

Agenda Item: 4.a

Meeting Date: October 5, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Date: 2021-09-28

From: Les Tyler, Director of Finance

Subject: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Update

Presenter(s): Les Tyler, Director of Finance, Ashley Kimpton, Budget Manager

Recommend: Staff recommends receipt of this updated report on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Epic Goal(s): Encompasses all EPIC! Goals.

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: N/A

Past Action: On September 2, 2021 City Commission approved the contract to Witt O'Brien's to provide compliance consulting services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Next Action: N/A

Attachments: [Attachment 1- Special Event ARPA Memo.pdf](#), [Attachment 2- FY 2022 BPI Affordable Workforce Housing Project.pdf](#), [Attachment 3- FY 2022 BPI Clearwater Ferry Service Contribution.pdf](#), [Attachment 4- FY 2022 BPI Downtown Looper.pdf](#), [Attachment 5-Septic to Sewer Project ARPA.pdf](#), [Attachment 6-Broadband Infrastructure for Public WIFI.pdf](#), [Attachment 7- FY 2022 CIP Highliner Pool Replacement.pdf](#), [Attachment 8- Golf Course Capital Items.pdf](#), [Attachment 9-CC Workshop PowerPoint for ARPA .pdf](#),

Background:

In March 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed by President Biden and was enacted on March 11, 2021. The Stimulus package included \$350 billion provided to state and local governments.

Some Key Dates for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds:

- The covered period for eligible expenditures begins on March 3, 2021
- December 31, 2024: is the date by which Fiscal Recovery Funds must be obligated/committed
- December 31, 2026: is the period of performance end date- deadline to complete the projects funded by the Fiscal Recovery Funds

The City of Dunedin is considered a Non-entitlement Unit of Local Government (NEU) under the ARPA guidance. The NEU definition is generally all Cities under a population of 50,000.

The local recovery funds allocated to the City of Dunedin is estimated to be \$18.3 million. The first payment to the City should be half the total allocation or \$9,150,000 and has been delayed by the State of Florida but is expected to be received in early October 2021.

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, funding objectives and use of funds fall in these six categories:

1. Support Public Health Expenditures;
2. Address Negative Economic Impacts Caused by the Public Health Emergency;
3. Serving the Hardest-Hit Communities and Families;
4. Replace Lost Public Sector Revenue;
5. Provide Premium Pay for Essential Workers; and
6. Invest in Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

Staff in working with our consultant Witt O'Brien's has determined that certain projects are eligible under the ARPA Guidance. In addition, staff is continuing to work with the consulting firm to analyze and determine what projects submitted by department heads long list are eligible under the guidance.

The projects and initiatives that have been determined to be eligible under ARPA guidance include:

- Special Event Assistance (attachment 1)
- Affordable /Workforce Housing Project (attachment 2)
- Clearwater Ferry Service Contributions (attachment 3)
- Downtown Looper Service (attachment 4)
- Septic to Sewer Connection program (attachment 5)
- Broadband Fiber Optic and Wi-Fi Project (attachment 6)
- Highlander Pool Replacement (attachment 7)
- Golf Course Capital Improvements (attachment 8)

Please see attachments for more information on each project/initiative.

The City will be rolling out a Community Engagement Plan for the ARPA funding that will include:

- Workshops with the Opportunity for Community input/ Town Hall Meetings
- Outreach/Input from Non-Profit
- Input and Measurement via Social/digital Media