

# American Rescue Plan Update

July 30, 2024



# 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 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 = \$50,154,266.84
- Total Encumbered = \$13,777,767.31
- Total In Process = \$520,102.00
- Balance = \$14,029,901.85

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- 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.



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# 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)
  - \$300,000 Paid to date
- Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
  - \$2,660,756.90 Paid to date

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# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
  - \$2,178,330.81 Expended, \$757,424.00 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 under review.
- 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. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Transfer balance to Cameras \$1,294,687

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# 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 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 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

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# 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)
  - 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.)
  - Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1,147,155. Expended \$144,147.56, Committed \$541,530. Available for reallocation \$461,477
  - Mental Health Training/Intervention \$750k. \$52,200 Expended, \$152,654.10 encumbered. Available for reallocation \$392,146.
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$750k. Available for reallocation \$750,000.
  - Community Safeguard Program \$400k Poverty Reduction Initiative (Agreement with United Way executed.) \$50,000 Expended
  - \*Family Connection \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)
    - 4 Navigators started Sept. 6, 2023. \$118,945.06 Expended

# ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**
  - Gun Buy-back Program \$300k. Available for reallocation \$292,703.
  - Mobile Command Vehicle \$1,350,286, Vehicle ordered, Delivery August 2024
  - Police Dept. IBIS \$350k, Expended \$357,297
  - Ambulances \$1.6 million, Encumbered \$1,545,600
- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1 million**
  - \$486,517.12 Expended

# ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Facility Improvements \$4.85 million**
  - Civic Center HVAC \$2.25 million (Approved Feb. 13, 2024)
  - Trade Center HVAC \$2.25 million
  - Liberty Theater HVAC \$350k
- **Land Acquisition Cemetery \$200k.** Available for reallocation  
**\$200,000.** Using city land.
- **Administration \$478,655.87** (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
  - Expended \$21,157.75

# ARP Phase 2 Funding Status

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**
  - CCGTV Upgrades \$500k (Equipment Ordered, Scheduled for July 2024), Expended \$67,438, Encumbered \$678,488.18
  - Cyber Security \$1.5 million, Expended \$1,301,466.57, Encumbered \$198,533.43
  - Family Connection \$500k (Community Assistance Program)
    - 4 Navigators started Sept. 6, 2023, \$118,945.06 Expended
  - Public Safety Capital \$7,615,312.88
    - CPD Pursuit Vehicles \$3,056,125.15, \$2,347,327.50 Encumbered
    - Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles \$1,715,364.69, \$34,259 Expended, \$896,060 Encumbered
    - Fire Apparatus \$2,843,823.04, \$544,200 Expended, \$2,252,827 Encumbered
- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,564,906.41**
  - Expended \$5,216,339.31, Encumbered \$1,348,567.10

# ARP Phase 2 Funding Reallocation

- Job Training \$461,477
- Substance Abuse Treatment \$750,000
- Mental Health \$392,146
- Gun Buyback Program \$292,703
- Cemetery Land Acquisition \$200,000
- Total \$2,096,326
  
- Reallocation Recommendation:
  - Trade Center and Liberty Theatre HVAC \$2,096,326



# 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
    - 102 / \$3,038,297.63 paid to date
    - 3 pending final approval or requested additional information
    - Balance \$238,099.75
  - \$1,000,000 Nonprofits, revised to \$350,000
    - 12 / \$270,020.73 paid to date
    - 0 pending final approval or requested additional information
    - Balance \$68,058.47
  - Completion anticipated by December 31, 2024

QUESTIONS

