

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	American Rescue Plan – Phase 2 Funding Priorities
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the funding priorities for the Phase 2 allocation of the American Rescue Plan of \$39,241,019.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the funding priorities for the Phase 2 allocation of the American Rescue Plan of \$39,241,019.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It was \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local government. The amount allocated to the City of Columbus/Muscogee County was \$78,482,038. The initial allocation is 50% or \$39,241,019. This amount includes the city allocation of \$20,228,102.50 received on June 7, 2021 and the county allocation of \$19,012,916.50 received on June 14, 2021. The second allocation is \$39,241.019. The amount includes the city allocation of \$20,228,102.50 received on June 9, 2022 and the county allocation of \$19,012,916.50 received on June 16, 2022.

Analysis: The U. S. Treasury has issued a Final Rule (IFR) on January 6, 2022 which outlines how the eligible uses of the funds under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Eligible costs must be incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. The eligible uses include responding to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, responding to working performing essential work, revenue replacement for the government, and investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The funding priorities include the following:

- Community Assistance Programs focused in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) = \$12 million
 - 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
 - *Family Connection = \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery Allocation)
- Public Safety = \$3.1 million
 - Gun Buy-back Program = \$300k
 - Mobile Command Vehicle = \$850k
 - Police Department IBIS = \$350k

- Ambulances = \$1.6 million
- Judicial Backlog Program = \$1 million
- Facility Improvements = \$4.85 million
 - Civic Center HVAC
 - Civic Center Outdoor Stage/Enhanced Courtyard
 - Trade Center HVAC
 - Liberty Theatre HVAC
- Land Acquisition Cemetery = \$200k
- Administration = \$478,655.87
- 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 Automation = \$1,238,297.70
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The temporary full-time employee, Project Financial Analyst, at an estimated salary of \$65,000 plus eligible benefits (excludes Pension benefits) will oversee the coordination of all ARP Funding expenditures and Federal and State Reporting requirements to be funded thru the ARP allocation for Administration.

Financial Considerations: The funding is available in the ARP Phase 2 allocation for all of the priorities.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE PHASE 2 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS OF \$39,241,019.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was funded; and,

WHEREAS, local and state governments were allocated funding through the ARP; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government was allocation \$78,482,038 of which \$40,456,205 is the city allocation and \$38,025,833 is the county; and,

WHEREAS, the CCG has received the second phase of funding totaling \$39,241,019; and,

WHEREAS, the CCG has identified the following funding priorities:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

To authorize the funding priorities for the Phase 2 allocation of the American Rescue Plan which each category will come back to City Council for program details and funding commitments.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor