

Agenda Item: 2.c

Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Les Tyler, Director of Finance

Date: 2026-09-08

Subject: Final ARPA Update

Presenter(s): Les Tyler, Director of Finance, Jean Hochwarter, Budget Manager

Staff Recommendation: Staff requests that the City Commission provide consensus direction regarding the disbursement of the remaining ARPA funds.

Strategic Themes: Good Governance

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: A budget amendment transferring \$382,508 of unspent ARPA grant funds will be taken to Commission in the near future. The budget adjustment will transfer the funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund.

Past Action: City Commission Work Session 12/17/2024 - Item 4.b. Eligible ARPA City Projects/Initiatives Update
City Commission Work Session 4/16/24 - Item 4.a. Eligible ARPA City Projects/Initiatives Update
City Commission Work Session 4/4/23 - Item 4.a. Capital Projects and Draft Finance Plan Exhibit E -ARPA Project Status.
City Commission Workshop 2/08/22 - Item 1.c Proposed Eligible ARPA City Projects/Initiatives
City Commission Workshop 10/5/21 - Item 4.a. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Update

Next Action: N/A

Attachments: [A. ARPA Expenses through 09 13 26.pdf](#)
[B. ARPA Project Update.pdf](#)
[C. Budget Adjustment Finance - ARPA Aquatic Complex.pdf](#)
[D. ARPA Update Presentation.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.

On February 8, 2022, staff presented to the City Commission Workshop Item 1.c, "Proposed Eligible ARPA City/Projects Initiatives," which included staff recommended ARPA Eligible projects / initiatives. The City Commission approved the list of projects.

The eligible projects/initiatives were put together with input from the City Commission, City Manager, department heads as well as three workshops/town hall meetings focusing on Community input. The workshop/townhall dates were:

November 9, 2021 - ARPA Public Input Session for Residents

November 9, 2021 - ARPA Public Input Session for Businesses

November 17, 2021 - ARPA Public Input Session for Non-Profit Organizations

Some Key Dates for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds:

+ March 3, 2021: The period-of-performance start date for eligible expenditures

+ December 31, 2024: The date by which Fiscal Recovery Funds must be obligated/committed

+ December 31, 2026: The period-of-performance end date. The deadline to complete the projects funded by the Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The local recovery funds allocated to the City of Dunedin was \$18,299,690. The first payment was received in the amount of \$9,149,845 in October 2021 and the second payment of \$9,149,845 was received in August 2022.

The State and Local Recovery Funds, funding objectives and use of the funds has evolved over time under the ARPA guidance.

ARPA funds currently fall under these 10 expenditure categories:

1. Support Public Health Expenditures
2. Address Negative Economic Impacts
3. Serving the Hardest-Hit Communities and Families
4. Provide Premium Pay for Essential Workers
5. Invest in Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure
6. Revenue Replacement (Standard Allowance up to \$10 million)
7. Administration
8. Natural Disasters
9. Surface Transportation
10. Title I

On December 17, 2024, staff presented to the City Commission workshop item 4.b, "Eligible ARPA City Projects/Initiatives Update," which included APRA funded projects that were

Complete, Fully Committed, Partially Committed, or Not Started as of 10/31/2024. Staff discussed the plan for Partially Committed or Not Started projects as we approach the December 31, 2024 deadline for obligating/committing the ARPA funds.

There was \$1,690,905 of unexpended ARPA grant funds remaining at the time of the 12/31/24 commitment deadline due to the unspent amount of \$64,709, and available budget in the Broadband Internet Fiber Cabling Project (\$976,196) and Affordable Housing Project (\$650,000). Grant eligible expenses were identified as "Revenue Replacement" expenditures for grant reporting purposes and the General Fund will pay for the original projects going forward.

This staffing item is intended to provide the final update for all ARPA funded projects, and the proposed plan to ensure our City spends all eligible ARPA grant funds by the December 31, 2026 deadline.

The total spent for the ARPA projects as of today is \$17,917,182 which is \$382,508 less than the City of Dunedin ARPA Allocation of \$18,299,690. The unspent funds include \$331,110 for Highlander Aquatic Complex design that is not completed yet and \$51,398 remaining from projects that were completed under budget. The budget adjustment (See Exhibit C) attached to this staffing will expend the remaining \$382,508 of ARPA grant funds on eligible "Revenue Replacement" expenditures, which will allow flexibility for the City to pay for the Aquatic Complex design from the General Fund going forward.

The staffing includes a summary list of the current ARPA eligible projects (see Exhibit A), which includes the project status, actual costs to date, encumbered amounts, and remaining budget for each project.

A list of City of Dunedin proposed ARPA eligible projects with a brief description of each project and project cost is included (see Exhibit B).