

City Council Work Session Agenda Summary

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Title:

ARPA Program Overview

Background:

The City of Greeley was awarded \$21 Million dollars as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 administered through the United States Department of the Treasury. About ten percent of Greeley's total award has been expended thus far, leaving over \$18 Million remaining for allocation. These funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. To help ensure Greeley's ARPA dollars have the greatest positive impact on the community, staff have developed a formal program to guide the appropriation of the remaining dollars. At a high level the program is based upon four priority areas that draw from Council's priorities. These are:

Building Community Resilience

Council Priority: Housing For All & Safe and Secure Communities

Community resilience is the capacity of a community's systems, businesses, institutions, and individuals to survive, adapt and thrive when met with challenges. A resilient Greeley is one where residents of all socio-economic levels can secure quality housing, where residents and visitors work in partnership with public safety to ensure neighborhoods are well-maintained, safe, and secure, and where everyone has access to the services they need to be successful.

Creating Community, Quality of Life and Destinations

Council Priority: Quality of Life Amenities

Greeley is a community where residents enjoy the arts, social engagement, outdoor pursuits, beautiful vistas, and natural areas. Parks, trails, and recreational facilities are close to home. Annual festivals, museums, and celebrations reflect our rich cultural heritage and welcome new traditions. Educational opportunities for lifelong learning are abundant. Everyone can enjoy a high quality of life.

Enhancing Mobility

Council Priority: Infrastructure and Mobility

How will people get around 10, 20, or 30 years from now? The City must anticipate and adapt to innovations such as connected and autonomous vehicles, transit, rideshare like Uber and Lyft, e-bikes, changes in travel mode, and other advancements when planning future infrastructure. Mobility planning encourages a variety of different modes of travel to support a sustainable future.

Activating Economic Corridors

Council Priority: Business Growth & Community Vitality

Greeley's economic corridors are important gathering spaces for people to shop, eat, drink and connect. These spaces should be safe, walkable and inviting, encouraging visitors to explore and interact with local businesses and members of their community. When designed and maintained effectively, economic corridors attract investment and generate economic activity.

Additional details about the program including plans for community outreach, the application and scoring process and how final funding decisions will be made are being presented to Council for feedback and discussion.

Decision Options:

Information and discussion only

Attachments:

ARPA Final PowerPoint Presentation