



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Discussion and motion to approve the City plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 - **City Manager**

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the Commission review the list of projects recommended for funding utilizing ARPA funds; and authorize the appropriation of funds to implement the projects/program.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 appropriated \$1.9 Trillion to assist in state and local fiscal recovery relief, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. These funds were primarily established for use in four main categories: support urgent Covid-19 response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus and the pandemic; replace lost revenues for municipalities to strengthen support for vital public services and help to retain jobs; support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and address systematic public health/economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic.

Potential uses include: Public Health efforts to address and contain the pandemic; Economic Hardship support for residents and businesses; Recovering Revenue Loss for municipal revenue loss impacted by Covid-19; providing premium pay for "essential workers" and Investing in Water, Sewer, Broadband infrastructure.

The City of Cooper City is scheduled to receive a total of \$17,930,000 of ARPA-related funds, of which the first tranche of \$8,965,280 has already been received. Staff has reviewed the project guidelines and developed a preliminary list of projects to be considered by the Commission.

ANALYSIS:

These preliminary estimates are being offered as an initial planning tool, recognizing that more refined estimates will be forthcoming. For each project/program, the required procurement process would be implemented, including Commission approval above certain thresholds.

The recommended projects are being brought to the Commission for consensus, to allow staff to move forward with developing an implementation and spending plan. Based on the ARPA guidelines, these funds are required to be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December

2026. Approval would allow staff to initiate the necessary steps to meet the planning and spending guidelines and to avoid loss or repayment of the funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenues of \$8,965,280 were received on September 28th, 2021 and have been deposited in the City's operating account. Another \$8,965,280 is expected to be received from the State in September 2022. These funds will be restricted for ARPA-related expenditures.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>

ALTERNATIVES:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of projects recommended for consideration.
2. Project Charter Amendment – Example
3. Presentation