



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.