

American Rescue Plan Update

November 9, 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

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
 - 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

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- 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

ARP Funding Status

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,530,030 (RFP under Development)



ARP Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
 - Authorization to purchase – Sept. 14, 2021
 - Delivery anticipated December 2021
- Community Safeguard Programs to include Cure Violence, Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs, and Cameras = \$1,000,000 (Procurement Process for Cameras underway with a recommendation to Council in December 2021)



ARP Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
 - \$827k encumbered for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center
 - RFP is in process. Bids due Nov. 10th for a contractor to install fiber for facilities to include the Public Safety Building, Fire Stations, Jail and other Facilities
- 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
 - Paid to all eligible employees on Oct. 15th

ARP Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000
 - Application to be released December 1st
- Non-Profit Grants = \$1,000,000
 - Application to be released December 1st
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$850,000
 - Application to be released December 1st
- Administration = \$201,518.16 (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
 - Project Financial Analyst is currently going thru the onboarding process
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

ARP Utilization of Other Counties

- Candler – Ambulance, EMS Equipment, Stormwater Mitigation
- Carroll – Public Health Response to Mental Health, Revenue Recovery, Water & Sewer Infrastructure
- Chatham – Under consideration: Job training assistance, Aid to Non-profits, Small Business Assistance, Hazard Pay to Essential Employees, Water/Sewer Projects, Broadband, Judicial Backlog, Vaccination Programs, and others
- Cobb – Planning Phase
- Dougherty – First responders pay, Community Vaccination program
- Effingham – Water/Sewer, Court Audio/Video Upgrade, Premium Pay
- Fayette – New Department of Public Health Building, Water infrastructure

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ARP Funding Status

- Harris – Glass partitions in Courtrooms, HVAC replacement in Courthouse, Premium Pay, Water Infrastructure
- Henry – Planning Phase
- Lee – Water/Sewer Lines, Broadband
- Monroe – Water extension, Broadband
- Pierce – Public Safety Equipment, Touch free restrooms
- Putnam – Premium Pay, Water/Sewer
- Stephens – Elections Office, HVAC Units, Outdoor Recreation, Bathroom Upgrades
- Upson – Sewer
- Whitfield – HVAC/Ventilation Improvements, Sewer, Considering Small business assistance

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State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Application Deadline: October 31, 2021
- Award Date: On or after the week of January 3, 2022
- Allowable Uses:
 - Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
 - Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- \$875 Million available, \$14.6 Billion requested

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Eligible Applicants
 - State Agencies
 - County/City Governments
 - Special Districts
 - Industry Trade Associations
 - Business Organizations
 - Trade/Professional Organizations
 - Non-Profit Organizations
- CCG Applications
 - Stormwater Infrastructure (as related to combined sewer)
 - Broadband Infrastructure
 - Small Business Grant Program



Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

SPLOST TIMELINE

- Vote was approved on November 2, 2021
- Election was certified on November 8, 2021
- Sales Tax Collections will begin April 1, 2022
- First Deposit will be received at the end of May 2022
- \$400 Million in Projects
- \$200 Million in General Obligations Bonds to be Issued for the Judicial Center
- All Other Projects will be Pay-As-You-Go

2021 SPLOST PROJECTS

Judicial Center	\$200,000,000
Parks & Recreation	\$48,000,000
Public Safety	\$44,000,000
Transportation	\$25,000,000
Stormwater	\$20,000,000
Bull Creek/Oxbow Creek Golf	\$5,000,000

Heavy Equipment/Vehicles	\$14,000,000
IT	\$5,000,000
Trade Center	\$5,000,000
Civic Center	\$5,000,000
Economic Development	\$9,000,000

TIMELINE FOR SPLOST BOND FINANCING

- Nov 2021 – Preparation of Bond Documents
- Dec 2021 – Credit Rating Presentations
- Jan 2022 – Finalize Bond Documents
- Feb 2022 – Bond Closing
- Jan 2023 – Projected First Bond Payment Due

ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR THE JUDICIAL CENTER

- Jan 2022 – May 2023 – Programming and Design
- May 2023 – Demolition of Wings and Parking Deck
- May 2023 – May 2025 – Construction

TIMELINE FOR THE SPLOST PROJECTS

- FY22 – Finalize Project Budget Plan for Pay-As-You-Go Projects
- FY22 – Develop RFPs and Specifications for Design Services
 - Outdoor Pool/Splash Pad Replacement
 - Bull Creek Golf Clubhouse Replacement
 - Oxbow Creek Golf Clubhouse Renovations
 - Fire Station 4, 6, and 8 Renovations
 - Fire Station 5 Replacement
 - River Road Tower Replacement
 - Trade Center Parking Garage
 - Civic Center Renovations
- FY23-FY32 – Annual Allocation for Pay-As-You-Go Projects estimated at \$18 million per year



Synovus Property Acquisition

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

- 3.5932 +/- acres
- 249,350 square feet of administrative space
- 634 space Parking Facility
- Main Office (1146 & 1148 Broadway) = 56,702 sf
- Uptown Center (14 12th Street/1137 1st Avenue) = 127,813 sf
- Bradley Building (1140-1144 Broadway) = 20,300 sf
- Jordan Building (1124-1132 Broadway) = 44,535 sf
- Parking Deck (29 11th Street) = 634 parking spaces

GENERAL TERMS

- Purchase Price: \$25 million
- Closing Date: No later than March 1, 2022
- Occupancy:
 - Synovus to vacate Uptown Center, Bradley and Jordan Buildings no later than July 31, 2022
 - Synovus to vacate Main Office no later than July 31, 2024
- Lease Agreement: \$500,000
- Net Purchase Price: \$24,500,000

FUNDING SOURCE

- Issuance of approximately \$50,000,000 in Columbus Building Authority Bonds for the acquisition and renovation of the buildings
- Debt Service is estimated at .50 mills, but no overall millage rate increase is anticipated beginning in FY23

ADMINISTRATIVE USE OF FACILITY

- Departments planned to relocate from the Government Center:
 - Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Human Resources Department, Information Technology Department, Clerk of Council's Office
- Departments planned to relocate from the Annex:
 - Engineering Department, Inspections & Code Department, Planning Department, Community Reinvestment Department, Print Shop, Cooperative Extension, Workforce Investment
- Other Administrative Departments to be evaluated to include but not limited to:
 - Public Works Administration, Record Storage, Finance Department–Revenue Division

TIMELINE FOR ACQUISITION

- Nov 2021 – Finalize Negotiations and Execution of the Purchase and Sales Agreement and Lease Agreement with Synovus
- Nov 2021 – Preparation of Bond Documents
- Dec 2021 – Credit Rating Presentations
- Jan 2022 – Finalize Bond Documents
- Feb 2022 – Bond Closing
- No later than Mar 1, 2022 – Property Closing

TIMELINE FOR RENOVATION AND OCCUPANCY

- Nov 2021 – Jan 2022 – Space Study
- Jan 2022 – July 2022 – Preparation of Plans
- Aug 2022 – Feb 2023 – Renovations for Jordan, Bradley and Uptown Center
- Feb 2023 – Planned Occupancy for Jordan, Bradley and Uptown Center
- Aug 2024 – Jan 2025 – Renovations for Main Office
- Feb 2025 – Planned Occupancy for Main Office



JAIL ASSESSMENT/MASTER PLAN

Jail Assessment

- Phase 1 – Physical Facility Assessment
 - Tour on November 8, 2021
 - Review Support, Health Care, Mental Health, Housing, Administrative Spaces
- Phase 2 – Review/Forecasting of Jail Staffing & Inmate Data (Jan 2022)
 - Analyze current organizational structure
 - Review inmate population trends
- Phase 3 – Master Plan Development for Future Additions (Feb-Mar 2022)
 - Develop square footage and improvements
 - Develop Master Plan Diagram to include Recorder's Court and Sheriff's Administration
 - Prepare report with conceptual cost estimates

QUESTIONS

