

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

City Council Work Session

July 26, 2021



City of Tualatin

Tonight's Discussion

- ARPA Overview
- Eligible Uses
- Neighboring Communities and Local Partners Update
- Proposed Guiding Principles and Investment Areas
- Council Discussion
- Next Steps



ARPA Overview

Individuals and Families

- Stimulus Checks
- Extended Unemployment
- Child Tax Credit Extension
- Emergency Rental and Homeowner Assistance
- Utility Assistance

Businesses

- Paycheck Protection Program Expansion
- Shuttered Venue Relief
- Restaurant Relief
- Paid Leave Credits
- Employment Retention Credit

Education

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Funding
- Head Start Program Expansion
- Homeless Youth Services

Health

- Extensive Additions to Various Block Grants, Including Substance Abuse, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Childcare and Development
- SNAP Expansion
- Vaccine Distribution

State and Local Governments

- Cities
- Counties
- States, Territories & Tribal Governments
- Capital Projects



ARPA Overview – Individuals and Families

Stimulus Checks

- \$1,400 to Individuals, with Adult Dependents and Full-Time Students Eligible

Extended Unemployment

- Unemployment Payments up to \$10,200 are Tax Exempt This Year
- \$300 Enhancement per Week Extended through September 2021

Childcare Tax Credit Expansion

- Fully Refundable Child Tax Credit for 2021
- \$3,600 per Child Under Age 6; \$3,000 for Children 6-17

Emergency Rental and Homeowner Assistance; Utility Assistance

- Allocated to State for Distribution (<https://www.oregonrentalassistance.org/>)
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding for High-Need Grantees
- Assistance for Eligible Households



ARPA Overview – Businesses

Paycheck Protection Program Expansion

- More Inclusive Eligibility and Additional Funding

Shuttered Venue Relief

- Additional Funding for Businesses in Performing Arts and Non-Sports Entertainment
- \$300 Enhancement per Week Extended through September 2021

Restaurant Relief

- New SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund
- Broad Eligibility Across Food Carts, Bars, Restaurants, and Other Businesses with Less than 20 Locations and Which are Not Publically Traded
- Prioritizes Small Businesses Owned by Marginalized Individuals

Paid Leave Credits

- Extended Through September
- Increase from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per Employee
- Eligible Leave Reasons Now Include Vaccinations

Employee Retention Credit

- Extended Through Remainder of 2021
- Expanded Eligibility



ARPA Overview – Education

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Funding

- 20% or More of Funding Toward Addressing Learning Loss
- Remainder for Ventilation, Space Modification, Hiring, PPE, and More
- Assistance Available to Private Schools if They Have a Significant Percentage of Low-Income Students
- Maintenance of Equity Requirement – States Cannot Cut Funds for Low-Income Areas Below 2019 Levels; Does Not Allow State Per-Pupil Budget Cuts at a Rate Steeper than Overall Cut

Head Start

- Funding for the Early Childhood Program

Homeless Youth Services

- Funding for Identifying, Enrolling, and Ensuring Participation of Homeless Students

Emergency Connectivity Fund

- Emergency Connectivity Fund for Schools and Libraries for Internet Connectivity and Devices for Remote Learning
- Funding for Internet Connectivity and Devices for Remote Learning at Schools and Libraries



ARPA Overview – Health

ARPA Funding Areas

- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Behavioral Health
- Child Care and Development
- SNAP Expansion
- Vaccine Distribution
- COVID-19 Testing and Tracing
- Health Department and Workforce Support
- Emergency Food and Shelter Support (Separate from Emergency Rental Assistance Program)



Eligible Uses – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

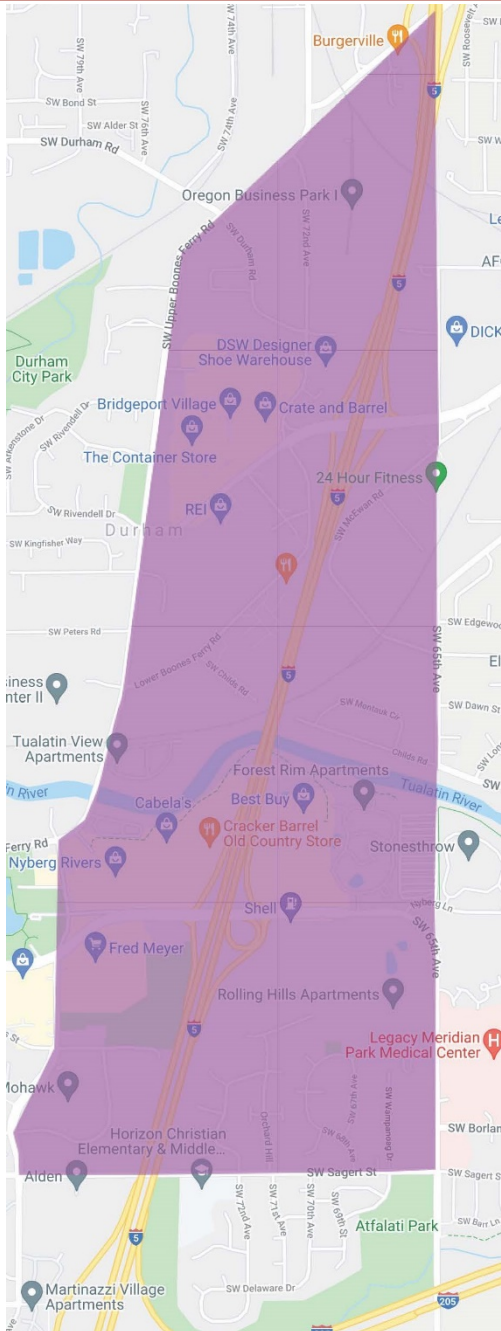
- Responding to the Public Health Emergency/Negative Economic Impacts
 - Assistance to Households
 - Assistance to Small Businesses and Non-Profits
 - Aid to Impacted Industries
- Revenue Loss
 - Reduction of City's General Revenues
 - Reduction of Revenue as of December 31st 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers



Eligible Uses – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure
 - Projects Eligible under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) or Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
 - Categories of eligible Project Examples
 - Treatment, transmission and distribution
 - New systems development
 - Eligible projects under the DWSRF and CWSRF to support efforts to address climate change, as well as to meet cybersecurity needs to protect water and sewer infrastructure





Determination of Eligibility for Assistance

- Experienced a Negative Impact from the Pandemic
- Treasury Presumes Certain Types of Services are Eligible Uses When Provided in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or to Families Living in a QCT
- May Presume that a Household or Population that Experienced Unemployment or Increased Food or Housing Insecurity or is Low- or Moderate-Income Experienced Negative Impacts
- Demonstrate a Negative Economic Impact on a Population or Group and Provide Assistance to Households or Businesses that Fall Within that Population of Group



Neighboring Communities and Local Partners

Internal Steering Committee

Developed Principles for Framework

- Center Racial Equity
- Invest in Public Health First
- Leverage Multiple Resources
- Be Innovative, Proactive, and Strategic
- Seek Collaborative Solutions
- Work with Transparency

Investment Areas

- Protect Public Health and Support Community Wellness
- Support Essential Washington County Services to Promote Community Resilience
- Stabilize and Support Recovery of the Local Economy – Both Businesses and Workers
- Set Aside a Contingency Fund to Address Unforeseen Challenges and Emerging Community Needs

https://www.co.washington.or.us/Support_Services/Finance/GrantManagement/american-rescue-plan-opportunities.cfm



Neighboring Communities and Local Partners

Beaverton

- Analyzing Revenue Losses
- Looking at Potential Programs Tied to Council Priorities
- Next Scheduled Discussion with the City Council – August 24th



Cornelius

- Still Working Through Ideas
- Looking to Continue Programs Previously Funded Through CARES Act
 - Utility Assistance
 - Food Box Distribution
 - Small Business Assistance Grants
 - Laptops and Hot Spots in Library



Forest Grove

- Approximately 80% for Infrastructure Projects and Revenue Replacement
- Remaining 20% on Programs in Other Categories



Neighboring Communities and Local Partners

Staff Presented High-Level Discussion With the City Council

Based Concepts on the Following:

- City Council Equity Statement
- City Council Guiding Principles
- 2021 City Council Priorities
- “Gaps” that Other Funding (Federal, State, Local) Will Not Cover

Investment Areas

- Community Based Organizations/Non-Profits
- Homelessness
- Workforce Development
- Small Business Support
- Broadband Access
- Other



Neighboring Communities and Local Partners

Initial High-Level Presentation to City Council. Next Update on August 10th.

Developed Guiding Principles

- Prioritize Fiscal Stability to Sustain City Services
- Pursue Intentional, Impactful, and Immediate Community Projects
- Avoid Establishing New Programs Where On-Going Funding Sources Are Not Identified
- Maintain Clear Records of Spending and Document Success. Share our Story
- Advance Council Goals
 - Community Resiliency
 - COVID-19
 - Unhoused Support
 - Parks and Recreation

Investment Categories

- Connectivity & Access in Underserved Areas
- Housing and Economic Security
- Community Resiliency Plan
- Family Support
- Sustain City Services



Distribution of Funds



City of Tualatin

- City of Tualatin to Receive \$6,179,536.76
- \$3,089,768.38 (Tranche 1) in July 2021
- \$3,089,768.38 (Tranche 2) in July 2022

Proposed Guiding Principles

- Align with Council Vision and Priorities
- One-Time Programs and Projects
 - Avoid Establishing New Programs Without On-Going Funding
- Leverage Multiple Funding Sources
- Be Innovative, Proactive, and Strategic
- Seek Partnerships and Collaborative Solutions
- Coordinate with Local Partners



Proposed Investment Areas

- Infrastructure
 - Water Infrastructure Needed to Support Affordable Housing
 - Improvements to Outdoor Spaces
- Support Community Based Organizations/Non-Profits
 - Expansion of Outside Agency Grants
- Assistance to Households
 - Food, Rent or Utility Assistance – Gaps in State Program
- Small Business/Impacted Industries
- Revenue Replacement
- Coordinate with Local Partners



Council Discussion

- Any Changes or Additions
 - Proposed Guiding Principles
 - Proposed Investment Areas
- Specific Program/Project Suggestions to Be Considered



Next Steps

- Continue Discussions with Neighboring Communities and Local Partners
- Come Back with Updates and Recommended Programs/Projects

