



City of College Park Community Forum

USES OF ARPA FUNDING

November 30, 2021



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Overview of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA)
- Summary of College Park's allocation and funds expended/committed to date
- Public comments on uses of funds
- Questions



WHAT IS ARPA FOR THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK?

Covers a broad spectrum of financial assistance to support immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery.

- Established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF):
 - \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, & Tribal govts to bolster response to PANDEMIC & its economic impacts.



ARPA ELIGIBLE USES

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to decrease spread of the virus;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and,
- Address systemic public health & economic challenges contributing to unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.



ARPA ELIGIBLE USES (continued)

Provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs including:

- support for households & small businesses
- support for essential workers
- build, maintain, or upgrade water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure
- expand access to broadband internet



ARPA **INELIGIBLE** USES

The following are **not** eligible uses for local government:

- Deposits to a pension fund
- Debt service
- Legal settlements or judgements
- Deposits to financial reserves



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK'S ALLOCATION

- Total of \$21.97 million paid in 2 equal installments (July 2021 & July 2022)
- December 31, 2025 spending deadline
City plans to spend by June 30, 2023

City established the “ARPA Allocation Fund” in the City Budget for accounting purposes



SUMMARY OF ARPA ALLOCATION:

Funds Spent or Committed:

Food service organization grants & Shop Made in MD grant	\$ 325,000
Lost revenue recovery 2020 (see next slide)	1,900,000
Lost revenue recovery 2021 and 2022*	5,075,000
Financial assistance/grants for Residents and Businesses	5,550,000
COVID prevention related exp. & ARPA administration	350,000

Remaining Funds for other uses **\$8,800,000**

– Requesting Public Comment for these funds

** estimated, subject to change, could be substantially lower providing additional funds to be allocated*



“RECOVERED” 2020 LOST REVENUE COMMITTED FUNDING

(per FY2022 Budget Amendment (21-O-14))

FY2022 real estate property tax rate reduction	\$ 380,000
FY2022 budget increases in operating expenses	180,000
Additional funding for 3 local fire departments	150,000
Transfers to CIP for:	
City-wide Hydrology and Hydraulics Study	600,000
Old Parish House major repairs	100,000
Housing Authority funding reno/repairs	490,000
Total use of lost revenue recovered from 2020	\$1,900,000



PUBLIC COMMENTS



NEXT STEPS

- Applications for Individual and Family Assistance Grants (up to \$5,000), and Small Business Grants (up to \$25,000) available on the City website on DECEMBER 1ST!!

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/314/ARPA-City-Assistance-Programs>

- January Council Worksession discussion of survey results and public comments on proposed uses of the City's ARPA allocation.
- Possible Council action to fund additional eligible projects or re-allocate funding for existing projects