

American Rescue Plan Update

July 22, 2025



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

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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 = \$67,520,021.96
- Total Encumbered = \$10,771,407.79
- Balance = \$190,608.25

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- Eligible costs must be incurred/obligated 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 City Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,829,950
 - Carts have been delivered.



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)
 - \$350,000.00 Paid to date



- Cure Violence (\$500,000)
 - \$500,000 Paid to date



- Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
 - \$2,660,756.90 Paid to date

ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
 - \$2,933,580.55 Expended, \$66,419.45 Encumbered
 - CSC, Civic Center, Fire Station #12, Parking Garages, Liberty Theatre completed.
 - Northside Rec Center, Fire Station 3, Edgewood Sr. Center and Lakebottom Park in progress. Trade Center in process.
- 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 Phase 1 Funding Status



- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000 (Exhausted with current applications)
- Nonprofit Grants = \$1,000,000 (\$393,000 to transfer to Small Business)
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$850,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
 - Application was released 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, \$201,518.16 Paid to date

ARP Phase 2



ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **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 Complete, Partners Selected, \$2,592,717.65 Encumbered, \$407,282.35 Expended.)



- Utility Assistance Program \$2 million (Contract with Enrichment Services executed. Expended \$2,000,000 to date, 2,193 households served for a total of 4,629 people. This included 2,434 children under 18, 844 disabled persons, and 709 elderly persons.)

- Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP) \$3 million (Screening 600+ applicants, contracted with Habitat for Humanity to administer program, \$2,314,010.60 Encumbered, \$685,989.40 Expended.)

- Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1,007,181.68, Expended \$719,630.85, Encumbered \$287,550.83.



- Mental Health Training/Intervention \$204,854.10

- Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program and one ambulance \$224,629.14, \$37,415.42 Expended, \$187,213.72 Encumbered

- Community Safeguard Program \$400k Poverty Reduction Initiative (Agreement with United Way executed.) \$200,939.92 Expended, \$199,060.68 Encumbered.)

- *Family Connection (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)



- 4 Navigators started Sept. 6, 2023. \$158,846.37 Expended

ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**

- CPD Equipment \$364,501.89, \$360,358.82 Expended, \$4,141.89 Encumbered



- Mobile Command Vehicle \$1,350,286



- Police Dept. IBIS \$357,297

- Ambulances \$2.2 million, \$1,384,834.25 Expended, \$815,679 Encumbered

- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1.295 million**

- \$859,137.29 Expended, \$334,992.00 Encumbered.

ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Facility Improvements \$5.46 million**
 - Civic Center HVAC \$2.25 million (Approved Feb. 13, 2024, \$1,849,285.90 Expended, \$400,714.10 Encumbered.)
 - Trade Center HVAC \$2.304 million (\$1,113,117.54 Expended, \$1,191,016.24 Encumbered)
 - Liberty Theater HVAC \$907k (\$425,920.85 Expended, \$481,854.38 Encumbered)
- **Administration \$359,374.76** (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
 - Expended \$68,537.24

ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**



- CCGTV Upgrades Expended \$745,927.18



- Cyber Security \$1.5 million



- Family Connection \$158,846.37 (Community Assistance Program)

- Public Safety Capital \$7,710,539.33

- CPD Pursuit Vehicles \$3,260,251.29, \$3,124,413.03 Expended, \$135,838.26 Encumbered

- Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles \$1,606,465, \$1,224,917 Expended, \$381,548 Encumbered

- Fire Apparatus \$2,843,823.04, \$1,501,978.04 Expended, \$1,341,845 Encumbered

- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,564,906.41**

- Expended \$6,556,580.22, Encumbered \$8,326.19

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
 - 116 / \$3,517,902.82 paid to date
 - Balance \$132,097.18
 - \$1,000,000 Nonprofits, revised to \$350,000
 - 13 / \$228,941.53 paid to date
 - Balance \$68,058.47
- 16 Applications denied. Did not meet the requirements of the approved program.
- 2 Applications withdrawn.

QUESTIONS

