

To: Members
Dunwoody City Council

From: J. Jay Vinicki
Assistant City Manager

Linda Nabers
Finance Director

Re: American Rescue Plan Funding Amendment

Date: 23 May 2022

Action

Authorize the mayor, city manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper to amend the budget for ARP (American Rescue Plan) 1 and ARP 2 as stated in this memorandum.

Summary

The ARP and Grants Committee reviewed the current budget for the American Rescue Plan funding along with recommendations by the mayor and staff. During their work session, they coalesced around bringing to full City Council for discussion a budget which appropriates all but \$1,250,000 of the \$18,431,321. They also broke down funding into ARP 1 and ARP 2.

Details

The current budget for ARP funding is shown below, along with the proposed new budget. City Council has taken action on four items so far: PCE Park; Revenue Replacement, Wayfinding Signage, Summer School Programs and Stormwater Expediting as of the meeting of this committee. This chart also shows the working version of the proposed budget discussed during committee.

The committee looked at the American Rescue Plan funding as a one-time source of revenue, looking to focus on one-time expenditures. Focusing on those with minimal ongoing operational costs. In some instances, the committee did look at piloting some operational costs, such as mental health clinician services for police to see if the effectiveness could be proven to make it a permanent aspect of operations.

The committee also worked with a set of parameters where ARP 1 funding should be those projects deemed most eligible for American Rescue Plan funding and those that can be done promptly. ARP 2 will be for those projects which fit the spirit of the ARP plan but may technically not be eligible, due to criteria like being within a qualified census tract.

ARP 2 funding is created by an allocation transfer from the General Fund, so are General Fund (not grant funding) tax dollars and all state and local rules concerning procurement and use apply, though federal restrictions are now lifted.

ARP Combined Budgets				
ARP 1	2022.01.11	2022.04.11	2022.05.09	Proposed
Revenue	18,431,324	18,431,324	18,431,324	18,431,324
Transfer to ARP 2	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
PCE Park	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Wayfinding Signage	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Stormwater Expediting (1)	300,000	300,000	300,000	-
Summer School Program (2)	-	-	200,000	-
Revenue Replacement	1,500,000	-	-	-
Stormwater Programs (1)	-	-	-	4,931,324
Contingency	13,131,324	4,631,324	4,431,324	-
Expenses	18,431,324	18,431,324	18,431,324	18,431,324
ARP 2	2022.01.11	2022.04.11	2022.05.09	Proposed
Revenue	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Direct Assistance (2)	-	-	-	2,000,000
Recreational Equity	-	-	-	1,500,000
Cybersecurity	-	-	-	1,000,000
Economic Development	-	-	-	1,000,000
Social Services Incubator	-	-	-	1,000,000
Public Safety / Police	-	-	-	1,000,000
Public Safety / Lighting	-	-	-	500,000
Administrative Costs	-	-	-	300,000
City Supplies / Services	-	-	-	250,000
Grant Writing	-	-	-	200,000
Contingency	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	1,250,000
Expenses	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

- ARP 1’s direct expense in this proposal included:
 - PCE Park (eligible due to the hotel/motel tax plummeting in 2020 which was to bond this project and others);
 - Wayfinding Signage (eligible as a direct need of the local hotel/motel industry); and
 - Stormwater Projects (all stormwater efforts are eligible, and the current Stormwater Expediting Program funding will be folded into this amount.)
- ARP 2’s direct expenses in this proposal included:
 - Direct Assistance (not for profit grants, including the already approved Summer School Program);
 - Recreation Equity (funding specifically to address underserved areas of the city and develop recreation opportunities in those areas);
 - Cybersecurity (upgrading city infrastructure with an emphasis on security and the ability of citizens to access services remotely);
 - Economic Development (programs to stimulate the local economy, which can be added to the approximate \$635,000 still remaining in CARES 2);

- Social Services Incubator (to purchase and renovate an abandoned building to serve as a home for not-for-profits who may rent out space for service delivery in the future);
- Public Safety/Police (programs such as mental health clinicians to assist police in non-traditional efforts);
- Public Safety/Lighting (efforts to place public lighting in areas that are currently underserved);
- Administrative Costs (specifically to administer the Direct Assistance program);
- City Supplies / Services (to handle smaller purchases within city operations which have been impacted by COVID); and
- Grant Writing (an as needed source of funding for staff to get assistance in applying for grants).

Recommendation

Discussion and input from City Council at this meeting and approval, with adjustments if recommended, at the next meeting.