



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

City Council Regular Business Meeting Agenda Bill

MEETING DATE: August 24, 2021

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 Minutes

AGENDA ITEM: (7:10 PM) Identify Projects for Funding by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

SUMMARY: On June 15, 2021, the City Council received news that the City of Bainbridge Island would receive \$7.061 million from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Council was informed that these funds would be restricted to certain types of programs or expenditures and be subject to time limits. Specifically, funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. As a result of the presentation to the City Council, the Council adopted principles to guide the expenditure of ARPA funds and directed the City Manager to present specific project, programs, or opportunities consistent with the principles adopted by the City Council.

A list of projects is presented to the City Council and the City Council is requested to select those projects for funding and direct the City Manager to commence execution of the selected projects.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Review and Recommendation

PROPOSED BY: Executive

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the following projects to be funded via the ARPA program in accordance with the due dates of December 31 2024 and December 31, 2026: XXXX; XXXX; and XXXX.

Alternative Motion

I move that deliberation of the expenditure of ARPA funds be continued to September 14 and the short list of projects be made available for public review and comment.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Good Governance

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:	\$7.061 million of funds available
Ongoing Cost:	
One-Time Cost:	This is one-time revenue
Included in Current Budget?	No

BACKGROUND: On June 15, 2021, the City Council approved the following ARPA expenditure principles:

- A. Acknowledge that ARPA funds are one-time monies and should be spent in such a way to avoid reoccurring cost
- B. To the extent practicable, funds should be spent to achieve long-lasting benefits and results - (e.g., 50-year time horizon)
- C. Activities or projects that promote fiscal and environmental sustainability will receive priority consideration
- D. Activities or projects must be completed within the expenditure deadline requirements of ARPA
- E. Activities or projects that would not be able to be accomplished “except for” one-time impact sums will receive priority consideration.

The ARPA program has four categories of eligible expenses, summarized:

- 1. Support Public Health response efforts and economic impacts to households and businesses
- 2. Provide premium pay for essential workers
- 3. Replace lost public sector revenue
- 4. Support investments in water or sewer or support broadband infrastructure to underserved communities to work or attend school

Since June 15, staff has developed a list consistent with the principles adopted by the City Council and the categories of eligible expenditures. Additionally, members of the Council and the public have submitted projects. A full list of projects has been developed representing over \$23 million of potential uses for ARPA funding. The attached project list is the result of community, Council and staff-generated possible uses for this funding.

The reader is directed to the attachment. The Council criteria are indicated by letters A – E in the far-right column, with one additional criterion, leveraging other funds, indicated by letter F. The ARPA eligibility category is noted in the second column from the left of the chart. To indicate the projects which best meet the Council and federal guidance, we have highlighted the projects in green for those which have the highest match and in yellow for a middle group.

Notice that the Council will deliberate ARPA funding has been provided to those members of the community that submitted ARPA recommendations.

The City of Bainbridge Island has received approximately half of its ARPA allocation. On June 23, 2021 the City received \$3,533,766. The remainder will be received next year.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Consolidated ARPA Recommendations for 08242021.docx](#)

FISCAL DETAILS:

Fund Name(s):

Coding: