

American Rescue Plan Update

July 12, 2022



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)

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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
- City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 9, 2022
- County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 16, 2022
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

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- 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 becomes effective April 1, 2022 which allows for more flexibility and a wider range of uses

ARP 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
 - Re-bid RFP for Bodies due June 29, 2022
- 120,000 Carts approved by City Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,940,400
 - Delivery of carts underway



ARP Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
 - Authorization to purchase – Sept. 14, 2021
 - Delivery anticipated June 2022, delayed until December 2022



ARP 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
- Cure Violence (\$500,000)
 - \$100,000 Paid to date
- Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
 - \$1,253,373.90 Paid to date, Balance encumbered

ARP 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 on March 22, 2022
- 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 Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000 (almost 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, \$31,453.59 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
- Next Steps:
 - Contract execution with the state
 - Revised criteria under development
 - State approval of the program guidelines

ARP Phase 2 Funding

- Projects from Departments and Elected Officials have been requested and are due by Friday, July 22nd
- List will be compiled and reviewed by the ARP Committee – August 2022
- Presentation to City Council (No Action Required) – September 2022
- Public Meetings will be scheduled for citizen input – October 2022
- Final recommended list to be submitted to City Council for consideration – November 2022

QUESTIONS

