests will require final rule to determine eligibility, \$23,599,863.47
 - 195 Requests did not meet the IRF or have already been funded, \$35,742,558.84
- Calendar Year 2020 Revenue Recovery = \$3,559,470.84

PARTIAL SUMMARY LIST OF DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

- Software Upgrades
- Computers
- Vehicles
- Wireless Access Points/Broadband
- Facilities Upgrades
- Generators
- Automated Garbage Trucks
- Stormwater Infrastructure
- Remote access to Traffic Signals
- Virtual Training
- Park Restrooms Replacements
- Lifepak Monitors
- Ambulances
- Air Purification Systems/Ventilation
- Furniture Replacement
- Flooring Replacement
- Revenue Replacement
- Employee Fitness Center

ORIGINAL ARP RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,530,030
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,559,470.84
- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000
- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
- Community Safeguard Programs to include Cure Violence and Cameras = \$1,000,000
- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
- Premium pay for Public Safety and Other Essential Employees = \$5,000,000
- Stormwater Infrastructure = \$2,051,518.16
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS CDBG-CV

- Community Reinvestment Department partnered with StartUP Columbus and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to develop and administer a program
- Total Allocated = \$112,000
- Grants for up to \$4,000 for small businesses, 1-25 employees
- Rent/Mortgage, Employee Payroll, Utilities
- Assistance must result in continued employment of low-to-moderate income individuals

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS CDBG-CV

- Eligibility Criteria
 - For profit business that is not publicly traded
 - Current City of Columbus business license
 - In good standing with the City of Columbus
 - 1-25 employees
 - Physical presence of an organization or business in a building or other structure
 - Demonstrate ongoing business operations since January 1, 2020
 - Not in bankruptcy and current on all taxes
 - Retain or create jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals for at least 1 year

AWARDS TO DATE \$4,000 EACH

Believe Accessories Inc.	Hazel's Flowers & Gifts	Ride on Smoothie and Juice Bar
Malone Office Equipment Company	Circa Lounge	Chester's Ribs & BBQ, Inc.
R&R Rehabilitation	Happy Valley Day Facility II, LLC	Henry L. Cook, Sr. DDS PC
Patterson Dental Group	Changing Faces Hair Designs by Melonise	Travels by Donna
Daphne's Designs	Bridgepath CFO	Artsy
Brushes & Beverages, LLC	Technology Unlimited	Cook Dental Care PC
Southeast Private Wealth	Uptown Auto Glass	

Waste Pick Up Briefing

ARP PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021
CITY SERVICES CENTER



Waste Collection Priority



Household Waste

Recycling

Yard Waste

Bulky Waste/White
Goods

Waste Collection Resources

- ▶ Budgeted Waste Collection Driver Positions: 62
- ▶ Current Number of Drivers: 50
- ▶ Vacancies: 12
- ▶ Daily Needs:
 - ▶ Household Waste 26
 - ▶ Recycling 10
 - ▶ Yard Waste 14
 - ▶ (Bag & containerized grass clippings – Waste Collection Rear Loading Trucks)
 - ▶ Bulky Waste 12 **(All VACANT)**
 - ▶ Large piles of branches; couches; mattresses etc. (Grab-All Trucks)

Question and Answers



- ▶ Question: Why not purchase more Grab-All Trucks to pick up Bulk Waste?
- ▶ Response: We currently have 12 Grab-All Trucks with an average age of 3 years old. We don't have an issue or a need for trucks, the issue is filling the 12 vacancies for Drivers.
- ▶ Question: If we buy all new trucks now, all will wear out at about the same time. We will need some sort of capital savings plan to prepare for that challenge.
- ▶ Response: The Plan is to do a phased approach over a 3-year period for HHG, Yard Waste and Recycling Trucks and to update the Vehicle Replacement Schedule for future purchases to keep the fleet healthy.
- ▶ Question: Appears to be a lot of money for a system we do not yet understand that will not pick up bulk waste.
- ▶ Response: The automated trucks will allow the City to re-allocate the use of inmates from waste pick up to other much needed service areas as well as picking up litter along our roadways. We utilize inmates for ALL Waste Pick up other than Bulk Waste. As indicated on the previous slide, 12 positions are needed for Bulky Waste and currently all positions are VACANT. New trucks will NOT eliminate our issue of vacancies.

Resource Allocation

▶ Yard Waste Routes

▶ CCG: 14

▶ AmWaste: 5

▶ AmWaste: 5 (Newly Approved)

Bulky Waste: 5 Drivers will now be diverted back to this pick-up stream

Purchase of Automated Trucks

- ▶ • **Year 1** – purchase all containers (Yard Waste \$2,516,850 and Household Garbage \$3,873,100)
- ▶ • **Year 1** – purchase 24 HHG Automated trucks (\$7,620,048)
- ▶ • **Year 2** – purchase 14 Yard Waste Automated trucks (\$4,445,028)
- ▶ • **Year 3** – purchase 2 additional Recycling Automated trucks (\$635,004)
- ▶ • **Year 3** – purchase additional recycling containers (\$440,000)

In Summary



- ▶ We don't have an issue with Grab-All Trucks for Bulky Waste – the issue continues to be Drivers
- ▶ If you have a CDL and are interested in a Career with the Columbus Consolidated Government, please go to our website and apply at:
- ▶ WWW.Columbusga.org or call (706) 225-4681



ARP PUBLIC MEETINGS

- August 2nd and August 4th
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- City Services Center, Council Chambers

ARP PUBLIC MEETINGS - COMMENTS

- Comment Card Results (Total of 16 returned)
 - Small Business Grants, Ambulances, Broadband and Premium Pay received at least 80% support
 - Automation of Garbage Trucks and Community Safeguard Programs received less than 50% support
 - Revenue Recovery and Stormwater received neutral support, over 50% support but 1/3 didn't respond to this priority
- Requests for Non-profit and Tourism/Hospitality Support
- Requests for Expansion of Youth Programs
- Requests for Affordable Housing and Veterans Programs

REVISED ARP RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES

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- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
- Premium pay for Public Safety and Other Essential Employees = \$5,000,000
- Stormwater Infrastructure = \$0 (Delay to Phase 2)
- Economic/Tourism/Non-Profit Grants = \$1,850,000
- Administration = \$201,518.16
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

ARP TIMELINE

- Aug. 2nd and 4th – Public Meetings
- Aug. 24th – City Council Update
- Sept. 14th – City Council Authorization of Priorities (Pending receipt of Final Rule from the U. S. Treasury)

QUESTIONS