
American Rescue Plan:

Allocation of Funding for
Charleston, West Virginia

Timeline Recap:

The Committee will ask additional questions of applicants whose attendance was requested. A plan for citywide funding allocations will also be presented

The ARPA Committee was presented with recommended applicants, post-examination questions and accompanying answers.

A resolution will be introduced at City Council for the ARPA budget allocations.

Jan. 26th
2022

Feb. 2nd
2022

**TODAY: Feb.
9th 2022**

Feb. 16th
2022

Feb. 22nd
2022

Mar. 7th
2022

All City Council Members were provided full access to all submitted ARPA applications. ARPA committee members were reminded, via email, of deadline to submit names for additional questioning.

The ARPA Committee will meet to create their recommended allocation plan which they will propose to full Council for the approval of the ARPA budget at the next City Council Meeting.

The Finance Committee will consider the ARPA Committee's recommendation. If approved by the Finance Committee, the full Council will consider and vote on the ARPA budget allocations.

Application Follow Up:

Requested Applications:

ARPA Advisory Committee members who requested an applicant's attendance:

- Councilwoman Ceperley
- Councilwoman Hoover
- Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin

Applications Requested:

- Black Women Business Owners
- Charmco Lofts
- Hope Community Development
- Hope for Appalachia
- Hearts United Sister Talk
- Midian Leadership
- WV Music Hall of Fame
- WV Health Right
- YWCA

Full Budget & Recommended City Allocations:

Overview:

- March 2021, The American Rescue Plan was passed by U.S. Congress
- The ARPA Advisory Committee held 5 community input sessions
 - April 14, 2021- 1st Meeting in Council Chambers
 - April 27, 2021- Kanawha City Community Center
 - April 29, 2021- Roosevelt Community Center
 - May 4, 2021- George Washington High School
 - May 6, 2021- Ball Toyota, Patrick St.
- Virtual suggestions were also available via the City's website
- The ARPA Advisory Committee then met on May 26, 2021 and created an allocation outline that detailed 3 major buckets:
 - Economic Recovery
 - Health & Safe Communities
 - Investing in Our City's Future
- The following recommendations for ARPA City allocation fall into each of the above three categories

Federal and State Grants:

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- FEMA Port Security Grant - approximately \$424K to replace Fire Department Boat - (Awarded 25% match)
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant - \$1.5M to replace Fire Department Ladder Truck - (Pending 10% match)
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant - \$500K to replace exhaust systems in fire stations and purchase PPE - (Pending 10% match)
- FHWA - RAISE Planning Grant - \$1.75M to design Capital Connector project - Awarded - (No match)
- National Parks Service Land Water Conservation Fund - Approximately \$971K to turf various fields - (Pending 50% match)
- National Endowment for the Arts, Our Town Grant, \$50K for Center City Cultural District- (Pending no match)
- \$75M Special Build Back Better Grant- (hopefully pending)

Federal Earmarks:

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- US Army Corps of Engineers - \$2.5M to complete streambank stabilization on the Kanawha River from Haddad to Elk River –(Pending Earmark 35% match)
- Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Administration account, City of Charleston, WV; (Housing Solutions) sponsors Senator Capito and Manchin–\$1 M
- Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations, Cops Law Enforcement Technologies account, City of Charleston, WV; Eyes & Ears Law Enforcement Safety Project, sponsors Senator Manchin and Capito -- \$750K
- CJS Appropriations, Office of Justice Programs Byrne; City of Charleston, WV; Charleston Drug Market Intervention Initiative(C-CORE), sponsors Senator Capito and Manchin -- \$300K
- CJS Appropriations, Office of Justice Programs Byrne; City of Charleston, WV; Crisis Intervention Team, sponsor Senator Capito -- \$1M
- Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS)-Education, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration account, City of Charleston, WV, for mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services, including outreach and wraparound services, sponsor Senator Capito–\$300K
- Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS)-Education Appropriations, Employment and Training Administration account, City of Charleston, West Virginia, for Hope Center workforce development initiative, including equipment and curriculum development, sponsors Senator Manchin and Capito– \$500K

Unassigned Fund Balance:

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- On February 7, City Council voted to create two funds from the unassigned fund balance:
 - \$250K -Green Initiative Fund
 - \$250K -Sidewalk Improvement Project Fund
- Other initiatives funded through the Unassigned Fund Balance include:
 - \$500,000 to the IT Infrastructure Fund to fully fund a new Revenue Tracking System and Cashier System
 - \$300,000 to the Tourism Fund to support bringing large events, conventions and revenue generating events
 - \$320,000 to the Business Development and Economic Incentive Fund to continue small business investment grants and support business improvement efforts
 - \$300,000 towards City-wide beautification projects
 - \$780,000 towards continued demolitions of dilapidated structures

Allocation Overview:

Bucket

- Investing in Our City's Future
- Healthy & Safe Communities
- Economic Recovery
- ARPA Implementation Support
- Current Applications
- Future Community Projects

- **Grand Total**

Cost

\$15,245,278

\$2,064,165

\$2,000,000

\$1,000,000

\$11,491,915

\$5,000,000

\$36,801,358

Overview: Investing in Our City's Future

Infrastructure/ Broadband Upgrades

Approximately \$7.5 Million

- ❑ Broadband Upgrades
 - ❑ State & County partnerships
- ❑ Citywide streetlight upgrade
- ❑ City owned bridge maintenance
- ❑ Citywide paving
- ❑ ADA accessibility
- ❑ Clay Center Corridor Lighting Project
- ❑ Capital Connector Project
- ❑ 5 corners crosswalk
- ❑ MacCorkle Ave. streetscaping
- ❑ South Hills Trail Connector Project

Overview: Investing in Our City's Future

Sidewalk Improvement Project Fund

\$500,000

- ❑ City Council approved \$250,000 for Sidewalk Improvement Project
- ❑ Fund rules to be created by the Planning Streets & Traffic Committee

Overview: Investing in Our City's Future

Athletic Field Turfing & Facility Upgrades

\$6 Million

- \$1 Million matching from the Land and Water Conservation Fund

- ❑ Upper Bigley (Matching Funds)
- ❑ Lower Bigley (Matching Funds)
- ❑ North Charleston Little League Field (Matching Funds)
- ❑ Kanawha City Little League Field (Matching Funds)

- ❑ Kanawha City Softball Field
- ❑ Martin Luther King Center Complex
- ❑ Cato Park Treister Upper Soccer Field
- ❑ Cato Park Treister Lower Soccer Field
- ❑ Suppa Little League Field
- ❑ Appalachian Power Park

Overview: Investing in Our City's Future

Federal & State Grant Matching

\$1.25 Million

- ❑ Build Back Better Grants
- ❑ National Endowment for the Arts Grants
- ❑ Economic Development Administration Grants
- ❑ Safer Street Grants
- ❑ Law Enforcement Grants
- ❑ FEMA Grants

Overview: Healthy & Safe Communities

Public Safety Building Study

\$1 Million

- ❑ Determine best location, the need, and the design
- ❑ Budget
- ❑ Shovel ready project for federal grant dollars

Overview: Healthy & Safe Communities

Youth Job Opportunities

\$250,000

- ❑ Continuation and expansion of summer youth program
- ❑ Re-established a 10 year old stalled summer youth program
- ❑ Successfully hired more than 40 youth in 2021
- ❑ Establish business partnerships for career path opportunities

Overview: Healthy & Safe Communities

City Response Expenses

Approximately \$815,000

- ❑ COVID response payroll costs
 - ❑ Vaccination clinics (\$464K)
- ❑ Council approved employee vaccine Incentives
- ❑ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Overview: Economic Recovery

Charleston Land Reuse Agency (CLRA)

\$1.5 Million

- ❑ Staffing/Support
- ❑ Coordinate with Planning/Building Departments for vacant structure registry
- ❑ Strategic property acquisitions
- ❑ Community property redevelopment
- ❑ Property maintenance and promotion

Overview: Economic Recovery

Sternwheel Regatta

\$500,000

- ❑ Re-establish the Regatta Commission
- ❑ Provide initial seed funding for
 - ❑ Travel, Tourism, and Entertainment
- ❑ The Commission will be charged with raising additional money to support the event

Overview: Future Community Project Needs

Future Identifiable Projects

\$5 Million

- ❑ Respond to future COVID related needs
- ❑ Additional community lead initiatives
- ❑ Potential Second round of community applications
- ❑ Council to approve any use of future fund

Next meeting:
February 16, 2022

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