



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

TOPIC: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (ARPA FUNDS)

ACTION: FOR APPROVAL

DATE: 7-21-2021

BACKGROUND

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the State of Oregon is approximately \$4.2 Billion. Funds are allocated per-capita to each city/county. **St. Helens is allocated \$3,049,921.17** through the formula. This amount is estimated by the League of Oregon Cities to be used for planning purposes. The money must be used in eligible categories related to COVID-19 response and recovery for the period **March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024.**

Eligible uses:

- **Support public health expenditures:** funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency:** economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, non-profits, impacted industries, children and families, and the public sector.
- **Replace lost public sector revenue:** provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers:** offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure:** investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Ineligible Uses:

- Reducing taxes by legislation, regulation or administration.
- Deposits into pension funds.
- Payments of outstanding debt or costs associated with issuing new debt.
- Payments of settlements or judgments.
- Replenishing rainy day funds.

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GOAL - STRATEGIC PLAN</u>
<u>Addressing negative impacts - families/community</u>					
Parks & Rec Admin Assistant (1.0 FTE)	85,000	85,000	85,000	\$255,000	3 - Livable and Safe Community
Parks & Rec Building Renovation	75,000	-	-	\$75,000	3 - Livable and Safe Community
Parks & Rec Program Specialist	75,000	75,000	75,000	\$225,000	3 - Livable and Safe Community
Library Activities (Staff/Programs)	100,000	100,000	-	\$200,000	3 - Livable and Safe Community
				\$755,000	
<u>Addressing negative impacts -Small business support</u>					
Main Street Coordinator (.50 FTE)	30,000	30,000	30,000	\$90,000	4 - Economic Development
Small Business Center Assistance	20,000	20,000	10,000	\$50,000	4 - Economic Development
				\$140,000	
<u>Revenue Replacement</u>					
General Fund	315,000	315,000	315,000	\$945,000	1 - Effective & Efficient Organizaiton
<u>Infrastructure - Water/Wastewater/IT/Broadband</u>					
Industrial Business Park	400,000	-	-	\$400,000	4 - Economic Development
Water & Sewer Infrastructure	230,000	200,000	-	\$430,000	4 - Economic Development
IT Specialist (Pays for .75 of 1.0 FTE)	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$300,000	1 - Effective & Efficient Organization
Broadband Study	80,000	-	-	\$80,000	4 - Economic Development
				\$1,210,000	
TOTAL	1,510,000	925,000	615,000	\$3,050,000	

ARPA Allottment **\$3,049,921**
Remaining Funds **(\$79)**